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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for 8-16 lb. hens steady to fully steady and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to barely steady. Light sales reported for prompt shipment. Offerings of both hens and toms fully adequate for trade needs. Demand in a full range, mostly light. Bulk parts and meats trading slow as the export market takes priority.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. Demand mixed and in a full range. Limited trading centered on tom drums at steady to weak price levels.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 19, 2001**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60.5-63	60.5	60.50	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	59.5	59.50	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	63	63.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60.5-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	63.00	63.00**	67.60**
CENTRAL REGION	62.25	61.50**	66.00
WESTERN REGION	62.90**	62.50**	67.30**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.60**	60.50**	63.50**
CENTRAL REGION	60.36	63.40	62.50**
WESTERN REGION	61.00**	61.00**	63.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-76

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	93-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	89-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	89-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-101

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 23-APR-2001**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	69.93	145	68.60	50
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	69.93	145	68.60	50
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

MARCH	450,000*
APRIL 1-14, 2001	195,941*
To date 2001	1,493,853*
To date 2000	1,487,695*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			TOTAL TURKEYS	
		PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE
	-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
N EAST	583	-33	22.43	(A) 585	22.43
S ATL	723	-14	27.98	(A) 725	27.98
N CENT	2,025	-8	30.10	(A) 2,027	30.10
S CENT	548	-18	20.78	(A) 550	20.78
WEST	376	13	22.40	(A) 377	22.40
U.S.TOTAL	4,255(B)	-13	26.82	9 4,264	26.82
TO DATE					
2001	69,212(B)			235 69,447	
TO DATE					
2000	69,499(B)			603 70,102	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 32,000 for the year 568,000; last year to date 202,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,811	2,412	32	9	4,264
AVG WT	16.28	34.74	24.54	33.71	26.82
LAST WEEK	2,254	2,603	52	0	4,909
SAME WK YR AGO	4,905(B)		2	61	4,968
AVG WT	27.72(B)		47.50	26.79	27.72
TO-DATE/2001	68,644(B)		568	235	69,447
TO-DATE/2000	69,297(B)		202	603	70,102

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
AS OF 19 APRIL 2001.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances weak. Buyers were attempting to buy at lower price levels and were only finding limited success. Demand generally light. Offerings available and held with varying degrees of confidence. The undertone on tom full-cut wings showed signs of continued erosion with export trading noted at lower trending price levels and increased offers noted. The undertone on tom drums was mixed, but mostly steady. Some export channels commanded steady prices on tom drums while others demonstrated weakness. Offerings of tom necks were generally light and held with confidence. Demand was fair to good on thigh meat with supplies generally held with confidence.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	98.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	12
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	31.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	40.00		40.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	39.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.50		35.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	47.00	36
NECKS, TOM	31.00-31.50		31.27	75
NECKS, HEN		T	30.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.50		168.50	80
THIGH MEAT		F	66.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	65.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	118.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	153.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	64.50-65.50		65.17	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	17.33	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.50-32.00		30.75	142
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	35.00		35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	36.00	44
TAILS	27.00		27.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.00	380
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00		67.00	196

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances weak. Demand generally light. Some increased inquiry was noted for next week's shipments. Offerings available. The trade sentiment on frozen thigh meat into export channels was starting to become unsettled as a result of the wider range of opinions being expressed pertaining to market direction. Thigh meat demand in a full range, mostly fair. Frozen thigh meat offerings ranged short to adequate with availability sometimes dependant upon the export destination requirements. The undertone on mechanically separated turkey was steady. Domestic trading of all items centered on a moderately light volume of fresh tom breast meat at steady to lower prices. Export trading centered on a light volume of tom drums at steady to lower prices.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	98.00	120		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	92.00	80	92.82	684
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-33.00		31.55	69	31.47	81
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	29.00-30.00		29.60	100	29.60	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	31.00	8	31.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	39.00		39.00	18	39.92	75
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	37.00		37.00	40	37.18	44
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	35.50	40	35.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	47.00	36	47.00	36
NECKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	20	30.90	159
NECKS, HEN		T	30.00	9	30.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	166.00-171.00		169.23	375	169.93	715
THIGH MEAT		F	66.00	80		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	66.00		66.00	20	66.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.00		115.00	40	115.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT	118.00-121.00		120.40	50	120.40	50
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	152.00	40	152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	148.00-152.00		150.00	140	150.67	180
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00		66.00	40	65.38	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	120	19.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-18.00		16.43	105	16.53	985
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-30.50		29.51	304	30.59	1,056
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	35.00	40	37.57	280
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	36.00	44		
TAILS		R	27.00	28	26.71	68
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.00	380	18.00	380
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00		70.00	160	69.90	1,220

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