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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Retail size hens continued to be steady to fully steady while 16-24 lb. toms were steady to barely steady. No trading was reported. Interest on retail turkeys was fairly limited, however demand was expected to improve going into May. The deli sector is fairly quite leading to excess availability of fresh breast meat.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was moderate on tom drums, fairly light on mechanically separated turkey and thigh meat. Tom drums were less available than in the previous week, thigh meat was available in areas.

<u>SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB)</u>	
<u>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u>	
	<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

<u>LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB)</u>	
<u>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u>	
	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	83-99
BREASTS 10-12#	140
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	
	<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#	68-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-76

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

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	60-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	59-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	60-62	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

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.

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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 30 APRIL 2001.

Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on fresh tom breast meat with some sellers looking for bids. Fresh tom breast meat demand was light for the readily available offerings. Further processed demand slowed for some buyers resulting in reduced purchasing requirements for this week's needs. Thigh meat trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Demand light to instances fair. Frozen young hen thigh meat trading was noted at lower price levels. Offerings of frozen thigh meat were in a full range, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Domestic trading was light. Tom defatted gizzards traded at 53 cents delivered. Export trading centered on a moderately light volume of tom drums and on a light volume of frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	101.67	480
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.00	720
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	32.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	40.18	49
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	39.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	34.00		34.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	32.00		32.00	40
NECKS, HEN		R	33.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	167.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	170.00		170.00	80
THIGH MEAT		F	74.00	13
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	66.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	116.00		116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	120.21	53
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	139.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	148.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	64.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	16.89	180
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-30.00		29.03	384
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	40.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	224
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00		65.00	80

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.