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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to fully steady on hens, irregular on toms. Whole turkey trading consisted of spot loads of A grade and plant grade toms, both in the East and Central regions. The plant grade toms moved at 58 cents delivered. Demand improved on fresh breast meat leading to a steadier position. Frozen destrapped tenders were offered at lower trending prices.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was most active on tom drums and thigh meat. Observances of May Day and Cinco de Mayo constrained demand in some areas.

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) MAY 03, 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/	65-66	65	65.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63	63	63.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	61	61.00	240	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63	63	63.00	16	-	-	-	-	-
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 MAY 04, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF APRIL	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.15	65.10	68.60**	EASTERN REGION	63.45	62.38	67.38
CENTRAL REGION	65.00	65.50	67.94	CENTRAL REGION	62.00	61.85	66.50
WESTERN REGION	64.80**	63.70**	67.80**	WESTERN REGION	62.93	61.68	67.08
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.09	60.50**	64.10**	EASTERN REGION	60.57	60.89	63.23
CENTRAL REGION	61.44	60.00**	64.00	CENTRAL REGION	60.36	60.28	62.38
WESTERN REGION	61.00**	61.00**	63.90**	WESTERN REGION	60.98	60.39	63.20

\*\*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#	68-76
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 07-MAY-2001**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>		
	<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)	70.27	82	69.89	18
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	70.27	82	69.89	18
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

MARCH	450,000*
APRIL 1-28, 2001	396,502*
To date 2001	1,694,414*
To date 2000	1,670,257*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 28-Apr-2001  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	681	-3	23.78	(A)	681 23.78
S ATL	920	35	27.70	(A)	920 27.70
N CENT	2,236	6	30.23	(A)	2,237 30.23
S CENT	606	1	20.45	(A)	606 20.45
WEST	324	-3	24.26	(A)	324 24.26
U.S.TOTAL	4,767(B)	8	27.17	1	4,768 27.17
TO DATE					
2001	78,395(B)			250	78,645
TO DATE					
2000	77,972(B)			646	78,618

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 36,000 for the year 642,000; last year to date 232,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 28-Apr-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	2,006	2,725	36	1	4,768
AVG WT	15.98	35.42	26.24	31.28	27.17
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,806	2,572	38	14	4,430
SAME WK YR AGO	4,432(A)		13	28	4,473
AVG WT	27.80(A)		26.77	24.79	27.78
TO-DATE/2001	77,753(A)		642	250	78,645
TO-DATE/2000	77,740(A)		232	646	78,618

(A) 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 3 MAY 2001.

Trade sentiment on destrapped tenderloins and fresh tom breast meat steady to instances weak, frozen tom breast meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light. Increased interest was being noted on destrapped tenderloins at the lower trending price levels. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts with a few sellers noting price resistance at the higher trending offering prices. Demand was slow to moderate. Trade sentiment on thigh meat and tom wings ranged from steady to instances weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Demand light. Export inquiry continued slow for Russia and China in a partial response to the May Day holiday celebrations. A few industry members have started watching for possible market ramifications as a result of some countries relaxing import restrictions from the European Union.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	100.00-101.00		100.50	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.00	720
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	28.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	32.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	40.18	49
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	34.50-35.00		34.62	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	30.00-32.50		31.26	95
NECKS, HEN		R	33.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.50-170.00		169.00	120
THIGH MEAT		F	74.00	13
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	68.00-69.00		68.62	65
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	124.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	139.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	143.00		143.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	67.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.20	100
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	40.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	19.50	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	68.50	200

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 4 MAY 2001.

Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on fresh tom breast meat, however, instances of increased seller confidence were starting to be noted, especially in the East. Demand light with slight increases in buyer inquiry noted. Offerings adequate to instances burdensome with product the most available out of the Midwest. Some industry members in the East are starting to watch for possible ramifications of the continued heat wave on bird weights. Domestic trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of fresh tom breast meat, balance light. Part loads of defatted gizzards traded at 50 cents delivered. Export trading centered on light volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Export inquiry was light from Asia Mexico and Russia. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings were held with varying degrees confidence. Sales of tom 2-joint wings were at higher prices while others report offers at 30 cents delivered with no interest.

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/		R	100.50	400	100.55	440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	10	154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.00	720		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	28.00	40	28.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	30.00		30.00	24	30.00	24
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	32.00	40		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00		37.00	40	37.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.00		35.00	20	34.29	126
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	31.26	95	31.48	135
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	165.00	40	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	166.00-171.00		169.27	300	169.06	640
THIGH MEAT		F	74.00	13		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	67.00		67.00	80	67.72	145
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	116.00	40	116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	124.00	40	124.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	140.00		140.00	40	142.63	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	64.00-67.00		66.00	100	66.29	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.50	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-20.00		16.91	88	16.77	908
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-31.50		30.44	352	29.51	856
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	40.00	52		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	27.00		27.00	120	27.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	80	18.42	424
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-72.00		70.37	328	69.05	608

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