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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on hens, generally steady to barely steady on toms. Limited sales reported for prompt shipments of hens. Trading and demand light with negotiations still pending. Parts and meats trading light to moderate. Buyers showing limited demand for product as most trying to resist current price levels.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on moderate volumes of tom drums and frozen mechanically separated turkey, balance of items light. Demand mixed with most buyers taking a wait and see attitude.

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	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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	61	61.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),**  
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS  
AS OF 8 MAY 2001.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to barely steady. A few processors were starting to express increased confidence in the breast meat market due to increased interest in further processed items. Demand light for the adequate to instances ample offerings. The undertone on frozen thigh meat for export was steady at best with increased unsettledness noted. Inquiry light. Offerings of frozen thigh were at least adequate with some noting a lack of buyer response with product offered at lower trending price levels for Russia. The fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) undertone was steady, however, trading was more active and offerings less readily available when compared to previous weeks. Trading centered on a heavy volume of fresh MST and a light volume of fresh tom breast meat. Grade A non-basted 16-18 lb. breasts traded at 115 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	97.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	30.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	28.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	38.00	38
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		M	30.61	64
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	166.00-168.00		167.25	320
THIGH MEAT		M	70.00	14
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	67.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	124.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	141.00		141.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	66.00	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		16.64	840
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	30.44	352
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	27.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	70.37	328

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.

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

	RANGE
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**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	84-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),  
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS  
AS OF 9 MAY 2001.

Seller sentiment steady on fresh tom breast meat with some processors noting increased interest and trading for current shipments. Frozen destrapped tenderloins demand showed signs of improvement with increased trading noted at the lower trending price levels. A light volume of frozen destrapped tenderloins traded at 135 cents transferred-in-storage from current production. Increased strength was noted on 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) with some buyers noting offers were less readily available and frozen being held with the most confidence. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of tom drums and a fair volume of MST for export, balance of domestic and export trading was light. Mixed defatted gizzards traded 49.25 cents delivered export.

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DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	30.00		30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00		37.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		M	30.61	64
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.00-171.00		170.29	340
THIGH MEAT		M	70.00	14
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	67.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	124.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	137.00-140.00		137.75	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	141.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	66.00	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		16.50	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.50-31.00		29.53	692
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	28.00		28.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00-20.00		18.60	429
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-71.00		70.54	113

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 05/02/01**

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SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
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1999-2000	12,275	330,457	330,807

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