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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. Fairly heavy sales of whole birds reported, transfer in storage (TIS) 65 cents for hens and 61 cents for toms. Demand slow to moderate with most buyers looking for out front deliveries. Parts and meats trading light to moderate with most movement going export.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Active trading centered on frozen thigh meat and frozen mechanically separated turkey, balance of items light. Demand mixed, most buyers purchasing limited amounts of product and taking a wait and see attitude.

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

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	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	624	JUN
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	860	JUN

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 11, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.50**	65.15	69.00**
CENTRAL REGION	64.30**	65.00	68.50**
WESTERN REGION	65.00**	64.80**	68.00**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00	61.09	64.50**
CENTRAL REGION	60.00**	61.44	63.50**
WESTERN REGION	61.00**	61.00**	64.50**

**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#	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	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

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 14-MAY-2001**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	69.71	62	69.00	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	69.71	62	69.00	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)****SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

APRIL	396,502*
MAY 1-5, 2001	104,603*
To date 2001	1,799,018*
To date 2000	1,888,691*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 05-May-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	710	4	23.42	(A) 713	23.42
S ATL	901	-2	28.15	(A) 905	28.15
N CENT	2,149	-4	30.66	(A) 2,153	30.66
S CENT	604	0	20.59	(A) 607	20.59
WEST	421	30	23.68	(A) 424	23.68
U.S.TOTAL	4,785(B)	0	27.23	17 4,802	27.23
TO DATE					
2001	83,180(B)			267 83,447	
TO DATE					
2000	83,000(B)			673 83,673	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 44,000; for the year 686,000; last year to date 278,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 05-May-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	2,072	2,669	44	17	4,802
AVG WT	16.27	35.76	25.40	28.43	27.23
LAST WEEK	2,006	2,725	36	1	4,768
SAME WK YR AGO	4,982(B)		46	27	5,055
AVG WT	25.94(B)		31.09	30.52	26.25
TO-DATE/2001	82,494(B)		686	267	83,447
TO-DATE/2000	82,722(B)		278	673	83,673

(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 10 MAY 2001.

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, plant grades steady and institutional breasts were mostly steady. Private label Grade A 4-8 lb. 10% basted-netted-timed breasts (10 loads) traded at 101 cents delivered August, Grade A basted (mixed load) 12-16 lb. breasts 115, and Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts (part load) traded at 130 cents delivered. The trade sentiment on tom drums was cautiously steady, tom full-cut wings steady to instances weak, tom necks steady to barely steady, and tails fully steady. Domestic trading was light for current shipments and centered on frozen destrapped tenderloins. Export trading centered on fair volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat, balance light. Fresh thigh meat traded at 66.50 cents delivered export. Thigh offerings were mixed and held with varying degrees of confidence.

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/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00-30.50		29.35	26
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-36.50		36.35	66
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	31.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	32.00		32.00	40
NECKS, HEN	29.00		29.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.50-170.00		169.00	120
THIGH MEAT		M	70.00	14
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	67.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	120.00		120.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	137.00		137.00	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	141.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	66.00	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-32.00		29.71	572
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	28.00-30.00		29.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-18.00		17.60	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00-72.00		69.45	540

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 11 MAY 2001.

Undertone about steady on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Demand light to fair with some open priced fresh tom breast meat trading noted for June-July shipments. Offerings of tom breast meat were in a full range, but mostly adequate and excess inventories of frozen destrapped tenderloins were becoming better balanced. The trade sentiment on thigh meat ranged from steady to weak. However, demand and trading has improved at the lower trending price levels. Offerings available. Bulk parts offerings continued tight on hen 2-joints, however, the balance of hen parts showed signs of increased availability. Tom bulk parts offers ranged from adequate to ample on wings to at least adequate on the balance of items. Trading was active on frozen thigh meat and frozen mechanically separated turkey for export, light on the balance of items. For export: fresh tom drums 29, mostly hen defatted gizzards 42.50, fresh destrapped tenderloins 143-144 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	97.00	20	97.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	29.35	26	29.21	72
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	29.00		29.00	40	29.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	34.00		34.00	80	35.91	224
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	37.00		37.00	20	37.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00		32.00	40	31.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	32.00	40	31.14	104
NECKS, HEN		R	29.00	6	29.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	40	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.00-170.00		168.75	160	168.80	980
THIGH MEAT		M	70.00	14	70.00	14
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	67.00	80		
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	118.00		118.00	80	118.67	120
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	137.00		137.00	40	137.27	440
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	141.00	40	141.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00-67.00		66.33	120	66.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.21	140	16.74	1,180
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-31.00		29.00	160	29.54	1,424
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	160	30.00	160
TAILS		R	29.50	160	29.13	212
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00-19.00		18.44	544	18.36	1,173
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-69.00		65.57	1,160	67.04	1,813

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