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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The undertone mostly steady on hens and toms, with some unsettledness noted in the Midwest. Light to moderate sales reported for open priced hens with price ceilings for June 62-66.25 cents, July 64-67.25 cents; price ceilings for toms in June 58-62.25 cents, for July 60-63.25 cents. Demand for whole birds remains fairly slow and cautious. Offerings were fully adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow to moderate, with the best interest coming from the export area.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand fairly good. Trading fair and centered on tom drums, frozen thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey going to Russia, Mexico and China. Supplies uneven and ranged from adequate to closely balanced.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 31, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	66	66.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
72.50	920	OCT-NOV
-	-	-
-	-	-
68.50	480	OCT-NOV
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

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

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WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-
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-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
920	JUN-JUL
-	-
-	-
1320	JUN-JUL
-	-
-	-

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	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MAY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.29	66.00**	69.00	EASTERN REGION	65.65	63.45	69.18
CENTRAL REGION	63.88**	63.70**	69.00	CENTRAL REGION	64.07	62.00	68.13
WESTERN REGION	65.00**	65.00**	69.50**	WESTERN REGION	65.00	62.93	68.25
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00	61.00**	65.00	EASTERN REGION	60.85	60.57	64.55
CENTRAL REGION	60.00**	60.00**	64.25**	CENTRAL REGION	60.39	60.36	63.77
WESTERN REGION	61.00**	61.00**	65.25**	WESTERN REGION	61.00	60.98	64.39

**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#	70-76
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 04-JUN-2001**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	70.67	152	69.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	69.44	32	69.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	71.00	120		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

APRIL	396,502 *
MAY 1-26, 2001	409,468 *
To date 2001	2,103,882 *
To date 2000	2,188,434 *

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 26-May-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)**

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>		<u>AVG</u>	<u>BANDED</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>LIVE WT-THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD-</u>	<u>LIVE WT</u>
N EAST	730	3	22.73	(A)	731 22.73
S ATL	772	-10	28.05	(A)	773 28.05
N CENT	2,144	-5	29.64	(A)	2,146 29.64
S CENT	449	-26	22.56	(A)	450 22.56
WEST	532	41	24.83	(A)	533 24.83
U.S.TOTAL	4,627(B)	-4	27.04	6	4,633 27.04

TO DATE

2001 97,405(B) 277 97,682

TO DATE

2000 96,947(B) 782 97,729

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 42,000; for the year 817,000; last year to date 328,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 26-May-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>			
HEAD	1,999	2,586	42	6 4,633
AVG WT	16.31	35.38	24.47	30.57 27.04
LAST WEEK	2,067	2,689	50	0 4,806
SAME WK YR AGO	5,141 (A)		3	14 5,158
AVG WT	25.86 (A)		28.00	25.43 25.86
TO-DATE/2001	96,588 (A)		817	277 97,682
TO-DATE/2000	96,619 (A)		328	782 97,729

(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 31 MAY 2001.

The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to fully steady, mostly steady with some unsettledness noted pertaining to market direction for late summer - early fall shipments. Demand light. Some private label Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts traded with a 101.50 cent ceiling delivered August -September. Trade sentiment on bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Bulk parts demand was mostly fair to good, best for exports. Offerings were light to adequate and were starting to be held with increased confidence. White meat demand was fair to good, best for prompt shipments. Domestic trading was light and centered on fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey. Export trading was active and centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat at mostly steady price levels and on a fair volume of tom drums at steady to higher prices. Some tom necks traded at 28 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	105.00		105.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.33	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	28.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.50		31.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00		30.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	51.00	120
NECKS, TOM	28.00-30.00		28.53	66
NECKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	173.00-175.00		174.00	160
THIGH MEAT		W	67.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT	113.00		113.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	120.00		120.00	40
TENDERLOINS		T	135.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	140.00-141.00		140.39	66
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	141.22	115
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00		66.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00-23.50		20.21	280
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-29.00		28.72	476
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00		27.00	572
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	104
TAILS	27.00		27.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00-21.00		20.13	300
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00-68.00		66.46	1,960

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 1 JUNE 2001.

Seller sentiment fully steady to firm on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Most buyers resisting the higher trending seller asking prices on frozen destrapped tenderloins and frozen tom breast meat. Demand fair to good. Offerings were being held by some with increased confidence. The undertone on wing meat with skin, breast trim and scapula was mostly steady. Domestic and export trading consisted mostly of light volumes. Tom necks traded at 29 cents delivered port for export. Some industry members are watching with interest recent developments in Hong Kong and China.

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/		R	105.00	40	105.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	10	154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.50		92.50	40	92.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.50-29.00		27.94	127	28.58	307
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	27.50-28.00		27.67	240	27.67	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	30.00-31.00		30.50	120	30.80	200
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00-28.50		28.21	24	28.81	36
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.34	59	27.47	73
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00-51.00		50.50	40	50.88	160
NECKS, TOM	28.50-29.00		28.70	50	28.60	116
NECKS, HEN		R	32.00	15	32.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	163.00-164.00		163.33	120	163.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.00		175.00	200	172.03	780
THIGH MEAT		W	67.00	80	67.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	67.00-68.00		67.52	282	67.52	282
BREAST TRIM MEAT	114.50-115.00		114.75	80	114.17	120
SCAPULA MEAT	120.00		120.00	80	120.00	120
TENDERLOINS	135.00		135.00	10	135.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	139.00-140.00		139.67	120	139.50	266
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	141.00-145.00		143.60	57	142.01	172
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00		66.00	40	66.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00-21.00		20.00	92	19.07	1,032
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	260	28.50	2,248
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	29.00		29.00	52	27.61	940
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	104	27.00	104
TAILS	30.00		30.00	40	27.83	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	120	20.63	700
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00-68.00		67.50	240	66.74	2,638

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