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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady on hens and 16-24 pound toms. Offerings varied from plant to plant and overall were sufficient for the light to fair buyer interest. Weekly weighted average prices continued to lag below weighted average prices for same week last year. Last year hens were 71 cents in the East, 69.5 in the Central Region and 70.5 in the West. Toms were 67.5 cents in the East and West, 66.5 in the Central Region.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading was active on tom drums, light on tom wings and tails. Tom necks traded at 27 cents delivered port. Tom drums sold at 26 cents for August-September shipments.

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JULY 12, 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/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	64.5-65	64.67	240	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	65.5	65.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	60-61.5	61.13	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JULY 13, 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/	64.75-67	64.75	64.75	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	240	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59.75-64	59.75	59.75	200	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	63	63.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

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 JULY 13, 2001	CURRENT	LAST	SAME
WEEK	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.75	66.50**	71.00
CENTRAL REGION	64.67	63.00	69.50
WESTERN REGION	65.50	66.00**	70.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.75	61.50**	67.50**
CENTRAL REGION	61.13	60.50**	66.50**
WESTERN REGION	63.00	61.50**	67.50**

\*\*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#	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	87-102
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

	<u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u> U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 16-JUL-2001	
	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS <u>PRICE</u> (000)	LBS TOMS <u>PRICE</u> (000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	71.45	132 69.00 10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	71.45	132 69.00 10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

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

JUNE	457,890*
JULY 1-7, 2001	91,000*
To date 2001	2,652,772*
To date 2000	2,783,340*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 07-Jul-2001  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>PCT</u> <u>CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u> <u>LIVE</u>	<u>OLD</u> <u>BANDED</u>	<u>AVG</u> <u>LIVE</u>	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	795	-6	22.16	(A)	796 22.16
S ATL	765	-7	28.18	(A)	766 28.18
N CENT	1,921	-19	29.48	(A)	1,922 29.48
S CENT	319	-29	23.11	(A)	319 23.11
WEST	473	0	22.24	(A)	473 22.24
U.S.TOTAL	4,273(B)	-14	26.60	3	4,276 26.60
TODATE					
2001	126,480(B)			309	126,789
TODATE					
2000	124,510(B)			860	125,370

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 28,000; for the year 1,019,000; last year to date 447,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 07-Jul-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	1,811	2,434	28	3	4,276
AVG WT	16.11	34.43	25.07	32.02	26.60
LAST WEEK	2,076	2,838	54	6	4,974
SAME WK YR AGO	1,572	2,212	22	1	3,807
AVG WT	15.72	31.95	23.68	27.39	25.12
TO-DATE/2001	53,724	71,737	1,019	309	126,789
TO-DATE/2000	124,063(A)		447	860	125,370

(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 12 JULY 2001.

The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat ranged steady to instances barely steady, mostly steady. Fresh tom breast meat demand was light to instances fair for the adequate to sometimes fully adequate offerings. The mechanically 15-20% separated turkey (MST) trade sentiment was steady to barely steady with offerings of fresh readily available and frozen noted at lower trending offering prices. MST demand was slow to moderate, mostly slow. The undertone on bulk parts was steady to instances weak with necks the strongest and drums the weakest. Trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady. Domestic trading centered on moderately heavy volumes of fresh MST and on light volumes of fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Export trading was active on tom drums, tom 2-joint wings and frozen thigh meat. Some February production livers traded at 21.50 cents delivered port for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	102.00		102.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.84	25
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	30.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.00		29.00	30
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.00	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	27
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	164.33	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	173.00-177.00		175.00	360
THIGH MEAT		W	57.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	65.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	147.00		147.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	150.00-153.00		151.14	280
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	67.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	25.00-28.00		27.19	640
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	572
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00		27.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00-27.00		26.41	572
TAILS		F	27.00	312
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	25.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00-59.50		59.00	416

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 13 JULY 2001.**

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady at best. Fresh tom breast meat activity showed signs of improvement, however, offerings easily met buyers needs. The undertone on destrapped tenderloins was steady on fresh, frozen barely steady at best with trading noted at lower trending prices. The undertone on wing meat was about steady, and scapula steady to fully steady with spot premiums noted on extra lean product. Offerings of ground breast trim available and regular breast trim light. The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts ranged from steady to weak on drums to steady on necks. Thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey trade sentiment ranged steady to weak. Domestic trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of fresh tom breast meat, balance light. Fresh tom wings traded at 30 and fresh wing meat with skin 66 cents delivered. Export trading was active on tom drums, balance light. Tom drums traded at 26 delivered August-September and tom necks at 27 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	102.00	40	102.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	93.00		93.00	40	93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.56	91	29.92	143
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	29.00		29.00	40	29.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	30.00	20		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00-29.00		28.75	106	28.70	243
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	11	28.39	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	40	28.00	67
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	40	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.50-182.00		176.66	770	176.12	1,250
THIGH MEAT		W	57.00	80	57.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	65.00	20	65.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	120.00-131.00		123.50	137	123.50	137
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	148.25-150.00		149.13	80	148.42	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	152.00-153.00		152.10	101	151.59	461
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	67.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		R	27.19	640	27.19	640
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00-28.00		27.56	643	27.95	1,475
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00		28.00	120	28.74	760
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.41	572	26.41	572
TAILS	26.00-27.00		26.75	160	26.75	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	25.00	104	25.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00-60.00		59.00	120	59.05	800

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