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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb.toms. Limited sales reported that are within quoted prices. Offerings remain adequate for current requirements. Demand slow. Parts and meats demand generally moderate. Trading was light as buyers showing resistance to current offering prices.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand was moderate to good on tom drums and frozen thigh meat, balance slow. Active trading into export channels centered on tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Offerings adequate for trade needs.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JULY 19, 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JULY 20, 2001**

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67.5	67.5	67.50	200	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	64-65	64.50	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-64	63.5	63.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	61	61.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 20, 2001	CURRENT	LAST	SAME
WEEK	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.66	64.75	72.10**
CENTRAL REGION	64.50	64.67	71.28
WESTERN REGION	66.00**	65.50	71.70**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.18	59.75	69.10**
CENTRAL REGION	61.00	61.13	68.00
WESTERN REGION	62.00**	63.00	68.70**

**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

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 23-JUL-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)	71.00	50	69.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	71.00	50	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 1-14, 2001	195,120*
To date 2001	2,756,892*
To date 2000	2,811,717*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 14-Jul-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			TOTAL TURKEYS	
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
	CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
	-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
N EAST	832	5	21.94	(A) 835	21.94
S ATL	854	12	28.17	(A) 857	28.17
N CENT	2,318	21	29.41	(A) 2,321	29.41
S CENT	426	34	21.84	(A) 429	21.84
WEST	456	-4	21.90	(A) 459	21.90
U.S.TOTAL	4,886(B)	14	26.56	15 4,901	26.56
TO DATE					
2001	131,366(B)			324 131,690	
TO DATE					
2000	129,694(B)			875 130,569	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 65,000; for the year 1,084,000; last year to date 483,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 14-Jul-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,013	2,808	65	15	4,901
AVG WT	16.51	33.83	23.77	25.88	26.56
LAST WEEK	1,811	2,434	28	3	4,276
SAME WK YR AGO	2,223	2,925	36	15	5,199
AVG WT	15.43	32.78	24.33	25.57	25.28
TO-DATE/2001	55,737	74,545	1,084	324	131,690
TO-DATE/2000	129,211(B)		483	875	130,569

(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 19 JULY 2001.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady with some cautiousness noted. Some sellers were showing signs of optimism on tom breast as they continued to watch the recent heat wave in the Midwest. However, a few buyers continued to receive seller inquiries offering fresh tom breast meat. Trade sentiment was steady to weak on frozen thigh meat. However, some sellers are reluctant to offer out at current trading levels and some buyers noting a few processors are less willing to negotiate to some markets than others with freight being a major factor. The undertone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was barely steady to weak. Lower trending MST offering prices were noted in an attempt to attract the cautious buyers. Domestic trading was light on all items. Export trading centered on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat, balance light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	102.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	28.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	30.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00		28.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.52	66
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	51.00		51.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	27.15	94
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.50-178.00		176.29	140
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	64.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	117.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT		W	121.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	152.50	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	152.00		152.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	65.50-66.00		65.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	25.93	600
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	28.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	104
TAILS		W	27.00	66
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00-58.50		55.54	456

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 20 JULY 2001.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was about steady with increased seller optimism noted due to the continued heat in the Midwest. Some processors have noted increased heat stress on live production resulting in lower trending weights. Domestic demand was light to fair with trading centered on a fair volume of fresh tom breast meat. Trading was light on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts at lower trending prices. Export demand was fair to good on tom drums and frozen thigh meat, best on thigh meat. Trading was heavy into export channels with activity centered on frozen thigh meat and tom drums, balance light. Frozen mechanically separated turkey traded at lower trending price levels.

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/	99.00		99.00	80	99.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	93.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00-29.00		28.25	160	28.20	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	29.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	30.00	80	30.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	160	27.38	476
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	34.00		34.00	40	34.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.52	66	28.54	74
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	51.00	40	51.00	40
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	40	27.54	149
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	40		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.50-178.00		176.60	400	175.88	980
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	64.50	40	64.43	112
BREAST TRIM MEAT	117.00		117.00	20	117.00	180
SCAPULA MEAT		W	121.00	20	121.00	20
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	152.50	120	152.50	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	150.00-153.00		151.50	80	151.45	660
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	65.67	60	65.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	23.00-24.00		23.67	60	25.73	660
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-29.50		27.34	692	27.62	1,624
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00		27.00	40	27.43	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.28	144	27.85	352
TAILS		W	27.00	66	26.70	266
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00-21.00		18.83	144	18.83	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00-58.00		54.61	784	54.89	2,354

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