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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for 8-16 lb. hens steady, 16-24 lb. toms was steady instances weak. No sales reported of whole body hens or toms. Supplies were uneven, but generally adequate for current needs. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for September through November. Trading centered on moderately heavy volume of fresh tom breast meat balance generally light. Demand for parts and meats mixed.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading active with most movement noted on frozen thigh meat, balance of items light. Demand moderate to good with interest noted from multiple locations including Mexico, Asia, Russia, Caribbean, Central America and Eastern Europe. One container of Plant grade hens traded 58 cents to the East coast going to the Caribbean.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) AUGUST 02, 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	-	-	-	67.50	160	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	65	65.00	40	67.00	80	SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	-	-	-	63.50	80	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	61	61.00	30	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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 AUGUST 03, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JULY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.00**	65.00	73.00	EASTERN REGION	66.10	66.00	71.55
CENTRAL REGION	65.00	65.00**	72.60**	CENTRAL REGION	65.01	64.86	70.91
WESTERN REGION	66.00**	66.00**	73.84	WESTERN REGION	65.98	66.02	71.30
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	62.50**	62.50**	70.00	EASTERN REGION	61.88	61.24	68.53
CENTRAL REGION	61.80	61.00**	69.60**	CENTRAL REGION	60.82	60.74	67.55
WESTERN REGION	62.00**	62.00**	72.13	WESTERN REGION	61.86	61.52	68.30

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-76
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 06-AUG-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)	72.56	90	70.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	72.56	90	70.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

JUNE	457,890*
JULY 1-28, 2001	403,486*
To date 2001	2,965,258*
To date 2000	3,018,788*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 28-Jul-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	840	-1	21.88	(A) 843	21.88
S ATL	902	38	27.67	(A) 905	27.67
N CENT	2,373	-1	28.05	(A) 2,376	28.05
S CENT	438	1	19.71	(A) 440	19.71
WEST	489	-5	23.75	(A) 491	23.75
U.S.TOTAL	5,042(B)	4	25.82	13 5,055	25.82

TO DATE

2001 141,256(B) 361 141,617

TO DATE

2000 139,878(B) 893 140,771

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 50,000; for the year 1,179,000; last year to date 578,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 28-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	2,166	2,826	50	13	5,055
AVG WT	15.61	33.68	23.21	24.80	25.82
LAST WEEK	2,000	2,803	45	24	4,872
SAME WK YR AGO	2,231	2,807	74	8	5,120
AVG WT	15.69	32.53	23.81	25.64	25.06
TO-DATE/2001	59,903	80,174	1,179	361	141,617
TO-DATE/2000	139,300 (A)		578	893	140,771

(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 2 AUGUST 2001.

The trade sentiment on drums and 2-joint wings was steady to fully steady and full cut wings were mixed, but most steady. Domestic demand was light to fair on bulk parts. Export demand, meanwhile, was moderate to good on tom drums and thigh meat and slow to moderate on the balance of items. Domestic trading was fair on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts and light on the balance of items. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen thigh meat and on light volumes for tom drums. Offerings of frozen thigh meat were starting to become less readily available with some sellers becoming less willing to negotiate due to better balanced inventories. Tom drum offerings were light to adequate, tom necks and tom 2-joint wings light. Tom full-cut wings offerings were mixed with availability somewhat dependant upon export destination. Mechanically separated turkey offers continued to exceed any improve inquiry.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	103.00		103.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00-93.00		92.67	480
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00-29.00		28.17	36
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	27.20	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	29.00		29.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.23	52
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	6
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	175.50-177.00		176.20	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/				
THIGH MEAT		R	58.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	124.00		124.00	40
TENDERLOINS	133.00		133.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	147.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	153.00-155.00		154.43	168
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00		67.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-19.00		18.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	19.77	520

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00-29.00		27.61	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00-28.00		27.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.80	260
TAILS		W	27.00	264
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.50-57.00		56.32	460

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 3 AUGUST 2001.

The undertone of tom breast meat was steady at best. Demand on tom breast meat was slow on frozen, improved on fresh and ranged fair to instances good mostly fair with interest noted for deferred shipments. The undertone on destrapped tenderloins was steady to fully steady, mostly steady with fresh held with the most confidence. Demand was slow to moderate. Domestic trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of fresh tom breast meat, balance light. Mature destrapped tenderloins traded at 145 cents shipping point. The export market was active with trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat, balance light. Export demand was noted from multiple destinations including Asia, Caribbean, Central America, Mexico, Eastern Europe and Russia. Hen drums traded at 30, mixed defatted gizzards 43, frozen mature thigh meat 56, and whole tenderloins 133 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	103.00	80	103.00	360
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	40	94.66	1,160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00-28.50		27.13	160	27.74	293
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	29.00		29.00	160	29.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	29.00	15	29.84	95
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.50-29.00		28.25	80	27.86	147
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	29.00	40	28.89	206
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	28.00	6	27.29	52
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	176.00-178.00		176.93	560	176.25	1,600
THIGH MEAT	58.00		58.00	40	58.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH						
BREAST TRIM MEAT	117.00		117.00	40	117.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	124.00	40	124.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	133.00	40	135.33	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	147.00	80	147.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	152.00-157.00		153.67	30	152.35	398
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	67.00	40	67.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40	18.08	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		17.14	148	19.19	668
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00-29.00		28.31	168	28.15	1,396
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	27.50	80	27.79	188
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00-28.00		27.00	208	27.54	676
TAILS	27.00-31.00		27.93	172	27.37	436
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-18.00		17.11	180	17.68	616
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.50-58.00		57.04	784	57.38	2,496

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