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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Inquiry in a full range and improving due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Light sales reported for prompt delivery within quoted price levels. Supplies of hens and toms generally adequate, however lighter weight hens remain in the best position. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to moderate and showing signs of improving in the face of reduced availability.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was active for frozen thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey balance of items slow. Demand fairly good.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 23, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65.5-68	67	67.00	40	-	-	-	1495	SEP-NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	65.5-67	66.25	160	70.00	120	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	1520	SEP-OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	61.5	61.50	60	67.00	80	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	67	67.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	68	68.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	62	62.00	320	-	-	-	40	SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 24, 2001** **CURRENT WEEK** **LAST WEEK** **SAME WEEK YEAR AGO**

8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.10**	66.38	76.00
CENTRAL REGION	66.50	65.63	73.96
WESTERN REGION	68.00	66.25	74.20**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	62.00	63.00**	73.00
CENTRAL REGION	61.50	61.10**	71.05
WESTERN REGION	63.00**	62.25	70.00

**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#	68-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-76

**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 27-AUG-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)	73.00	102	68.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	73.00	102	68.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

JULY	446,822 *
AUGUST 1-18, 2001	271,291 *
To date 2001	3,236,549 *
To date 2000	3,331,735 *

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 18-Aug-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	860	-1	21.18	(A)	862 21.18
S ATL	876	5	27.60	(A)	878 27.60
N CENT	2,461	2	27.10	(A)	2,463 27.10
S CENT	201	-56	25.07	(A)	203 25.07
WEST	565	4	21.93	(A)	566 21.93
U.S.TOTAL	4,963(B)	-3	25.49	9	4,972 25.49
TO DATE					
2001	156,484(B)			395	156,879
TO DATE					
2000	155,753(B)			928	156,681

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 72,000; for the year 1,359,000; last year to date 739,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 18-Aug-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	2,087	2,804	72	9	4,972
AVG WT	15.30	33.12	23.57	31.29	25.50
LAST WEEK	2,141	2,940	26	11	5,118
SAME WK YR AGO	2,279	2,950	74	27	5,330
AVG WT	15.64	32.07	24.08	25.64	24.90
TO-DATE/2001	66,222	88,903	1,359	395	156,879
TO-DATE/2000	155,014(A)		739	928	156,681

(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 23 AUGUST 2001.

Bulk parts trade sentiment was steady to firm with tom drums and 2-joint wings in the strongest position. Inquiry was light to fair with some sellers noting increased retail tray pack interest on hen parts for fall needs. Offerings of bulk parts were light at best with tom items held with the most confidence. Domestic trading was light on all items. Export inquiry was in a full range with drums and thigh meat the items most frequently sought. Trading was slow. Increased confidence was being noted on fresh and frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey as a result of some buyers finding offerings less available for either domestic or export shipments.

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	36
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	97.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.29	140
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	31.00	12
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00		28.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00-32.00		31.07	112
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00		50.00	20
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	167.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	179.00-187.00		184.00	240
THIGH MEAT	62.00		62.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	121.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	125.00	40
TENDERLOINS		T	136.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	147.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	150.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	68.00	220
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.50		16.50	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	27.50	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	28.25	208
TAILS		M	28.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-16.00		15.28	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00		64.00	80

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 24 AUGUST 2001.

Trade sentiment was steady to firm on fresh tom breast meat. Demand was fair to good, however, a less aggressive buyer interest was starting to be noted for pre-holiday needs. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat ranged short to adequate with offers not as tight when compared to early week. Fresh destrapped tenderloins, wing meat, breast trim and scapula were steady to fully steady for the light offerings. Frozen destrapped tenderloins and tom breast meat undertone was steady for the adequate offerings. Thigh meat undertone mixed with Russian approved product strong and offers noted at higher prices while non-Russian approved was unsettled with spot trading noted at lower prices. Trading was active on frozen thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey for export, balance light. For domestic: hearts 29, Grade A non-basted 10-14 lb. breasts 115, plant grade basted 18-20 lb. breasts 107 cents delivered. For export: livers 21, tom necks 28, fresh tom drums 30 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	103.00	36	103.00	36
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00-32.00		31.67	60	30.48	420
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	31.00		31.00	40	31.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	30.00	20	30.00	148
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00-29.00		28.22	180	28.00	340
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	35.00	20	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	20	30.42	197
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	50.00	20	50.00	20
NECKS, TOM	27.00-29.00		28.00	80	28.02	182
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	167.00	80	165.38	420
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.00-187.00		186.17	360	181.88	1,340
THIGH MEAT		R	62.00	3	59.67	55
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	60.00		60.00	34	60.00	34
BREAST TRIM MEAT	118.00-122.00		120.00	160	120.20	200
SCAPULA MEAT	121.00		121.00	40	123.00	80
TENDERLOINS		T	136.00	40	136.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00		150.00	40	148.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	155.00		155.00	16	150.83	96
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	70.00		70.00	20	68.00	280
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	120	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	80	16.37	760
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-31.00		30.93	560	30.52	1,260
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	29.00		29.00	104	28.01	304
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	28.25	208	28.50	312
TAILS	28.00		28.00	104	28.00	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-17.00		16.61	408	16.79	792
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00-61.00		59.29	560	60.29	1,413

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