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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 with the lighter weight hens in the best position. Inquiry was light to moderate. Trading was slow for current shipments but improving for deferred arrivals. Bulk parts trade sentiment steady to firm, meats steady to fully steady.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. Demand fairly good with most interest from Mexico and Russia. Offerings were limited in availability and held with confidence.

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) AUGUST 30, 2001

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
					WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	67	67.00	280	67.00	160	OCT	80	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	65.5-67	66.35	212.8	-	-	-	1200	SEP-OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	67	67.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	62-64	63	63.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	61-63	61.5	61.50	120	67.00	80	OCT	1320	SEP
WESTERN REGION	62-64	62	62.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	62-64	63	63.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	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	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK	MONTH OF	CURRENT	LAST	SAME MONTH
AUGUST 31, 2001	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO	AUGUST	MONTH	MONTH	YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS							
EASTERN REGION	66.71	66.10	74.50**	EASTERN REGION	66.38	66.10	73.61
CENTRAL REGION	66.35	66.50	73.60**	CENTRAL REGION	65.38	65.01	72.92
WESTERN REGION	67.00	68.00	74.50**	WESTERN REGION	66.62	65.98	73.82
16-24 LB TOMS							
EASTERN REGION	62.29	62.00	71.50**	EASTERN REGION	62.76	61.88	70.72
CENTRAL REGION	61.50	61.50	70.65**	CENTRAL REGION	61.28	60.82	69.99
WESTERN REGION	62.00	63.00**	71.40**	WESTERN REGION	62.62	61.86	70.71

\*\*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 03-SEP-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 1-25, 2001	376,694 *
To date 2001	3,341,951 *
To date 2000	3,440,217 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 25-Aug-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>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>LIVE WT-THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD-</u>	<u>LIVE WT</u>
N EAST	864	0	21.55	(A)	21.55
SATL	782	-11	29.27	(A)	29.27
N CENT	2,415	-2	28.06	(A)	28.06
S CENT	459	128	20.50	(A)	20.50
WEST	530	-6	24.06	(A)	24.06
U.S.TOTAL	5,050(B)	2	26.03	12	26.03
TO DATE					
2001	161,534(B)			407	161,941
TO DATE					
2000	161,062(B)			952	162,014

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 60,000; for the year 1,419,000; last year to date 780,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 25-Aug-2001**

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,892	3,098	60	12	5,062
AVG WT	15.17	32.69	23.95	26.16	26.03
LAST WEEK	2,087	2,804	72	9	4,972
SAME WK YR AGO	2,245	3,023	41	24	5,333
AVG WT	15.43	31.73	23.29	26.70	24.44
TO-DATE/2001	68,114	92,001	1,419	407	161,941
TO-DATE/2000	160,282(A)		780	952	162,014

(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 30 AUGUST 2001.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady with some spot strength noted for post holiday shipments. Demand slow to fair. Offerings mixed. The undertone on institutional breasts has started to show signs of increased strength as some industry members indicate offerings are starting to move into a better balance situaion. Institutional breast demand was fair. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on mechanically separated turkey and steady to firm on bulk parts. Trading was light on all items. For domestic shipments: fresh breast trim 124, fresh scapula 131, non-basted breasts: private label Grade A 12-14 lb. 125, plant grade 12-14 lb. 100-105, plant grade 14-16 lb. 105 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	103.00-104.00		103.70	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	94.00		94.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	32.00-33.00		32.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	33.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	33.00		33.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	31.20	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	50.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	29.00	20
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	163.00		163.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	187.00		187.00	160
THIGH MEAT		R	62.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	60.00	34
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	120.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT		F	121.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	150.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	153.00-158.00		155.50	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	70.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-20.00		17.91	219
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	32.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	29.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	104
TAILS		F	28.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.50-64.00		63.89	184

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.

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The undertone was mostly steady on fresh and frozen tom breast meat. Demand was fair to good for the light to adequate offerings. The undertone on wing meat with skin, scapula and regular breast trim was strong for the limited offerings. The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to firm with drums and wings in the strongest position. The good ground turkey movement and wing meat demand has caused increased deboning of wings and drums resulting in less product available to satisfy domestic and export inquiries. Offerings of tom necks light. Hen parts were generally held with confidence, except for hen necks due to spot availability noted in the Midwest. Domestic trading was heavy on frozen tom breast meat, fair on fresh tom breast meat, and light on the balance of items. Export trading centered on a light volume of frozen thigh meat for 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	103.70	400	103.70	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	94.00	200	94.00	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	14	32.29	149
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	34.00		34.00	40	33.67	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	80	30.78	126
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.00-32.00		30.43	94	30.51	234
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	40	35.00	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00		32.00	21	30.69	61
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	14	28.81	74
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	162.00-163.00		162.50	800	162.55	880
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.50-189.00		186.78	540	185.94	1,020
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	61.00		61.00	20	61.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	120.00	160		
SCAPULA MEAT	122.00-126.00		123.73	220	123.73	220
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00		150.00	40	150.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	153.00-155.00		154.00	80	153.05	372
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00-72.00		69.00	160	69.20	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.00		16.80	100	16.59	1,119
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	32.00	80	31.47	392
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	29.00	104		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	104	29.00	104
TAILS	27.00		27.00	52	27.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	104	17.86	556
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00-65.00		64.61	304	63.96	1,432

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