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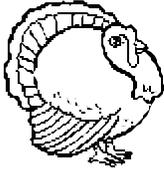
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to weak on hens and toms. Offerings were fully adequate for the moderate buyer interest. No trading reported. Trading was moderate on fresh and frozen breast meat and supplies were fully adequate. Bulk parts trading light. Necks were available, drums were well cleared and wings about adequate. Supplies of mechanically separated turkey were ample and attracted little additional buyer interest even when offered at lower trending prices.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Inquiry and trading activity improved on thigh meat. Thigh meat was held with increased confidence, however buyers continued very price conscious. A fair volume of hen drums traded at 26 – 28 cents delivered port.

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) FEBRUARY 14, 2002

	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/	57.5-61	57.5	57.50	360	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	2400	FEB-APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54-59	54	54.00	400	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	2560	FEB-APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 FEBRUARY 15, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	57.50	60.50**	61.00
CENTRAL REGION	59.70**	60.00	59.10
WESTERN REGION	60.30**	60.50**	60.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	54.00	57.50**	60.00
CENTRAL REGION	56.80**	57.38	58.50
WESTERN REGION	57.80**	58.00**	60.50**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-76

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-105

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 18-FEB-2002**

	<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)	69.57	140	65.00	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	69.57	140	65.00	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

JANUARY	487,639*
FEBRUARY 1-9, 2002	127,035*
To date 2002	529,960*
To date 2001	586,601*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 09-Feb-2002  
(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	913	-3	22.98	(A) 914	22.98
SATL	830	0	31.77	(A) 831	31.77
N CENT	2,056	-2	32.11	(A) 2,057	32.11
S CENT	426	21	22.69	(A) 427	22.69
WEST	385	3	23.69	(A) 386	23.69
U.S.TOTAL	4,610(B)	0	28.67	5 4,615	28.67
TO DATE					
2002	25,579(B)			41 25,620	
TO DATE					
2001	26,973(B)			84 27,057	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 38,000; for the year 212,000; last year to date 183,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 09-Feb-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,813	2,759	38	5	4,615
AVG WT	16.24	36.85	27.48	28.87	28.67
LAST WEEK	1,860	2,717	18	20	4,615
SAME WK YR AGO	1,923	2,696	38	7	4,664
AVG WT	16.41	34.68	22.59	38.29	27.04
TO-DATE/2002	10,029	15,338	212	41	25,620
TO-DATE/2001	11,147	15,643	183	84	27,057

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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 14 FEBRUARY 2002.**

Market activity was extremely light. Breast meat and tom necks were readily available for the less than active buyer interest. Balance of bulk parts were sufficient for the limited demand. Trading was fair on fresh and frozen 4-8 lb breasts. Export activity was light, mostly thigh meat to Mexico and Russia.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	96.00-99.00		98.87	209
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	145.00-154.00		146.29	140
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	31.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	28.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	27.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	27.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	36.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	39.50	80
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	23
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	122.86	560
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	133.00		133.00	40
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	107.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	125.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	130.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	130.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	80.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00		14.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	30.00	420
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	30.00	54
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	10.00		10.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00-60.00		59.71	280

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 15 FEBRUARY 2002.

Fresh tom breast meat moved at steady prices while frozen tom breast meat sold at lower trending levels. Supplies of fresh and frozen breast meat were more than adequate. Parts trading was very light. Supplies of necks exceeded the light demand, tails were tight, drums well cleared. Mechanically separated turkey was burdensome and difficult to move even at lower offering prices. Export inquiry was fairly good. Trading was active on thigh meat although buyers were resisting current asking prices. Hen drums moved into export channels at 26-28 cents delivered port.

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/		R	98.87	209	98.87	209
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	146.29	140	146.29	140
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	92.00	9	92.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	31.00	3	31.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	28.00	40	28.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	27.00	6	27.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	27.00		27.00	20	27.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	36.00	18		
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	39.00		39.00	20	39.00	20
NECKS, TOM		R	21.00	23	22.40	44
NECKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	20	22.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	120.00-122.00		121.00	400	121.00	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	131.50-134.00		131.75	320	131.89	360
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH						
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		F	107.00	40		
TENDERLOINS		W	125.00	20	125.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	130.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	130.00	20	130.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	80.00	160		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00		14.00	20	14.00	140
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	30.00	420		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	52	28.00	52
TAILS	28.00		28.00	40	28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	10.00	52	10.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00-60.00		59.38	512	59.59	1,152

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