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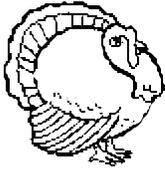
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to barely steady on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Light sales reported in the Midwest with packer label hens at 57.5 and toms at 54.5. Moderate sales in the West on private and packer labels with hens for prompt shipments 60 and toms 58 while deferred orders for March are open priced. Offerings of whole body turkeys adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Supplies mixed.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand fair from Russia and Mexico but tempered somewhat from the observance of Lent in Mexico. Trading centered on moderate volume of frozen thigh meat, balance of items light. Supplies of thigh meat and tom drums mixed.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 21, 2002**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	MAR-MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	360	MAR-MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57.5-59	57.5	57.50	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60	60	60.00	384	-	-	-	132	MAR
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54.5-56	54.5	54.50	400	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-58	58	58.00	360	-	-	-	580	MAR

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 22, 2002

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	60.25**	57.50	61.00**
CENTRAL REGION	57.50	59.70**	62.00
WESTERN REGION	60.00	60.30**	60.50**
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	57.13**	54.00	60.50**
CENTRAL REGION	54.50	56.80**	61.00
WESTERN REGION	58.00	57.80**	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 25-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)	67.47	102	62.67	30
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.47	102	62.67	30
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		40		

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

JANUARY	487,639*
FEBRUARY 1-16, 2002	232,387*
To date 2002	635,312*
To date 2001	688,038*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 16-Feb-2002  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			TOTAL TURKEYS		
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE		
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
N EAST	929	2	22.88	(A)	932	22.88
SATL	895	8	28.28	(A)	898	28.28
N CENT	1,996	-3	32.66	(A)	1,999	32.66
S CENT	477	12	24.65	(A)	479	24.65
WEST	303	-21	25.82	(A)	305	25.82
U.S.TOTAL	4,600(B)	0	28.55	13	4,613	28.55
TO DATE						
2002	30,179(B)			54	30,233	
TO DATE						
2001	31,640(B)			101	31,741	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 52,000; for the year 264,000; last year to date 212,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 16-Feb-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,853	2,695	52	13	4,613
AVG WT	16.39	36.98	24.63	28.55	28.55
LAST WEEK	1,813	2,759	38	5	4,615
SAME WK YR AGO	1,956	2,682	29	17	4,684
AVG WT	16.71	34.68	21.87	29.23	27.07
TO-DATE/2002	11,882	18,033	264	54	30,233
TO-DATE/2001	13,103	18,325	212	101	31,741

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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 21 FEBRUARY 2002.

The trade sentiment on tom drums was steady to fully steady, tom full-cut wings steady with some improved confidence noted, tom 2-joint wings steady to barely steady and tom necks were barely steady at best. Demand was light to fair on tom drums with improved export interest noted and offerings were generally held with confidence. Tom full-cut wing demand was light, however, some industry members were noting that inventories were starting to become less readily available. Tom 2-joint wing demand was slow with offerings mixed in availability. Tom neck demand was light for the ample offerings. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was barely steady and institutional breasts barely steady to weak. Domestic trading light. Export trading centered on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat and open priced fresh tom drums, balance light. Export inquiry on frozen thigh meat for Russia was noted at higher trending prices.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	98.87	209
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00	1	54.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	92.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	30.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	26.83	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	27.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	38.67	120
NECKS, TOM	21.00-24.00		21.69	52
NECKS, HEN	21.00		21.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	128.00		128.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	128.00-128.50		128.40	100
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	107.00		107.00	15
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	128.00		128.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	81.00-82.00		81.27	55
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	8.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	14.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	26.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	104
TAILS		F	28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00-60.50		59.98	408

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 22 FEBRUARY 2002.**

The trade sentiment on tom breast meat was steady to weak, destrapped tenderloins steady, balance of white meat steady to to barely steady mostly barely steady. White meat demand ranged from instances fair on destrapped tenderloins to light on the balance of items. Some processors were starting to note increased interest in fresh tom breast meat and further processed items, however, supply still exceeded demand on both accounts. The undertone on thigh meat was fully steady as the fair to good export demand moved inventories into a better balanced situation. The mechanically separated turkey market was mostly sluggish, however, some spot demand and strength was noted in the West. Trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light to fair. Fresh wing meat traded at 80-84 most 82, plant grade non-basted 12-14 and 16-18 lb. breasts 98, and breast meat pieces at 111-114 mostly 113 cents delivered domestic. Tom necks traded at 18 and dark trim at 26 cents delivered export.

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/	94.00-98.00		97.20	400	97.20	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	153.10	49
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.18	49	30.17	54
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	26.83	120	26.80	125
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	27.00	40	27.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.00	5	35.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	38.67	120	38.67	120
NECKS, TOM	20.00-22.00		21.00	89	21.71	226
NECKS, HEN		R	21.00	40	21.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	127.00		127.00	80	123.78	360
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	128.50-129.00		128.88	320	128.96	500
THIGH MEAT	61.00		61.00	9	61.00	9
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	61.00		61.00	20	61.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	108.00		108.00	40	108.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	107.00	15	107.00	15
TENDERLOINS	123.00		123.00	4	123.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00		130.00	72	129.50	202
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	81.27	55	81.27	55
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	8.00	240	8.79	280
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-19.00		16.45	220	16.45	220

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.50-30.00		29.88	344	29.94	704
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.00		26.00	104	26.00	184
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	156	29.17	312
TAILS	28.00		28.00	24	28.00	24
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	10.00		10.00	208	10.83	288
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.50-62.00		61.17	808	60.84	2,184

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