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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to barely steady for 8-16 lb. hens, 16-24 lb. toms barely steady to weak. Offerings fully sufficient, with tom offerings the most burdensome. Demand and trading limited. Trading and demand for bulk parts and meats slow. Buyers taking a wait and see attitude.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading was light. Most buyers cautious as the market becomes unsettled due to recent actions in the export arena.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 05, 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/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57.5-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57.5-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	880	MAR-MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	680	MAR-MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 MARCH 2002.

The undertone was steady at best on fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins with a gradual increase in both seller confidence and buyer inquiry being noted. Offerings fully adequate to ample. The undertone on wing meat and scapula was barely steady at best with offerings exceeding the limited buyer inquiry. Ground breast trim undertone barely steady with demand only light at best for the available offerings. Domestic trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) and on a light volume of fresh tom breast meat. Fresh MST moved to pet foods at 7 cents delivered. Export trading slow. Most industry members concentrated on deliveries of Russian approved product by deadline date. A few industry members were starting to demonstrate less confidence in the export market on dark meat items.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	96.65	184
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	29.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	27.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	34.10	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	39.00	20
NECKS, TOM	20.00-22.00		20.12	85
NECKS, HEN		F	21.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	127.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	125.00-127.00		126.65	340
THIGH MEAT		F	65.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	62.00		62.00	37
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	104.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	99.63	320
TENDERLOINS		F	127.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	129.50	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	74.00		74.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	12.00-14.00		13.20	652

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	28.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.50		59.50	104

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.

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	62
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-73

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
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

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 MARCH 2002.

The undertone on drums and tom 2-joint wings was steady to barely steady, hen 2-joint wings and tom full-cut wings steady, and necks steady to weak. Demand light. Offerings of drums and tom 2-joint wings were adequate to fully adequate, hen 2-joint wings light, tom full-cut wings light to instances adequate, and tom necks were readily available. Domestic and export trading was slow on all items. Plant grade non-basted breasts traded at 103-105 on 8-10 lb., 107 on 12-14 lb., and 105 cents delivered on 14-16 lb. sizes for domestic shipments. Some tom necks traded at 19 cents delivered export. Offering of institutional breasts were mixed, 14 lb. and heavier sizes were the most readily available.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	139.00-152.00		145.81	42
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	31.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	30.00		30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	29.00		29.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	27.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	27.00		27.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	34.10	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	38.00-39.00		38.50	40
NECKS, TOM		T	20.12	85
NECKS, HEN		F	21.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	127.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	126.65	340
THIGH MEAT		F	65.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	62.00	37
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	104.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	98.00		98.00	80
TENDERLOINS	115.00		115.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	129.50	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	74.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	13.20	652

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-29.00		28.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.00		26.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	13.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.50		62.50	40

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/06/02

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

ACCUMULATED

SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2001-2002	23,340	287,403	287,703
2000-2001	25,872	262,861	263,111