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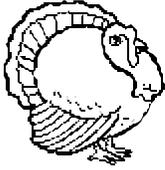
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to barely steady for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms barely steady to weak. Supplies fully adequate, with tom offerings burdensome. Demand very light. Bulk parts trading limited and noted at steady to lower trending price levels. Demand showing some signs of increased activity. Offerings were available.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow except for frozen thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Demand from most buyers cautious, as some improved interest surfacing from the Southern hemisphere.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 07, 2002**

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	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/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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.

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 MARCH 08, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00**	59.20**	61.50
CENTRAL REGION	57.75**	57.50	62.00
WESTERN REGION	59.70**	60.00**	61.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	55.70**	56.10**	60.50
CENTRAL REGION	54.20**	54.50	59.94
WESTERN REGION	55.70**	56.20**	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#	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**

	<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 11-MAR-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)	68.39	102	66.29	70
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.39	102	66.29	70
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

FEBRUARY	416,057*
MARCH 1-3, 2002	20,185*
To date 2002	839,166*
To date 2001	887,398*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 02-Mar-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	846	1	23.15	(A)	848 23.15
SATL	836	0	28.79	(A)	838 28.79
N CENT	1,945	-1	32.04	(A)	1,948 32.04
S CENT	488	-9	24.83	(A)	490 24.83
WEST	353	1	21.89	(A)	355 21.89
U.S.TOTAL	4,468 (B)	-1	28.16	11	4,479 28.16
TO DATE					
2002	39,178(B)			75	39,253
TO DATE					
2001	41,006(B)			142	41,148

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included:
this week 33,000; for the year 353,000; last year to date 324,000.**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 02-Mar-2002

	<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	1,775	2,660	33	11	4,479
AVG WT	16.36	36.09	24.85	28.54	28.16
LAST WEEK	1,754	2,721	56	10	4,541
SAME WK YR AGO	1,969	2,619	57	28	4,673
AVG WT	16.50	33.91	24.12	25.44	26.41
TO-DATE/2002	15,411	23,414	353	75	39,253
TO-DATE/2001	17,041	23,641	324	142	41,148

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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 7 MARCH 2002.

The undertone on white meat was steady to instances weak with some buyers noting increased offerings on scapula, wing meat and other trims when compared to last week. Demand light. Export inquiry was slow with buyer interest from other countries remaining cautious as they either take a wait and see position or bid at lower trending price levels. The export undertone on thigh meat was steady at best, steady to barely steady on necks, and barely steady on drums. Offerings were available with necks and drums held with the least confidence. Mechanically separated turkey offerings continued to exceed the limited buyer interest. Trading light on all items. Grade A non-basted 10-16 lb. breasts traded at 110-112, mostly 110 cents delivered domestic and tom necks traded at 18 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	145.81	42
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	31.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	29.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	27.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	27.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	34.10	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	38.50	40
NECKS, TOM		T	20.12	85
NECKS, HEN		F	21.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	128.50		128.50	40
THIGH MEAT		F	65.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	62.00	37
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	104.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	98.00	80
TENDERLOINS		W	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/	6.00-13.00		10.67	240
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	28.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.50		26.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	13.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.00		61.00	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.

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The undertone on white meat continued steady to instances weak, however, a few processors have noted increased further processed demand resulting in isolated defrosting of frozen product. Demand light to instances fair with offerings still exceeding buyer interest. Domestic demand on bulk parts showed signs of increased activity with trading generally noted at steady to lower trending price levels. Interest was noted on drums from smokers. Offerings were available, except for hen 2-joint wings which were held with confidence. Undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts were steady to barely steady, institutional sizes were steady to weak. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts at least adequate, institutional sizes adequate to burdensome. Increased activity was noted on MST for human consumption resulting in less being sold to pet foods. However, MST movement into pet food channels remained active. Otherwise, domestic trading was moderate on 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Fresh wing meat traded at 75 cents delivered. Export trading was moderate on frozen thigh meat and MST, balance light. Tom necks traded at 18-20 and mixed hand cut machine defatted gizzards traded at 36 cents delivered export. Increased export activity was noted from South America.

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/	95.00		95.00	400	95.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	135.00-154.00		139.11	180	140.38	222
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	93.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00-30.00		28.89	325	28.92	330
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	30.00		30.00	40	30.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	29.00	20	29.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.64	55	26.67	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	27.00	20	27.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	40	30.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	39.00-40.00		39.40	100	39.14	140
NECKS, TOM	19.00-23.00		20.66	201	20.50	286
NECKS, HEN		F	21.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	122.00-125.00		123.50	160	123.50	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	126.00-130.00		128.11	180	127.74	680
THIGH MEAT	61.00		61.00	20	61.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	59.00		59.00	80	59.95	117
BREAST TRIM MEAT	104.00-105.00		104.54	37	104.54	37
SCAPULA MEAT		W	98.00	80	98.00	80
TENDERLOINS	115.00		115.00	52	115.00	92
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	127.00		127.00	20	127.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00		130.00	40	130.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	74.00-75.00		74.50	80	74.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	10.00-14.00		12.16	252	12.44	1,144
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	28.50	160	28.50	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	26.50	40	26.22	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	9.00-13.00		11.01	288	11.69	528
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00-59.50		59.23	224	59.99	488

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