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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Retail sized hens and toms had a steady to barely steady undertone. Offers were more than adequate for the limited buyer interest. Buyers were mostly taking a wait and see attitude while watching for further market developments. Fresh and frozen destrapped tenders were about steady, breast meat was difficult to move. Thigh meat was offered at steady to lower trending prices. Most bulk parts trading consisted of less than truck lot volumes and offers were at steady to barely steady levels.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export activity was extremely light.

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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 12 MARCH 2002.

White meat undertone steady at best. Demand and trading lackluster for the readily available offerings. Buyer sentiment cautiously steady to weak on tom bulk parts. Demand slow with some buyers purchasing product on a hand to mouth basis in anticipation of lower trending price levels. Offerings available. Frozen thigh meat undertone was steady to barely steady. The sluggish export market was starting to cause increased offerings of frozen thigh meat and decreased confidence in the market.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	95.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	139.11	180
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	29.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	27.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	32.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	39.00		39.00	40
NECKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	15
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	123.50	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	128.11	180
THIGH MEAT		F	61.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	59.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	104.54	37
SCAPULA MEAT		W	98.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	115.00	52
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	127.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	130.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	74.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	11.00		11.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	13.00	400

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	29.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	26.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.50		28.50	104
TAILS	27.00-28.00		27.41	68
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	11.50		11.50	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00		59.00	40

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 13 MARCH 2002.

Demand and trading light and selective. Offerings remain available. Buyers taking a wait and see attitude for both export and domestic. Export buyers remain cautious due to the unsettled poultry market to Russia. Domestic buyers slowed due to Lent. The market trend cautiously steady to weak on bulk parts. Purchases taking place generally for current needs only.

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WING MEAT WITH SKIN	77.00		77.00	25
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MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	12.00		12.00	12

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/13/02

SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2001-2002	33,657	321,060	321,360
2000-2001	34,290	297,151	297,401