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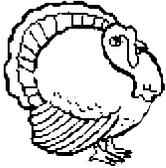
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole body hens was steady to barely steady, toms was barely steady to weak. Offerings fully adequate for the limited demand. Buyers continue to take a wait and see attitude. Bulk parts and meats readily available. Trading centered on heavy volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, balance of items light.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light but activity increasing due to lower trending prices. Demand mixed but mostly slow. No change on the banned poultry to Russia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 26, 2002**

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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/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	53-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	54-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	53-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	54-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 26 MARCH 2002.

Market slow. Demand and trading was light at best on all items. Some export inquiry was noted for South Korea, Caribbean and South Africa. Domestic trading was noted on Grade A non-basted breasts: 10-12 lb. 105, 12-14 lb. 110 and 16-18 lb. 105 cents delivered. Export trading was moderate on hen drums at discounted price levels as some processors cleaned up excess inventories. Offerings of most items were readily available, except for hen 2-joint wings, which were held with confidence.

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/		F	154.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	27.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	25.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	24.47	19
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	34.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	40.50	40
NECKS, TOM	16.50		16.50	40
NECKS, HEN		W	20.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	124.00	480
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	126.67	120
THIGH MEAT	60.00		60.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	102.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		T	97.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	125.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	129.33	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	78.00		78.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	12.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	10.38	65

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.50		57.50	52

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 27 MARCH 2002.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was barely steady at best with tom breast meat held with the least confidence. The trade sentiment on breast trim, wing meat and scapula was barely steady to weak with offerings noted at lower trending price levels. Demand was light at best. Some industry members watching with interest possible production problems in the East. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to barely steady. Demand mixed. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of Grade A 15% 4-8 lb. breasts 95 cents delivered April-August, balance light. Wing meat with skin traded at 57 cents delivered April-May. Export activity light. Increased trading was noted in response to the lower trending offering prices. Hen necks traded at 17 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00		95.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	120.00-135.00		133.79	87
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	27.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00		25.00	32
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	25.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	20.00		20.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	40.50	40
NECKS, TOM		T	16.50	40
NECKS, HEN		W	20.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	124.00	480
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	126.67	120
THIGH MEAT		T	60.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT	99.00		99.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	95.00		95.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	122.00		122.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	129.33	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	78.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	10.00		10.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	10.38	65

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	218
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00-22.00		21.22	134
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.25		29.25	104
TAILS		W	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	7.50-12.50		11.47	252
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00		51.00	208

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/27/02

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

ACCUMULATED

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2001-2002	13,703	340,793	341,093
2000-2001	2,971	318,916	319,166