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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to barely steady. Offerings moderate to heavy for current demand. Activity increasing slightly for prompt shipments of fresh and frozen whole birds. Bulk parts and meats supplies adequate however, movement domestically improving slightly and consisted mainly of light volumes.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand slow to mostly moderate. Improved inquiry noted from Asia, Caribbean and Mexico. Current conditions in Russia appear that both sides are moving forward on a protocol agreement that "could" result in the ban being lifted as early as April 10 reported by industry sources.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 28, 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	59	59.00	3000	-	-	-	360	APR-JUN
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	880	APR-MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54-55	54	54.00	2800	-	-	-	200	APR-JUN
CENTRAL REGION 4/	53-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	320	APR-MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	54-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	58	58.00	880	60.00	2560	APR	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	58	58.00	20	62.00	2560	MAY	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	53-56	56	56.00	1040	57.00	2960	APR	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	52-56	52	52.00	20	59.00	2960	MAY	-	-

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 29, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MARCH	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00	59.00 **	62.95	EASTERN REGION	59.00	60.03	62.38
CENTRAL REGION	58.00	59.00	62.00 **	CENTRAL REGION	58.31	59.15	61.85
WESTERN REGION	58.00	59.50 **	62.50	WESTERN REGION	59.50	60.26	61.68
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	54.00	55.80 **	61.00	EASTERN REGION	55.52	56.97	60.89
CENTRAL REGION	56.00	56.00	60.50 **	CENTRAL REGION	54.57	56.25	60.28
WESTERN REGION	52.00	55.50 **	61.00	WESTERN REGION	55.31	57.50	60.39

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**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 01-ARP-2002**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	66.37	121	65.00	260
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	66.37	121	65.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

FEBRUARY	416,057*
MARCH 1-23, 2002	319,268*
To date 2002	1,138,250*
To date 2001	1,196,205*

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)**

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PCT CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u>		<u>BANDED</u>	<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>LIVE WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD-</u>	<u>LIVE WT</u>
N EAST	836	1	22.81	(A)	838	22.81
SATL	826	-5	27.10	(A)	828	27.10
N CENT	2,012	7	31.74	(A)	2,014	31.74
S CENT	466	-3	23.08	(A)	468	23.08
WEST	389	2	22.74	(A)	391	22.74
U.S.TOTAL	4,529(B)	2	27.58	10	4,539	27.58
TO DATE						

2002 52,640(B) 104 52,744
TO DATE

2001 55,334(B) 195 55,529

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 52,000; for the year 511,000; last year to date 453,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>			
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	1,795	2,682	52	10		4,539
AVG WT	16.13	35.30	24.61	29.46		27.58
LAST WEEK	1,772	2,620	53	5		4,450
SAME WK YR AGO	1,967	2,805	37	10		4,819
AVG WT	16.60	34.88	26.20	27.20		27.34
TO-DATE/2002	20,783	31,346	511	104		52,744
TO-DATE/20012	23,134	31,747	453	195		55,529

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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 28 MARCH 2002.

Trade sentiment on hen bulk parts ranged from fully steady on hen 2-joint wings to steady at best on the balance of items. Tom bulk parts trade sentiment ranged from steady to instances weak. Domestic demand was slow. Offerings of hen parts ranged from tight on 2-joint wings to at least adequate on the balance of items. Tom bulk parts offerings ranged from adequate to instances burdensome, mostly adequate to ample. Tom breast meat demand was generally light with instances of increased activity noted into further processors for post Easter needs. Domestic trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey and a fair volume of 4-8 lb. breasts. Export trading light for the slow to instances moderate inquiry.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	96.00		96.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	133.79	87
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	92.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	25.00	32
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	40.00-41.00		40.67	60
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	25
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	124.00	480
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	126.67	120
THIGH MEAT	51.00-58.00		54.40	200
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.50		57.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	99.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	92.00		92.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	115.00		115.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	129.00-130.00		129.20	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	72.00		72.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	11.00		11.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	11.00-14.00		12.13	640
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.14	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	21.22	134
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.25	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	11.47	252
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.50-58.00		57.40	200

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 was unsettled on fresh tom breast meat due in part to most processors working holiday processing schedules. The undertone on destrapped tenderloins was steady at best and the balance of white meat items were barely steady to weak. White meat offerings readily available for the mostly light demand. Increased domestic activity was noted on bulk parts, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Domestic trading of all items consisted mostly of light volumes. Export demand and trading continued to improve and ranged from slow to moderate, mostly moderate. Inquiry centered mostly from Asia and the Caribbean, and improved interest was noted from Mexico. Part loads of Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts traded at 99-100 cents delivered domestic. Tom necks traded at 20, defatted gizzards 41, Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 97, and frozen tom breast meat 123 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/		R	96.00	400	95.50	800
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	152.00		152.00	240	147.16	327
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00-93.00		91.40	200	91.70	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00-26.50		25.13	240	25.13	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	25.00	32	25.00	32
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	40	24.20	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	20	24.00	29
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	24.00	20	21.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	40.00-42.00		40.67	120	40.67	180
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	80	17.59	145
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/						
THIGH MEAT		R	54.40	200	54.91	220
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	57.50	40	57.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	99.00		99.00	20	99.00	100
SCAPULA MEAT		R	92.00	40	94.00	120
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	115.00	40	118.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	129.20	200	129.20	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	70.00-72.00		70.40	100	72.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	11.00	80	10.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	11.00-12.50		11.58	240	11.98	880
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.50-28.50		24.52	496	24.82	1,098
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00-23.00		21.59	380	21.49	514
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.50-29.25		28.88	416	28.95	520
TAILS	21.00		21.00	160	21.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	10.00-12.00		11.83	472	11.70	724
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.00-59.00		56.57	524	55.61	984

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