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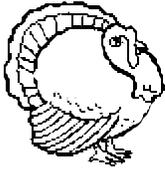
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole body hens and toms was steady to barely steady. Offerings of whole body hens and toms remain sufficient. Demand remains slow and cautious. Bulk parts and meats offerings available. Trading and demand was slow.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Continued good movement into export channels centered on frozen thigh meat and tom drums. Demand was moderate to good. Interest still surfacing from Asia, Eastern Europe and Mexico.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 04, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-59	56-57.5	56.75	800	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	MAY
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	MAY

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EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	58	58.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	52-54	52	52.00	40	-	-	-	-	-

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 APRIL 05, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	56.95	59.00	63.00
CENTRAL REGION	58.00 **	58.00	61.60 **
WESTERN REGION	58.00	58.00	62.40 **
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	54.00	54.00	61.00
CENTRAL REGION	53.00 **	56.00	60.10 **
WESTERN REGION	52.00	52.00	60.90 **

\*\*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#	61
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-72

**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 08-APR-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)	67.40	100	62.67	60
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.40	100	62.67	60
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

FEBRUARY	416,057*
MARCH 1-30, 2002	412,323*
To date 2002	1,231,304*
To date 2001	1,297,912*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 30-Mar-2002  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	694	-17	23.00	(A)	695	23.00
S ATL	741	-10	29.77	(A)	741	29.77
N CENT	1,933	-4	31.42	(A)	1,933	31.42
S CENT	404	-13	24.14	(A)	404	24.14
WEST	345	-11	22.36	(A)	345	22.36
U.S. TOTAL	4,117(B)	-9	28.23	1	4,118	28.23

TO-DATE

2002 56,757(B) 105 56,862

TO-DATE

2001 60,048(B) 226 60,274

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 21,000 for the year 532,000; last year to date 484,000

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 30-Mar-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>					
HEAD	1,584	2,512	21	1		4,118
AVG WT	16.63	35.56	26.25	52.45		28.23
LAST WEEK	1,795	2,682	52	10		4,539
SAME WK YR AGO	2,068	2,615	31	31		4,745
AVG WT	16.77	34.80	26.82	20.66		26.84
TO-DATE/2002	22,367	33,858	532	105		56,862
TO-DATE/2001	25,202	34,362	484	226		60,274

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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 4 APRIL 2002.

The market continued to be the most active into export channels with demand and trading centered on drums and thigh meat. Inquiry into export channels ranged fair to good and was noted from Asia, Eastern Europe, and Mexico. Trading was heavy on frozen thigh meat, fair on drums, and light on the balance of items. Tom necks traded at 18, fresh tom drums 24, and thigh trim 29-34 cents delivered. Some processors were also noting increased open priced fresh tom drum movement into export channels. Supplies of frozen thigh meat were moving into a better balance and being held in increasingly more confident hands. Offerings of drums, necks and mechanically separated turkey were available, tom 2-joint wings mixed. Some industry members noted tom full-cut wings were less available. Hearts traded at 27 and 10-16 lb. nonbasted plant grade breasts 95 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	96.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	91.40	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00		25.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	26.00		26.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	32.37	63
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	40.00		40.00	40
NECKS, TOM	17.00-19.00		18.05	84
NECKS, HEN		W	18.00	18
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	125.00		125.00	240
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/				
THIGH MEAT	56.00		56.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	57.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	99.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		R	92.00	40
TENDERLOINS		T	123.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	121.13	320
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	129.20	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	70.40	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	11.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	10.00-11.00		10.33	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-25.00		24.27	492
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00		20.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	312
TAILS		W	23.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00-57.00		56.24	1,604

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.

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

The market continued to center on product going into export channels. Export demand was fair to good with trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of frozen thigh meat at steady to barely steady price levels. Offerings were available and, in some cases, still overwhelmed the increased buying interest as sellers moved excess inventories into marketing channels. Domestic trading was heavy on plant grade 4-7 lb. breasts for current shipments, balance light. The tom breast meat undertone was steady to instances weak, destrapped tenderloins steady at best, and barely steady to instances weak on the balance of white meat items. Demand and trading light at best. Offerings available with breast meat and destrapped tenderloins held in the strongest hands. Tom bulk parts offers available, however, increased domestic ground turkey demand was noted. For domestic: Fresh tom wings 22, Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb. 100 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 18, hen full-cut wings 24, thigh trim 28, fresh thigh meat 56 cents delivered.

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	42
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00-92.00		90.14	1,160	90.14	1,160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.29	28	25.46	54
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00		25.00	40	25.00	89
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	120	24.47	343
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	24.00	40	23.31	175
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	24.00	40	24.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	12	31.99	115
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	40.00	40	41.00	120
NECKS, TOM	17.00-19.00		17.72	71	18.24	196
NECKS, HEN		W	18.00	18	18.33	27
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	119.00-123.00		122.44	93	124.29	333
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/						
THIGH MEAT	50.00-58.00		53.60	100	54.67	180
THIGH MEAT—FRESH						
BREAST TRIM MEAT	97.00-98.00		97.33	120	97.33	120
SCAPULA MEAT	91.00		91.00	60	91.00	60
TENDERLOINS		T	123.00	10	123.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	121.13	320	121.13	320
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00-131.00		130.83	116	130.83	116
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	72.00		72.00	10	72.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	11.00	80	11.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	10.00-14.00		12.79	330	11.90	998
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-25.75		25.23	172	24.45	1,112
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	156	20.86	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	24.00	312	24.86	364
TAILS	27.00		27.00	56	24.65	136
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.00	200	13.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.50-57.00		56.65	714	56.29	2,662

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