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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 adequate for current needs. Demand light as buyers are cautious and not pushing to purchase. Limited sales reported of private label whole birds that are basted, netted and timed with price ceilings for hens at 59.25 cents and for toms at 53.25 cents for April. Bulk parts and meats offerings fully adequate. Buyers and sellers at a stand off. Buyers bidding lower on product and sellers offering items at steady price levels. Domestic trading consisted of limited volumes on a variety of items.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading centered on light volumes of frozen thigh meat and tom drums. Demand light to moderate as most buyers take a wait and see attitude. Interest noted from Mexico, Eastern Europe and Asia. Most sources watching for further developments of the Russian ban of poultry.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 09, 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	3250	APR-NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	59	59.00	240	59.00	2000	MAY	4150	APR-NOV
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	2800	APR-NOV
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	2300	APR-NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	53-55	55	55.00	400	55.00	2200	MAY	2300	APR-NOV
WESTERN REGION 5/	52-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	2300	APR-NOV

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EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	640	JUN-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	760	JUN-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	53-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	52-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 9 APRIL 2002.

Hen bulk parts trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on hen 2-joint wings, steady at best on the balance of items. Tom bulk parts trade sentiment was steady to barely steady with increased confidence noted by some industry members. Demand light. Offerings of hen parts ranged from light on hen 2-joint wings to mostly adequate on the balance of items. Tom bulk parts offerings ranged adequate to fully adequate with tom 2-joints the most readily available. Trading centered on moderately heavy volumes of fresh mechanically separated turkey for domestic shipments and frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. Fresh thigh meat traded at 56 cents delivered export. Private label frozen non-basted 4-8 lb. breasts traded at 102 and Grade A non-basted 16-18 lb. breasts 105 cents delivered.

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/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	90.14	1,160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	23.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.50-24.00		23.65	57
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	31.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	40.00	40
NECKS, TOM	17.50-18.00		17.82	112
NECKS, HEN		W	18.00	18
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	123.00		123.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/				
THIGH MEAT	57.00		57.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	97.33	120
SCAPULA MEAT		F	91.00	60
TENDERLOINS		T	123.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	125.00		125.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	127.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	12.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	10.00-12.00		11.33	731
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	22.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	24.00	312
TAILS		M	25.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.50-57.00		55.93	720

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

**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 10 APRIL 2002.

The white meat undertone was steady at best. Demand slow with some sellers waiting for the seasonal improvements in the market to start occurring. Offerings available. Domestic and export trading was light on all items. Export inquiry ranged slow to moderate for Mexico, Asia and Russia with buyers bidding at lower trending price levels. Most sellers, however, were ignoring the lower trending bids and were instead offering out at mostly steady price levels while they wait for further market developments from Russia. Hen necks traded at 16.25 and fresh thigh meat at 56 cents delivered export.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00		97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	90.14	1,160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	25.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	24.00		24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	23.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	23.65	57
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	31.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	40.00	40
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	40
NECKS, HEN		W	18.00	18
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	123.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/				
THIGH MEAT	55.00		55.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00		57.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	97.33	120
SCAPULA MEAT		F	91.00	60
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	125.00		125.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00		130.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00		67.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00		12.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	11.33	731

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-25.00		24.57	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	24.00	312
TAILS		M	25.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00-12.50		12.25	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00-58.00		56.47	170

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/10/02

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2001-2002	-	342,187	342,487
2000-2001	14,339	342,855	343,105