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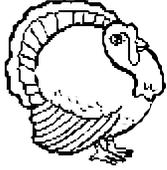
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole body hens and toms was steady. Offerings adequate for current needs. Deferred offerings unsettled due to the growing Avian Flu infections on the East Coast. Demand light. Limited sales reported. Bulk parts and meats offerings fully adequate. Trading light.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a heavy volume of tom drums, balance light. Demand light to moderate. Most remain cautious toward the market due to the continuation of the ban of 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) APRIL 11, 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/	58.5-59	58.5	58.50	200	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	53.5-54	53.5	53.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	53-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	52-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	53.5-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	53-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	52-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 12, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50	56.95	63.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	59.00	58.00 **	61.50 **
WESTERN REGION	59.00 **	58.00	62.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	53.50	54.00	60.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	55.00	53.00 **	63.40
WESTERN REGION	53.10 **	52.00	61.00 **

\*\*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 15-APR-2002**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	65.42	62	60.25	32
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	65.42	62	60.25	32
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

MARCH	412,323*
APRIL 1-6, 2002	75,703*
To date 2002	1,307,007*
To date 2001	1,402,345*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS  
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 06-Apr-2002  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)**

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	882	27	(A)	883	22.41
SATL	415	-44	(A)	416	25.41
N CENT	1,828	-5	(A)	1,829	30.57
S CENT	478	18	(A)	479	23.31
WEST	387	12	(A)	388	22.36
U.S. TOTAL	3,990(B)	-3	5	3,995	26.61
TO-DATE					
2002	60,747(B)		110	60,857	
TO-DATE					
2001	64,957(B)		226	65,183	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 24,000 for the year 556,000; last year to date 536,000.**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 06-Apr-2002**

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>					
HEAD	1,762	2,204	24	5		3,995
AVG WT	16.21	34.94	24.29	33.82		26.61
LAST WEEK	1,584	2,512	21	1		4,118
SAME WK YR AGO	2,254	2,603	52	0		4,909
AVG WT	16.29	35.57	23.11	0.00		26.59
TO-DATE/2002	24,129	36,062	556	110		60,857
TO-DATE/2001	27,456	36,965	536	226		65,183

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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 11 APRIL 2002.

Bulk parts trade sentiment was steady to instances firm on hen 2-joint wings, steady to instances weak mostly steady to barely steady with cautiousness noted on the balance of items. Some industry members were taking a wait and see position while they watched for further developments concerning the production problems in the East and the Russian import ban. Offerings of hen 2-joints wings were limited and held in firm hands, balance of bulk parts were available. Domestic trading centered on a fair volume of frozen tom breast meat at 127 cents delivered June-August, balance light. Export trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of tom drums, balance slow. Tom necks traded at 17 and tom defatted gizzards at 49 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	90.14	1,160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	25.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	23.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00-24.00		22.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	31.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	40.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	18.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	124.00		124.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	128.00		128.00	40
THIGH MEAT		W	55.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	57.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	97.33	120
SCAPULA MEAT		F	91.00	60
TENDERLOINS	125.00		125.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	125.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	130.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	67.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	12.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	10.00-13.00		11.00	200

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00-24.00		22.49	708
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	24.00	312
TAILS		M	25.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	12.25	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.00		55.00	208

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 12 APRIL 2002.

White meat trade sentiment was mixed on destrapped tenderloins and tom breast meat, steady to weak on the balance of items. Instances of increased activity was noted on destrapped tenderloins and frozen tom breast meat, balance slow. Offerings of destrapped tenderloins and tom breast meat were held with varying degrees of confidence, balance adequate to instances burdensome. Offerings of tom full-cut wings were starting to become less available, yet, trading was noted at steady to barely steady price levels. Domestic trading light. Fresh ground breast trim traded at 83 cents delivered current and frozen tom breast meat 145 cents delivered July - December, 2002. Export demand light to fair. Increased export inquiry was noted on defatted gizzards. Trading centered on a heavy volume of tom drums, balance light. For export: tom defatted gizzards 43, fresh thigh meat 58.75 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/		W	97.00	40	97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	30	154.00	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	90.14	1,160		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00-24.00		22.26	92	22.32	94
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	24.00		24.00	40	24.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	20	23.57	35
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	15	23.08	152
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	20	24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	120	31.00	146
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	40.00		40.00	20	40.00	20
NECKS, TOM	16.00-18.00		16.55	55	17.52	207
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	124.00	200	123.83	240
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	128.00	40	128.00	40
THIGH MEAT		W	55.00	40	53.59	82
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	57.00	80	57.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	96.00		96.00	40	96.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	91.00	60		
TENDERLOINS		R	125.00	4	125.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	115.00		115.00	40	122.50	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00		130.00	40	129.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	67.00	40	67.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	12.00	40	12.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	10.00-11.00		10.80	100	11.21	1,031
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00-24.00		22.93	752	23.05	1,852
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	80	22.23	264
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		M	25.00	80	25.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	10.00-12.00		10.71	224	11.12	304
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.25-57.00		54.79	224	55.70	1,362

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