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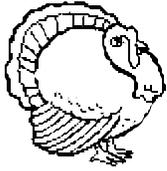
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms steady to fully steady. Offerings of product mixed. Some sellers removing availability of product out front until the market becomes more stabilized due to the spreading of the Avian Flu in the East. Sales reported for October with price ceilings of 75 cents for hens and 73 cents for toms. Bulk parts and meats trading light. Demand slow.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. Demand slow. Interest noted from Africa, Asia 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 18, 2002**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
					WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59.5	59.5	59.50	30	60.50	20	MAY	1160	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-55.5	55.5	55.50	10	55.50	20	MAY	1160	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	950	OCT
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-55.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	680	OCT

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 19, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	60.00	58.50	63.00
CENTRAL REGION	58.17	59.00	62.25
WESTERN REGION	60.00 **	59.00 **	62.90 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	55.00	53.50	60.60 **
CENTRAL REGION	54.05	55.00	60.36
WESTERN REGION	55.00 **	53.10 **	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#	59-61
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**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 22-APR-2002**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	66.60	107	61.60	50
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	66.60	107	61.60	50
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

MARCH	414,323*
APRIL 1-13, 2002	182,342*
To date 2002	1,413,646*
To date 2001	1,493,853*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 13-Apr-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>
	<u>PCT CHG</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>	<u>OLD BANDED</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	856	-3	21.15	(A) 857	21.15
SATL	769	85	30.22	(A) 770	30.22
N CENT	2,306	26	31.06	(A) 2,306	31.06
S CENT	470	-2	22.21	(A) 470	22.21
WEST	426	10	23.03	(A) 426	23.03
U.S. TOTAL	4,827(B)	21	27.60	2 4,829	27.60
TO-DATE					
2002	65,574(B)			112	65,686
TO-DATE					
2001	69,212(B)			235	69,447

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 27,000 for the year 583,000; last year to date 568,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 13-Apr-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	2,036	2,764	27	2	4,829
AVG WT	16.60	35.71	26.52	37.08	27.60
LAST WEEK	1,762	2,204	24	5	3,995
SAME WK YR AGO	1,811	2,412	32	9	4,264
AVG WT	16.28	34.74	24.54	33.71	26.82
TO-DATE/2002	26,165	38,826	583	112	65,686
TO-DATE/2001	29,267	39,377	568	235	69,447

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CORRECTION ON 04/17/2002: Frozen tom breast meat trading should have been fresh at 133 cents.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 APRIL 2002.

The undertone on tom breast meat was mostly steady with some spot weakness still noted, steady to instances weak on destrapped tenderloins, steady at best on breast trim, barely steady to weak on wing meat and scapula. Demand was slow to fair on tom breast meat and breast trim, light on destrapped tenderloins, and nil on the balance of white meat. White meat offerings were available with scapula and wing meat held with the least confidence. Thigh meat undertone mixed. Trading was noted on thigh meat at lower prices while some sellers raised their offering prices. Mechanically separated turkey undertone steady. Offerings uneven. Trading centered on light volumes of breast trim for domestic and tom 2-joint wings for export. For domestic: frozen thigh trim 36 and fresh breast trim 95 cents delivered. Fresh tom drums traded at 24 cents delivered export.

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/	154.00-157.00		154.27	22
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	29
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	29
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.50		23.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	36
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	32.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	40.00		40.00	20
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	12
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	122.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	128.00-133.00		131.67	180
THIGH MEAT		T	58.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	57.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	95.00-98.00		96.62	260
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		R	125.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	120.00		120.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	120.00		120.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	9.00-12.00		10.43	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	12.00		12.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	21.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00-30.50		28.83	312
TAILS	19.00		19.00	416
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	11.50		11.50	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.00		52.00	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.

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Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on hen 2-joint wings , mostly steady on drums and full-cut wings, necks steady to barely steady. Demand was light to instances fair. Offerings of hen 2-joint wings were short of buyers' needs, necks and tom 2-joint wings adequate to sometimes ample, balance generally adequate for buyers' needs. Firm priced domestic and export trading light on all items. Fresh scapula traded at 89, Grade A non-basted 14-18 lb. breasts 98-99, plant grade basted 18-20 lb. breasts 102 cents delivered domestic. Scapula traded at 88 cents delivered export.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.27	22	153.14	44
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	93.00	40	93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	40	24.42	69
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	24.00		24.00	10	24.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	20	24.00	129
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	160	23.18	264
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	20	24.00	76
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	32.00	20	32.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	40.00	20	40.00	20
NECKS, TOM	17.00-18.00		17.50	80	17.73	120
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	25	17.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	122.00		122.00	40	122.00	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	126.00-127.00		126.50	80	130.40	400
THIGH MEAT	50.00-56.00		51.50	160	52.22	180
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	57.00	40	57.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	96.00		96.00	40	96.47	340
SCAPULA MEAT	87.00		87.00	40	87.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	120.00	20	120.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	120.00	20	125.71	140
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	10.43	140	10.33	180
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	12.00-14.50		13.09	220	11.95	830
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00-23.50		23.38	160	23.42	480
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	21.00	52	21.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.50		28.50	52	28.58	624
TAILS		R	19.00	416	19.40	520
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	80	12.00	240
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00		57.00	40	52.81	248

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