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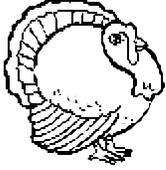
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to fully steady on retail sized whole turkeys. Availability varied by location and date of shipment. Spot loads for prompt delivery were sufficient. Some buyers continued to wait and watch for further developments. Bulk meat activity was very quiet. Bulk parts trading consisted of less than truck lot volume sales.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

A moderate volume of tom drums moved to the border. Light volumes of thigh meat, hen necks and tom v-type wings delivered to port for current shipment, a fair volume of mechanically separated turkey for deferred shipment.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 23, 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/ | 60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 58-59.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 240 | MAY |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 55 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 54-55.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 240 | MAY |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 55 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degree 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 23 APRIL 2002.

Bulk parts undertone was steady to firm on hen 2-joint wings, steady to fully steady on tom drums, steady to barely steady on necks and mostly steady on the balance of parts. Domestic bulk parts demand and trading was generally light due in part to some industry members attending a poultry conference. Tom drum offerings ranged light to adequate and continued to tighten in some parts of the country resulting in trading at higher trending price levels. Hen 2-joint wing offerings ranged short to light, necks adequate to sometimes fully adequate, tom 2-joint wings ample, balance of items were adequate for buyers' needs. Livers traded at 20 cents delivered domestic and hen necks at 17 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/ | | R | 154.27 | 22 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | W | 93.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | | M | 24.50 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | | F | 24.00 | 10 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | 24.00 | | 24.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | | M | 23.50 | 40 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | 24.00 | | 24.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 26.00 | | 26.00 | 10 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | 40.00 | | 40.00 | 20 |
| NECKS, TOM | 18.00 | | 18.00 | 40 |
| NECKS, HEN | | R | 17.00 | 25 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | F | 122.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ | | M | 126.00 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT | | F | 51.50 | 160 |
| THIGH MEAT—FRESH | | W | 57.00 | 40 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | M | 96.67 | 240 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | M | 87.50 | 80 |
| TENDERLOINS | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | R | 120.00 | 20 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH | | R | 120.00 | 20 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | 63.00 | | 63.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | M | 13.00 | 80 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/ | | M | 11.31 | 568 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 25.00-26.00 | | 25.46 | 224 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | W | 21.00 | 52 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | M | 29.00 | 52 |
| TAILS | | R | 19.00 | 416 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | F | 13.00 | 80 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 57.00 | | 57.00 | 20 |

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# | 60-61 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28# | 65-72 |

**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 |

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The white meat market continued slow for the readily available offerings. The undertone on wing meat was weak with most sellers unable to attract buyer interest, scapula barely steady to weak, breast trim steady at best, balance of white meat steady to barely steady. Trading was the most active into export channels, balance light. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums at steady to fully steady price levels and on frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey at 11 cents delivered July - August, 2002. Some hen necks traded at 16 cents delivered port for export. Offerings of tom drums continued to tighten as some processors divert production to satisfy increased ground turkey needs. Export offerings of frozen thigh meat uneven and held with varying degrees of confidence.

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| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 23.00-24.00 | | 23.93 | 43 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | | F | 24.00 | 10 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | 23.00-24.00 | | 23.80 | 25 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 24.00 | | 24.00 | 20 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | 23.00 | | 23.00 | 6 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 28.00 | | 28.00 | 11 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | 39.00-40.00 | | 39.57 | 35 |
| NECKS, TOM | | T | 18.00 | 40 |
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| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 24.00-24.50 | | 24.12 | 520 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | W | 21.00 | 52 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 29.00 | | 29.00 | 208 |
| TAILS | | R | 19.00 | 416 |
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| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 53.50 | | 53.50 | 104 |

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/23/02

| POULTRY HEALTH BOARD | ACCUMULATED | | |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| SEASON | HEAVY | HEAVY | ALL |
| JULY 1 TO JUNE 30 | WHITE | WHITES | BREEDS |
| 2001-2002 | 19,138 | 362,094 | 362,394 |
| 2000-2001 | 0 | 348,736 | 348,986 |