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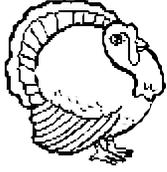
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to instances firm. Inquiry light to fair. No trading reported. Offerings were generally held with confidence. White meat market was steady to fully steady on tom breast meat, mostly steady on destrapped tenderloins and the balance of white meat items were attempting to find a floor. Demand moderate on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow to instances moderate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat, balance light. Demand light to fair. Offerings mixed with the availability of some items dependant upon destination.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 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/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	64	64.00	20	-	-	-	800	MAY-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58	58	58.00	20	-	-	-	1560	MAY-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 MAY 10, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.00	62.83	65.50**
CENTRAL REGION	64.00	60.00	64.30**
WESTERN REGION	63.00**	60.60**	65.00**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	57.70**	57.91	61.00
CENTRAL REGION	58.00	57.00	60.00**
WESTERN REGION	57.70**	55.00	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#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	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 13-MAY-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)	68.80	87	65.00	28
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.80	87	65.00	28
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

APRIL	432,474*
MAY 1-4, 2002	62,288*
To date 2002	1,726,066*
To date 2001	1,799,018*

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 04-May-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	797	-12	23.22	(A) 798	23.22
SATL	854	6	28.25	(A) 855	28.25
N CENT	2,237	5	29.82	(A) 2,140	29.82
S CENT	478	-1	22.73	(A) 479	22.73
WEST	423	5	22.21	(A) 424	22.21
U.S. TOTAL	4,789(B)	1	27.06	6 4,795	27.06
TO-DATE					
2002	79,803(B)			130 79,933	
TO-DATE					
2001	83,180(B)			267 83,447	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 50,000; for the year 780,000; last year to date 686,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 04-May-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	2,006	2,733	50	6	4,795
AVG WT	16.34	34.97	25.09	27.32	27.06
LAST WEEK	1,950	2,719	67	10	4,746
SAME WK YR AGO	2,072	2,669	44	17	4,802
AVG WT	16.27	35.76	25.40	28.43	27.23
TO-DATE/2002	32,057	46,966	780	130	79,933
TO-DATE/2001	35,151	47,343	686	267	83,447

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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 9 MAY 2002.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to fully steady. Supplies ranged from short of requirements to instances fully adequate. Frozen tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment was mostly steady for the very light reported trading and demand. Offerings varied by regions. The trade sentiment on the balance of white meat items was steady to weak. Domestic and export trading consisted of light volumes.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	99.00	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	90.82	88
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00		25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	28.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	43.00		43.00	20
NECKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	125.00		125.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	133.00-134.00		133.86	140
THIGH MEAT		F	57.00	30
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	58.00		58.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	87.00	480
SCAPULA MEAT		W	80.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	120.86	280
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	130.09	88
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	57.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	11.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00		14.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.50		25.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	22.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.75		29.75	54
TAILS		F	23.58	96
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	12.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00		53.00	80

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 on fresh tom breast meat was steady to instances firm. Demand fair, best on close trimmed product. Offerings ranged from tight for prompt shipments to adequate for deferred. The undertone on wing meat continued steady to weak, however, improved interest was noted at the lower trending price levels. Offerings ample. The scapula undertone was barely steady with trading noted on product that was mostly -6 months age. Frozen thigh meat trade sentiment unsettled with some expressing confidence in the market while others note trading at lower trending prices. Mechanically separated turkey (MST) trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Demand on frozen MST was light to fair, fresh fair to good with some processors noting seasonal market improvements on fresh. Offerings of fresh MST were light at best, frozen light to instances adequate with some spot availability noted on product with over 60 days age.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	99.00	600	99.00	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	152.93	43
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	90.82	88	90.82	88
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	24.00	20	24.98	225
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	25.00	40	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	40	23.03	103
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	5	23.24	112
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	24.00	20	24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	11	28.00	31
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	43.00	20	43.00	20
NECKS, TOM		R	17.00	40	17.23	52
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	125.00		125.00	40	125.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	130.00-135.00		132.50	160	131.83	820
THIGH MEAT		F	57.00	30		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	58.00	20	58.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	87.00	480	87.00	480
SCAPULA MEAT	80.00-82.00		80.32	190	81.35	310
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	120.86	280	120.86	280
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00		130.00	13	130.08	101
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	55.00-59.00		56.23	130	56.52	210
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00		12.00	40	12.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	12.00-14.00		13.20	200	11.87	1,080
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	25.50	160	25.25	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	22.00	104	22.67	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	29.75	54	29.75	54
TAILS		F	23.58	96		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00-13.00		12.89	180	12.62	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.50-57.00		55.00	100	54.87	444

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