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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 LB. hens and 16-24 LB. toms was steady to fully steady, instances firm on hens. Demand mixed. No sales for prompt shipment reported. Sales reported for June 64 cents for hens, toms at 61 cents. Offerings limited. Meats and parts trading slow. Demand cautious and selective. Supplies light to adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand limited. Trading centered on moderate volumes of frozen thigh meat. Supplies mixed.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 14, 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	1440	OCT
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	2520	OCT

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EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	64.00	1000	JUN	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58	-	-	-	61.00	1000	JUN	-	-
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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 MAY 2002.

Tom drum trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady, however, some spot weakness was noted in the East. Inquiry ranged slow to fair. Offerings of tom drums were light at best in the Midwest, mixed in the East. Tom 2-joint wing trade sentiment was fully steady. Demand was light to fair for the limited offerings. Tom full-cut wing trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady with some spot cautiousness noted. Demand fair with some holding offerings more confidently than others. Tom neck trade sentiment was steady to instances weak. Demand slow for the readily available offerings. High meat trade sentiment ranged from at least steady to instances weak. Demand was slow to instances fair. Offerings were held with varying degrees of confidence with some sellers willing to entertain lower buyer bids. Trading centered on a heavy volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey for domestic shipments, balance light.

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/	152.00		152.00	23
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	94.00		94.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	23.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	43.00	20
NECKS, TOM	17.00-18.00		17.26	54
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	125.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	128.00-130.00		129.50	240
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	58.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	87.00	480
SCAPULA MEAT		F	80.32	190
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	123.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	131.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	58.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	12.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	11.00-12.00		11.32	990
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	25.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.75		29.75	52
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	12.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.00-56.00		54.08	304

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 Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-72

**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 15 MAY 2002.

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins with fresh tom breast meat in the strongest position. Fresh white meat demand was slow to moderate for the light to adequate offerings. Trade sentiment on frozen tom breast meat was steady, frozen destrapped tenderloins steady to barely steady, and ground breast trim, wing meat and scapula were barely steady at best. Frozen white meat demand was slow to instances fair. Offerings ranged from light and held with confidence on frozen tom breast meat to adequate to ample on the balance. Trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. Some sellers have noted some spot shortages of fresh thigh meat in the West resulting in some instances a willingness to pay premiums. Plant grade 12-16 lb. non-basted breasts traded at 92 cents delivered domestic. For export: young hen drums 19.50, breeder drums 21, hen full-cut wings 22 cents delivered export.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00		97.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		T	152.00	23
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	94.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.50		25.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	23.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	24.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	43.00	20
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	125.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	130.00		130.00	80
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	55.00-59.00		57.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	87.00	480
SCAPULA MEAT		F	80.32	190
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	123.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00		130.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	58.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	12.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	13.00		13.00	80

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.75		26.75	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	22.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	29.75	52
TAILS	19.00		19.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	12.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-57.00		56.45	440

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 05/15/02

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2001-2002	-	380,874	381,174
2000-2001	-	350,325	350,575