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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and toms was steady to fully steady, instances firm on hens. Demand mixed. Sales reported for prompt shipment and also open priced for the upcoming month of June. Supplies varied regionally with some withholding deferred offerings due to the uncertainty of the effect of the Avian Flu in the East region. Meats and parts trading slow. Offerings light to adequate. Demand selective for the domestic market.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light. Trading slow with sales centering on frozen thigh meat and tom 2-joint wings. Most export markets slow with some interest from Russia noted. 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 17, 2001**

| | 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 | 63 | 63.00 | 80 | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 63-64 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 240 | JUN |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 63-64 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 58 | 58 | 58.00 | 80 | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 57-58 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 240 | JUN |
| WESTERN REGION | 58 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 63-64 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 63-64 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 63 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 58 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 58 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION | 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 17, 2002 | CURRENT WEEK | LAST WEEK | SAME WEEK YEAR AGO |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 8-16 LB HENS | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 63.00 | 64.00 | 65.70** |
| CENTRAL REGION | 63.50** | 64.00 | 61.50 |
| WESTERN REGION | 63.10** | 63.00** | 65.00** |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 58.00 | 57.70** | 60.70** |
| CENTRAL REGION | 57.90** | 58.00 | 61.00 |
| WESTERN REGION | 58.00** | 57.70** | 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 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**

| | <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 20-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) | 70.21 | 183 | 64.00 | 40 |
| SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED) | 70.21 | 183 | 64.00 | 40 |
| SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY) | | | | |
| SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED) | | | | |

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

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| APRIL | 432,474* |
| MAY 1-11, 2002 | 169,328* |
| To date 2002 | 1,833,106* |
| To date 2001 | 1,903,495* |

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 11-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> |
| -THOUSAND HEAD- | | | | |
| N EAST | 780 | -2 | 23.15 | (A) 781 23.15 |
| SATL | 801 | -6 | 28.70 | (A) 803 28.70 |
| N CENT | 2,285 | 2 | 31.06 | (A) 2,287 31.06 |
| S CENT | 480 | 0 | 22.90 | (A) 481 22.90 |
| WEST | 477 | 13 | 21.86 | (A) 478 21.86 |
| U.S. TOTAL | 4,823(B) | 1 | 27.70 | 7 4,830 27.70 |
| TO-DATE | | | | |
| 2002 | 84,626(B) | | | 137 84,763 |
| TO-DATE | | | | |
| 2001 | 87,972(B) | | | 271 88,243 |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 40,000 for the year 820,000; last year to date 725,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 11-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 | 2,002 | 2,781 | 40 | 7 | 4,830 |
| AVG WT | 15.74 | 36.42 | 20.00 | 27.32 | 27.70 |
| LAST WEEK | 2,006 | 2,733 | 50 | 6 | 4,795 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 2,049 | 2,704 | 39 | 4 | 4,796 |
| AVG WT | 16.30 | 35.50 | 24.55 | 30.06 | 27.17 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 34,059 | 49,747 | 820 | 137 | 84,763 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 37,200 | 50,047 | 725 | 271 | 88,243 |

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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 16 MAY 2002.

Trade sentiment steady to instances firm on fresh tom breast meat, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand fair to instances good, best for prompt shipments. Offerings ranged from light at best for immediate needs to adequate for deferred. Bulk parts trade sentiment was steady to firm on tom drums, fully steady on tom 2-joint wings, full-cut wings steady to instances fully steady, and necks and tails barely steady at best. Domestic and export trading centered on frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. Increased export demand and trading was noted for Russia as more import permits are released. Offerings of Russian approved product were held with confidence, however, some sellers of non-Russian approved product were more willing to negotiate. For domestic: fresh wing meat 57-59 and fresh ground breast trim 89 delivered current, frozen mechanically separated turkey -20% fat 10 cents delivered close-by for June-July shipments. For export: hearts 28 and fresh thigh meat 55 cents delivered, frozen thigh meat 50 cents shipping point.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | W | 97.00 | 80 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/ | 152.00-154.00 | | 153.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | 90.00-94.00 | | 91.33 | 120 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | | W | 25.50 | 80 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | | M | 24.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | 23.00 | | 23.00 | 20 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 25.00 | | 25.00 | 80 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | 24.00 | | 24.00 | 20 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | F | 28.00 | 11 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | 43.00-50.00 | | 46.00 | 35 |
| NECKS, TOM | | W | 18.00 | 40 |
| NECKS, HEN | | | | |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | F | 125.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ | 136.00 | | 136.00 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT | 53.00 | | 53.00 | 30 |
| THIGH MEAT—FRESH | 54.00 | | 54.00 | 40 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | 89.00 | | 89.00 | 40 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | F | 80.32 | 190 |
| TENDERLOINS | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | 122.50 | | 122.50 | 40 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH | | W | 130.00 | 20 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | 54.00-55.00 | | 54.60 | 100 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | F | 12.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/ | 13.00-16.00 | | 14.55 | 220 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | | W | 26.75 | 40 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | T | 22.00 | 52 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 30.00 | | 30.00 | 208 |
| TAILS | 19.50 | | 19.50 | 160 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | M | 12.50 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 55.00-57.00 | | 56.39 | 441 |

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 instances firm on fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, steady at best on frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, regular breast trim at least steady, ground breast trim and the balance of white meat items were barely steady at best. Tom breast meat demand was fair to good on fresh with best interest noted for prompt shipments, frozen light. Offerings light to adequate. Destrapped tenderloin demand was fair to instances good on fresh with premiums noted on part loads, frozen slow. Fresh offerings were held with confidence, frozen were adequate to fully adequate. White meat demand on the balance of items ranged slow to instances moderate. Offerings ranged tight on regular breast trim to adequate to ample on the balance of items. Mechanically separated turkey trade sentiment was steady to mostly fully steady. Thigh meat undertone mixed with Russian approved product generally held with more confidence than non-Russian approved. Domestic and export trading light to fair. For export: hen drums 21, tom defatted gizzards 44, hen defatted gizzards 40 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 | 80 | 97.00 | 80 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/ | | R | 153.00 | 40 | 152.63 | 63 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | R | 91.33 | 120 | 92.00 | 160 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 25.00-27.00 | | 25.81 | 69 | 25.04 | 396 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | | M | 24.00 | 40 | 24.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | 23.00 | | 23.00 | 20 | 23.25 | 80 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 22.00-24.00 | | 22.78 | 129 | 23.51 | 446 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | R | 24.00 | 20 | 23.20 | 100 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 29.00 | | 29.00 | 20 | 29.00 | 20 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | 43.00 | | 43.00 | 20 | 44.91 | 55 |
| NECKS, TOM | 15.00-17.00 | | 16.16 | 190 | 16.84 | 402 |
| NECKS, HEN | | | | | | |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | 122.00-125.00 | | 124.57 | 280 | 124.57 | 280 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ | 130.00-138.00 | | 132.45 | 322 | 131.24 | 782 |
| THIGH MEAT | | R | 53.00 | 30 | 53.00 | 30 |
| THIGH MEAT—FRESH | 56.00 | | 56.00 | 40 | 55.67 | 120 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | R | 89.00 | 40 | 89.00 | 40 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | F | 80.32 | 190 | | |
| TENDERLOINS | | | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | R | 122.50 | 40 | 122.67 | 60 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH | 130.00-135.00 | | 132.60 | 50 | 131.55 | 110 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | 55.00 | | 55.00 | 80 | 55.77 | 260 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | F | 12.00 | 40 | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/ | 12.00-14.00 | | 13.76 | 340 | 12.31 | 1,710 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 25.50-27.00 | | 26.33 | 120 | 26.44 | 160 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | 23.00 | | 23.00 | 104 | 22.57 | 364 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 28.00-31.00 | | 29.67 | 312 | 29.81 | 624 |
| TAILS | | R | 19.50 | 160 | 19.29 | 280 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | 11.00 | | 11.00 | 40 | 11.75 | 80 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 52.00-57.00 | | 55.02 | 420 | 55.61 | 1,605 |

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