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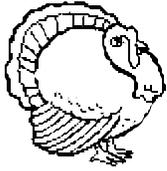
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole body hens and toms was steady to fully teady, instances firm. Inquiry mixed. No sales reported. Supplies generally adequate for current demand. Deferred shipments finding a mix of options for availability. Meats and parts trading fairly active for the pre-holiday weekend. Supplies adequate for current demand.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand improving. Trading centered on frozen thigh meat where there is a split market- Russian approved or non Russian approved. Export inquiry active from Russia, interest noted from Mexico, balance light.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 23, 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/	64-65	64	64.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	OCT
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	59	59.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	OCT

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WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 24, 2002

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.00	63.00	66.00**
CENTRAL REGION	63.70**	63.50**	63.70**
WESTERN REGION	63.90**	63.10**	65.00**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00	58.00	61.00**
CENTRAL REGION	57.90**	57.90**	60.00**
WESTERN REGION	58.30**	58.00**	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 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 27-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)	69.18	22	63.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	69.18	22	63.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND  
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS	
APRIL	432,474*
MAY 1-18, 2002	274,329*
To date 2002	1,938,107*
To date 2001	2,003,626*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 18-May-2002  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</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>WT</u>
N EAST	730	-6	22.69	(A) 732	22.69
SATL	840	5	26.32	(A) 842	26.32
N CENT	2,269	-1	31.56	(A) 2,272	31.56
S CENT	490	2	22.42	(A) 492	22.42
WEST	437	-8	22.07	(A) 439	22.07
U.S. TOTAL	4,766(B)	-1	27.47	11 4,777	27.47
TO-DATE					
2002	89,392(B)			148 89,540	
TO-DATE					
2001	92,778(B)			271 93,049	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 44,000 for the year 864,000; last year to date 775,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 18-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	1,929	2,793	44	11	4,777
AVG WT	15.58	35.77	21.76	31.59	27.47
LAST WEEK	2,002	2,781	40	7	4,830
SAME WK YR AGO	2,067	2,689	50	0	4,806
AVG WT	16.31	33.56	23.68	0.00	26.04
TO-DATE/2002	35,988	52,540	864	148	89,540
TO-DATE/2001	39,267	52,736	775	271	93,049

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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 23 MAY 2002.

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins, steady at best on the balance of white meat items. Demand was slow to instances moderate. Offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins and breast meat were limited, balance of white meat supplies were available and held with varying degrees of confidence. The frozen thigh meat market is split between Russian approved and non-Russian suppliers, strongest for Russian approved processors. Export inquiry was active for Russia, light to instances fair for other destinations. Supplies mixed. Domestic and export trading light and centered on frozen thigh meat for export with price dependant upon destination.

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		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	26.18	17
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	23.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	23.84	85
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	24.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	29.38	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	43.00	20
NECKS, TOM		T	15.66	100
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	125.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	134.00	40
THIGH MEAT	50.50		50.50	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	56.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	89.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	78.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	124.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	131.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	55.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.00	48
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	23.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	30.00	52
TAILS		R	19.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.25		12.25	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-58.00		54.41	338

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 24 MAY 2002.**

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins was mostly fully steady for post holiday needs. Demand was fair to good for prompt shipments with interest consisting mostly of spot loads. Offerings were short to light and held with confidence. The frozen thigh meat market has split with product destined for Russia noted as strong, demand active and generally held in close hands. Trading for Russia was noted at 56 cents delivered and offers as high as 60 cents delivered. Frozen thigh meat trading for export destinations other than Russia was noted at 46.50-52, mostly 48-49 cents delivered port. Non-Russian export demand was fair to good with interest noted from Eastern Europe, Asia and Mexico. Domestic trading centered on moderately heavy volumes of 4-8 lb. breasts, a fair volume of frozen tom breast meat, balance light. Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts traded at 102 delivered October and plant grade non-basted 12-18 lb. breasts 95, thigh trim 31 cents delivered current. Export trading was heavy on frozen thigh meat, balance light to fair. For export: hen full-cut wings 22, ground drum meat 39-40, fresh thigh meat 52 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/	98.00-99.00		98.63	640	98.63	640
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	152.95	42
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00-93.00		92.14	560	92.07	600
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00-27.00		26.38	230	26.37	247
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	29.00	40	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	60	22.23	88
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-24.50		23.09	176	23.33	261
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	60	24.00	75
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	30	29.17	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	46.00-47.00		46.33	60	46.33	60
NECKS, TOM	16.00-19.00		16.67	190	16.28	330
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	8	16.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	125.00		125.00	400	125.00	480
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	137.00-143.00		139.00	188	138.12	228
THIGH MEAT	53.00-54.00		53.25	40	51.52	125
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00		54.00	40	54.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	88.00		88.00	80	88.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		T	78.00	40	78.00	40
TENDERLOINS	121.00-123.00		122.68	62	122.68	62
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	124.00	160	124.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00-133.00		131.17	120	130.46	260
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	56.00		56.00	25	56.00	25
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.00	40	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-15.00		14.61	33	15.97	201
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-27.00		26.60	200	26.44	360
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	23.50	40	23.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.36	364	29.44	416
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00-16.50		15.13	160	13.55	400
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.50-56.00		48.94	1,532	50.14	2,086

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