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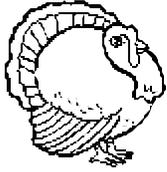
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment was steady to instances firm, mostly steady to fully steady on hens and consumer sized toms with hens in the strongest position. Inquiry light with interest noted for November holiday needs. Trading slow with some fresh Grade A hen WOGS noted at 73 cents delivered June, 75 cents July and 77 cents delivered August. Offerings ranged light to adequate and were generally held with confidence. The market tone on fresh tom breast meat and mechanically separated turkey continued strong for prompt shipments with the balance of items not as active.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading was active with trading centered on frozen thigh meat and tom drums. Inventories were held with varying degrees of confidence with price levels dependent upon destination. Industry members continued to watch the changing Mexican AI import requirements for a final determination.

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) MAY 30, 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/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 31, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MAY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS							
EASTERN REGION	63.00	64.00	65.29	EASTERN REGION	63.52	59.52	65.65
CENTRAL REGION	64.25**	63.70**	63.88**	CENTRAL REGION	63.23	58.63	64.07
WESTERN REGION	64.88**	63.90**	65.00**	WESTERN REGION	63.25	59.68	65.00
16-24 LB TOMS							
EASTERN REGION	59.00**	59.00	61.00	EASTERN REGION	58.09	54.60	60.85
CENTRAL REGION	58.88**	57.90**	60.00**	CENTRAL REGION	57.86	54.10	60.39
WESTERN REGION	58.88**	58.30**	61.00**	WESTERN REGION	57.80	54.34	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 03-JUN-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)	71.50	200	66.56	72
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	71.50	200	66.56	72
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS	
APRIL	432,474*
MAY 1-25, 2002	379,035*
To date 2002	2,042,813*
To date 2001	2,103,882*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 25-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>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	747	2	23.06	(A)	748
SATL	804	-4	28.89	(A)	805
N CENT	2,211	-3	31.28	(A)	2,212
S CENT	477	-3	23.13	(A)	478
WEST	435	0	23.26	(A)	435
U.S. TOTAL	4,674(B)	-2	27.98	4	4,678
TO-DATE					
2002	94,066(B)			152	94,218
TO-DATE					
2001	97,405(B)			277	97,682

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 44,000 for the year 908,000; last year to date 817,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 25-May-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>		<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,842	2,788	44	4	4,678
AVG WT	16.08	35.89	24.92	27.07	27.47
LAST WEEK	1,929	2,793	44	11	4,777
SAME WK YR AGO	1,999	2,586	42	6	4,633
AVG WT	16.31	35.38	24.47	30.57	27.04
TO-DATE/2002	37,830	55,328	908	152	94,218
TO-DATE/2001	41,266	55,322	817	277	97,682

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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 30 MAY 2002.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins was steady to firm for prompt shipments, breast trim at least steady, ground breast trim and the balance of white meat items steady to instances weak. Demand was fair to good on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins for prompt shipments, balance slow to moderate. Offerings were light and generally held with confidence on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins for prompt shipments, adequate to ample on most frozen white meat items. The market on mechanically separated turkey was steady to firm for prompt shipments and increased cautiousness was noted on tom drums, 4-8 lb. breasts were steady. Trading centered on fair volumes of 4-8 lb. breasts for domestic and on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	98.00-99.00		98.93	540
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	110.00-154.00		111.76	500
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.14	560
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.00-24.00		23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	49.00-50.00		49.67	60
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	60
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	125.00	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00-148.00		145.62	260
THIGH MEAT		T	49.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	54.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	88.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	81.00		81.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	122.68	62
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	133.00		133.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	50.00-59.00		53.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	60
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00-26.00		24.73	392
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.00	208
TAILS	23.00		23.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-16.00		15.67	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	45.00-56.00		49.00	880

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 firm with trading noted on spot loads for prompt shipments at higher trending price levels. Some increased interest was noted on wing meat, however, some note frozen offers as readily available. Some increased market activity was noted on unground breast trim at barely steady price levels. Scapula traded at about steady price levels. The market tone on tom drums and full-cut wings was becoming increasingly unsettled with some noting offers as more available with trading noted at lower trending prices, while others find only limited availability and remain confident in the market. Tom neck supplies were mixed, mostly adequate to ample for the light demand. Mechanically separated turkey market firm for the good demand. Trading centered on a heavy volume of tom drums for export, balance light from current production. Export demand fair to good, best on thigh meat. Fresh scapula traded at 86, Grade A 8-10 lb. breasts 94 and plant grades traded at 92 cents delivered. Some -6 months age frozen thigh meat traded at 44 cents shipping point for export.

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/		R	98.93	540	98.93	540
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	111.76	500	111.76	500
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.14	560		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.11	176	26.20	196
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	23.00	40	22.67	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.53	85	23.00	125
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	40	23.67	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.00	40	29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	51.00		51.00	22	48.70	122
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	25	16.00	85
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	18	16.00	18
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	120.00		120.00	40	120.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	146.00-151.00		149.15	89	146.40	379
THIGH MEAT		T	49.00	80	49.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00		54.00	40	54.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	86.00		86.00	160	86.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT	81.00		81.00	40	81.00	80
TENDERLOINS	121.00		121.00	160	121.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	123.00		123.00	40	123.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	133.00-134.00		133.20	112	133.02	287
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	53.00	120	54.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-16.00		15.56	360	14.88	1,184
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.75-27.00		25.44	712	25.41	1,328
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00		24.00	54	24.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.75		29.75	52	29.15	260
TAILS		R	23.00	52	22.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	8	15.47	68
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.50-53.00		49.36	384	49.44	1,424

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