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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 instances firm. Limited trading reported. Demand for the November holiday improved slightly but still remains mixed. Offerings held with confidence. Bulk parts and meat trading slow. Demand light as buyers remain cautious.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on sales of frozen thigh meat. Demand was mixed but mostly light as processors and exporters remained concerned about import requirements to both Mexico and Russia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JUNE 20, 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/	66	66	66.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	480	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	68.00	614	JUL-AUG	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	60	60	60.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-61	61	61.00	20	-	-	-	80	OCT
WESTERN REGION	60-62	-	-	-	64.00	656	JUL-AUG	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	JUNE
WESTERN REGION	60-62	61	61.00	10	-	-	-	-	-

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 JUNE 21, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.00	65.00	66.00
CENTRAL REGION	65.90**	64.90**	67.50
WESTERN REGION	67.00	65.50**	66.20**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.00	59.00	61.00
CENTRAL REGION	61.00	59.00	63.28
WESTERN REGION	61.00	57.00	61.70**

**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#	70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64
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 24-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)	71.58	76	65.67	30
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	71.58	76	65.67	30
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

MAY	474,422*
JUNE 1-15, 2002	213,439*
To date 2002	2,351,639*
To date 2001	2,349,214*

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 15-Jun-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	822	22	21.18	(A)	824 21.18
SATL	813	-3	28.41	(A)	815 28.41
N CENT	2,176	-8	31.10	(A)	2,178 31.10
S CENT	511	12	22.86	(A)	513 22.86
WEST	539	22	22.69	(A)	541 22.69
U.S. TOTAL	4,861(B)	2	27.19	10	4,871 27.19
TO-DATE					
2002	107,935(B)			182	108,117
TO-DATE					
2001	112,126(B)			294	112,420

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 92,000; for the year; 1,074,000; last year to date 908,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 15-Jun-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,869	2,900	92	10	4,871
AVG WT	15.45	34.61	30.68	33.29	27.19
LAST WEEK	1,862	2,879	46	10	4,797
SAME WK YR AGO	2,113	2,924	37	7	5,081
AVG WT	16.01	34.65	23.78	29.17	26.85
TO-DATE/2002	43,247	63,614	1,074	182	108,117
TO-DATE/2001	47,607	63,611	908	294	112,420

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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 20 JUNE 2002.

The undertone on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was mostly steady. Demand was slow to moderate, best on fresh. Offerings were generally adequate and held with varied degrees of confidence. The undertone on breast trim, wing meat and scapula was mixed. Demand was light on frozen, instances fair on fresh. Frozen offerings were generally held with the least confidence and some spot tightness was noted on fresh in the East. The frozen thigh meat export market showed signs of increased activity. However, even though some inventories might be better balanced, others still overwhelmed any increased buyer activity. Offerings from older and new production are available. Trading centered on fair volumes of frozen thigh meat and tails for export. Some fresh wing meat traded at 57-62, fresh scapula 87-92 and fresh ground breast trim 89 cents delivered. Frozen Grade A hen WOGS traded at 80 cents delivered October.

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/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	25.00		25.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	22.00	49
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	24.00	43
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	24.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	34.00		34.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00		50.00	20
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.50	160
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	134.87	300
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	157.00		157.00	160
THIGH MEAT	52.00		52.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	53.50		53.50	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	88.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	78.00-79.00		78.80	200
TENDERLOINS	108.00		108.00	52
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	125.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	136.00		136.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	51.00-59.00		54.94	64
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.87	472
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-27.50		25.52	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.50	208
TAILS	18.00		18.00	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	47.00-53.00		49.55	408

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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The market on tom drums and necks was steady to instances weak, tom full-cut wings steady to barely steady and tom 2-joint wings at least steady. The hen parts market was mostly steady with 2-joints in the strongest position. Bulk parts demand was slow to moderate for domestic and export shipments. Tom offerings of drums and necks were adequate to instances burdensome, full-cut wings light to fully adequate, 2-joint wings light. Hen bulk parts offerings ranged from tight on 2-joints to sometimes adequate on the balance of items. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to instances weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Demand slow. Offerings ranged adequate to instances burdensome, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Trading was light for domestic and export shipments. Frozen 16-18 lb. WOGS traded at 68, Grade A non-basted 10-12 lb. breasts 96 and plant grade basted 8-10 lb. breasts 88 cents delivered. Hen necks traded at 16 cents delivered export.

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.92	115	25.14	268
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	25.00	120	25.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	3	22.00	52
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00-24.50		24.12	91	23.86	179
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	46	24.00	61
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	34.00	20	31.22	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	50.00	20	49.33	60
NECKS, TOM	16.00-17.50		16.22	109	15.38	383
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	6	15.46	37
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	134.87	300	134.87	300
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.00-157.00		155.93	150	157.12	670
THIGH MEAT	49.00		49.00	40	51.25	102
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00		54.00	20	53.75	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	87.00		87.00	40	87.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT	80.00		80.00	40	79.18	340
TENDERLOINS		R	108.00	52	108.00	52
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	125.00	80	125.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	133.00		133.00	40	135.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	54.94	64	53.84	124
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	41	17.01	83
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.50		18.50	80	18.24	650

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	115	25.54	443
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.00-23.50		23.15	172	22.79	252
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.50	208	30.50	208
TAILS		R	18.00	400	18.00	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	52	16.91	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.00-58.00		56.00	260	54.02	1,308

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