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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Seller sentiment was steady to instances fully steady, buyer sentiment steady to barely steady on frozen hens and consumer sized toms for current shipments. Inquiry fair. Trading slow at barely steady price levels. The market showed signs of increased trading activity on bulk parts. Bulk meat trading centered on fresh tom breast and increased interest was noted on thigh meat and some frozen white meat items in parts of the country.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a fair volume of tom drums, balance light. Increased activity was noted on parts items besides drums. Interest for Russia was starting to slow as industry members focus on delivering previously committed product.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 08, 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/	65.5-68	67	67.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-67	65	65.00	60	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 AUGUST 09, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	67.00	66.51	66.10**
CENTRAL REGION	65.00	64.67	64.50
WESTERN REGION	66.80**	66.00**	66.10**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00**	59.50**	62.60**
CENTRAL REGION	60.40**	59.70**	61.00
WESTERN REGION	60.90**	60.40**	62.20**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-72

**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 12-AUG-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)	70.81	36	65.56	9
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	70.81	36	65.56	9
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

JULY	475,262*
AUGUST 1-3, 2002	41,432*
To date 2002	3,023,952*
To date 2001	3,030,263*

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 03-Aug-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	733	1	22.41	(A)	734 22.41
SATL	872	-17	28.12	(A)	873 28.12
N CENT	2,345	-2	29.56	(A)	2,346 29.56
S CENT	459	1	21.42	(A)	459 21.42
WEST	461	-15	20.22	(A)	461 20.22
U.S. TOTAL	4,870(B)	-6	26.58	3	4,873 26.58
TO-DATE					
2002	141,294(B)			238	141,532
TO-DATE					
2001	146,414(B)			375	146,789

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 58,000 for the year; 1,475,000; last year to date 1,261,000.**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 03-Aug-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	1,937	2,875	58	3		4,873
AVG WT	15.61	34.03	23.27	22.84		26.58
LAST WEEK	1,928	3,182	53	3		5,166
SAME WK YR AGO	2,091	2,985	82	14		5,172
AVG WT	15.60	33.64	24.41	27.19		26.18
TO-DATE/2002	56,354	83,465	1,475	238		141,532
TO-DATE/2001	61,994	83,159	1,261	375		146,789

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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 8 AUGUST 2002.

The undertone on fresh white meat continued steady to barely steady, frozen steady to instances weak. Demand light to instances fair. Some industry members have noted increased interest for cooked and deli items into retail and institutional accounts, mostly institutional. Fresh white meat offerings were adequate to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Frozen white meat offerings were adequate to instances burdensome, however, some were noting inventories were starting to move into a better balance in partial response to the increased fresh demand caused by USDA's Food Purchase program. The bulk parts undertone showed preliminary signs of improving in some parts of the country as more sellers are less willing to discount, however, excess inventories continued in other parts of the country with some sellers still willing to negotiate. Domestic trading light. Fresh Grade A hen wogs traded at 71 October and 70 cents delivered December, fresh wing meat 54 cents delivered. Export trading was fair on frozen thigh meat, balance light. Young hen drums traded at 15.50 delivered and breeder tenderloins at 107.50 cents delivered export.

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	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	22.63	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	54.00	40
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	80
NECKS, HEN		R	16.50	18
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	133.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.00-157.00		156.14	140
THIGH MEAT		W	50.00	60
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00		54.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	88.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	75.96	92
TENDERLOINS	115.00		115.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	112.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	132.00		132.00	30
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	54.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-17.50		17.27	150
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	248
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.50		23.50	52
TAILS		W	17.11	288
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.50		16.50	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.00-52.00		44.14	496

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 9 AUGUST 2002.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to barely steady in the Midwest and East with close trimmed product strongest, weakest in the West. Tom breast meat demand ranged from slow in the West to light to instances fair for the balance of the country. The undertone on tom bulk parts was steady to instances weak as fewer sellers discount product to move excess inventories. Domestic bulk parts demand was light to instances fair with some increased trading activity noted on drums, full-cut wings and necks. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of breast meat and parts. Frozen breeder thigh meat traded at 35 cents shipping point and fresh wing meat 56 cents delivered. Export demand continued active on drums with increased activity noted on other parts items. Export trading centered on a fair volume of tom drums, balance light.

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/	156.00		156.00	20	155.33	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	89.00	40	89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.09	149	20.06	236
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	20.00		20.00	46	20.00	46
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	19.00	40	19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00-22.00		20.75	160	20.92	347
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	29.00	20	29.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	54.00	40	53.00	80
NECKS, TOM	12.50-13.50		12.72	180	13.20	287
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	133.00		133.00	2	133.00	42
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.00-159.00		158.10	284	157.31	624
THIGH MEAT	51.00-53.00		51.39	31	50.47	91
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00		54.00	5	54.00	25
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	75.00-77.00		76.01	81	76.01	81
TENDERLOINS		R	115.00	40	115.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	112.00		112.00	20	112.00	100
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	135.00		135.00	40	133.71	70
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	55.00		55.00	6	55.00	6
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	40	18.14	350
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-21.00		20.20	400	19.58	1,800
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00		20.00	120	20.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	208	24.21	364
TAILS	15.00-16.00		15.63	320	16.33	608
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	156	17.40	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.00-60.00		59.00	200	48.18	1,628

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