



# USDA TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0575

TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 18, 2003  
VOL. 50 NO. 20

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News Branch

## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone continued about steady on 8-16 lb. frozen hens and 16-24 lb. toms. The level of offerings and inquiries was fair for current and deferred shipments. No trading reported. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on bulk parts. Supplies of parts were in a closer balance and sellers expressed more confidence. Bulk meat supplies were sufficient for the light demand.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading was active on tom drums, light otherwise. Fresh tom drums moved at 20 cents delivered for prompt shipment. Tom v-type wings traded at 20 – 20.75 cents delivered in April.

### SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	115-129

### LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	81-86
BREASTS 10-12#	120
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	
	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				
EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	56-58	-	-	-

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

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.

### USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES

Washington, DC	Voice (202)720-6911	Branch Chief	Des Moines, IA	Voice (515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax (202)720-2403	(Vacant)		Fax (515)284-4468	(Officer-In-Charge)
Atlanta, GA	Voice (404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman		Recorded (515)284-4545	
	Fax (404)562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)	Bell, CA	Voice (323)269-4154	Jim Derby
	Recorded (404)562-5856			Fax (323)269-5926	(Officer-In-Charge)
Jackson, MS	Voice (601)965-4662	Gary Brown		Recorded (323)260-4676	
	Fax (601)965-4661	(Southern States Area Supervisor)			

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 FEBRUARY 2003.**

The trade sentiment on bulk parts was steady to instances firm with necks and drums in the strongest position. Inquiry was light to instances fair. Some problems were noted in the East and Eastern Midwest due to adverse weather conditions over the weekend and yesterday. Some processors were attempting to restart plants from being down yesterday with only limited personnel while buyers were checking on delivery schedules. Offerings ranged from tight on necks to adequate on full-cut wings. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of tom drums for export, balance of domestic and export items light. For export: fresh tom drums 20 cents delivered current, tom 2-joint wings 20-20.75 cents delivered April.

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 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	17.24	238
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		T	18.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	17.05	42
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	15.71	126
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	54.00	40
NECKS, TOM	14.00-17.00		15.85	104
NECKS, HEN		R	13.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	115.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	113.75	16
THIGH MEAT		F	50.39	62
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	53.44	160
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	77.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		R	61.00	120
TENDERLOINS		T	99.00	18
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	95.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	114.25	64
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	40.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	15.75	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.50-21.00		18.18	768
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	14.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		T	19.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.00		44.00	280

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.