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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was cautious. Light inquiry was noted for both spring and fall shipments as some buyers start testing the market. No whole turkey trading was reported. Increased activity was noted on frozen destrapped tenderloins and on open priced frozen tom breast meat for January - February shipments. Bulk parts trading light. Offerings were noted on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts at steady to lower trending price levels.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Some increased confidence was noted on thigh meat into selected export channels on new production while others continued to note some weakness. Demand slow to moderate with trading centered on a fair volume of tom drums.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 09, 2003**

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

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<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 JAN 10, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	61.00	62.00**	60.90**
CENTRAL REGION	60.50**	61.50**	59.90**
WESTERN REGION	60.50**	61.50**	61.00**
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	58.10**	58.00**	57.90**
CENTRAL REGION	57.50**	57.50**	57.40**
WESTERN REGION	57.60**	57.50**	58.40**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	119-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-129

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 13-JAN-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	68.47	15 64.33	6	
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.47	15 64.33	6	
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

DECEMBER	438,750*
JANUARY 1-4, 2003	77,984*
To date 2003	77,984*
To date 2002	91,054*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS		WEEK ENDING 04-Jan-2003 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)			
		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS	
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	573	22	24.03	(A)	575 24.03
SATL	494	21	35.09	(A)	496 35.09
N CENT	1,507	22	33.81	(A)	1,509 33.81
S CENT	407	54	21.20	(A)	409 21.20
WEST	289	-33	22.49	(A)	290 22.49
U.S. TOTAL	3,270(B)	17	29.72	9	3,279 29.72
TO-DATE					
2003	3,270(B)			9	3,279
TO-DATE					
2002	3,173(B)			0	3,173

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 18,000; for the year 18,000; last year to date 33,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	THOUSANDS					
HEAD	1,265	1,987	18	9		3,279
AVG WT	15.43	38.84	26.63	31.41		29.73
LAST WEEK	1,122	1,667	17	4		2,810
SAME WK YR AGO	1,262	1,878	33	0		3,173
AVG WT	16.70	36.79	26.04	0.00		28.69
TO-DATE/2003	1,265	1,987	18	9		3,279
TO-DATE/2002	1,262	1,878	33	0		3,173

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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 9 JANUARY 2003.**

The undertone on white meat was barely steady to instances weak. Offerings available for the light, but unaggressive buyer interest. The undertone on tom bulk parts ranged from steady at best on tom 2-joint wings to instances weak on the balance of items. Demand continued slow for domestic shipments, light to fair for exports with the best interest noted on drums at lower trending price levels. Offerings of thigh meat were mixed with availability dependant upon export destination. Trading of all items centered on a moderate volume of tom drums and a fair volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. Livers traded at 17 cents delivered domestic for pet foods and mature tom drums at 17 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	99.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	154.90	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	11
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	16.00-17.00		16.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.50		20.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	20.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.00-22.00		20.60	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	53.00-56.00		54.33	60
NECKS, TOM	13.50		13.50	40
NECKS, HEN		R	12.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	115.00		115.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	125.00		125.00	40
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00		56.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	79.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	66.14	280
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	102.00		102.00	24
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	120.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	43.00		43.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.00		16.50	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.00-19.00		17.48	548
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.86	288
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	22.11	432
TAILS		W	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.50	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-52.00		45.23	484

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 trade sentiment on tom breast meat was steady to instances weak with some increased confidence noted by some industry members while others continued to note a wait and see attitude on frozen by some buyers. Demand light to instances fair. A heavy volume of open price frozen tom breast meat traded with 118 cent floors and 123 cent ceilings for January - February shipments. Offerings adequate to ample. The undertone on frozen destrapped tenderloins showed signs of improvement with some sellers noting increased buyer inquiry at current price levels. Some frozen destrapped tenderloins traded at 106 cents delivered January - February. The undertone on thigh meat was mixed with some industry members showing strength in the market while others discount product to move it. Demand in a full range on thigh meat. Offerings uneven with new production held with the most confidence.

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/	96.00		96.00	40	96.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	154.90	20	154.90	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	89.00	11	91.35	51
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	6	17.19	104
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	20.00	40	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	18.00	20	18.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.28	142	20.36	185
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	20.60	100	20.83	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	54.33	60	54.20	100
NECKS, TOM		R	13.50	40	13.40	418
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	118.00		118.00	160	116.88	320
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	125.00	40	129.50	160
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00-58.00		57.33	120	57.67	240
BREAST TRIM MEAT	80.00		80.00	40	80.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	63.00		63.00	80	65.44	360
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	96.00-106.00		99.77	520	100.06	784
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	120.00	40	120.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	42.00-43.00		42.40	200	43.81	520
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.00	20	16.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-16.00		15.52	212	16.04	452
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.50-25.00		19.14	396	18.56	1,712
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	19.86	288	19.86	288
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.50		19.50	104	19.50	104
TAILS		W	19.00	80	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.50	120	14.50	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	120	50.14	804

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