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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on whole body frozen hens and toms was steady. Limited trading reported. Offerings of hens and toms are fully adequate. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred shipments. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to instances moderate. Demand was mixed. Offerings varied from supplier to supplier and from product to product.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading on centered tom drums while the balance of items remained slow. Demand was light to moderate. Interest continues from Asia and Mexico.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 13, 2003**

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

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WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	58	58.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-58	58	58.00	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 FEB 14, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00 **	61.00 **	57.50
CENTRAL REGION	60.00 **	59.00	59.70 **
WESTERN REGION	60.50 **	60.50 **	60.30 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50 **	58.50 **	54.00
CENTRAL REGION	58.00	57.00	56.80 **
WESTERN REGION	58.00	57.00 **	57.80 **

**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#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
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

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 17-FEB-2003**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	67.00	30	64.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.00	30	64.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

JANUARY	444,767*
FEBRUARY 1-8, 2003	99,318*
To date 2003	544,086*
To date 2002	529,960*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 08-Feb-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</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>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	705	0	21.15	(A)	709 21.15
SATL	861	7	29.53	(A)	865 29.53
N CENT	2,063	-2	32.74	(A)	2,067 32.74
S CENT	439	2	22.56	(A)	443 22.56
WEST	245	-33	23.61	(A)	249 23.61
U.S. TOTAL	4,313(B)	-2	28.65	20	4,333 28.65
TO-DATE					
2003	24,986(B)			72	25,058
TO-DATE					
2002	25,579(B)			41	25,620

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 51,000 for the year 324,000; last year to date 212,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 08-Feb-2003

	<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	1,758	2,504	51	20	4,333
AVG WT	15.77	37.77	24.64	29.17	28.65
LAST WEEK	1,656	2,695	55	5	4,411
SAME WK YR AGO	1,813	2,759	38	5	4,615
AVG WT	16.24	36.85	27.48	28.87	28.67
TO-DATE/2003	9,682	14,980	324	72	25,058
TO-DATE/2002	10,029	15,338	212	41	25,620

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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 13 FEBRUARY 2003.

The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was mostly firm on necks, strengthening on full-cut wings, and steady to instances firm on drums with some not seeing as much strength on drums that others are. Inquiry ranged fair to instances good into domestic and export channels. Export interest was noted from Asia and Mexico. Most supplies were being held with increased confidence. The trade sentiment on white meat was mostly steady with some sellers continuing to note increased activity from further processors resulting in a less pessimistic attitude. Demand light to instances fair for the mixed availability. The undertone was at least steady on thigh meat with some indicating increased strength in the market. Inquiry was slow to moderate on thigh meat with only light export trading reported. Domestic and export trading was light on all items. Plant grade non-basted breasts: 10-12 lb. 95, 14-16 lb. 90-100 mostly 92, 16-18 lb. 92, Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 105 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	93.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	88.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	15.00-17.50		16.13	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		T	18.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	16.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	14.00-17.00		15.84	134
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00-24.00		22.40	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	40
NECKS, TOM	14.00-18.00		15.26	248
NECKS, HEN	13.00		13.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	115.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	113.00		113.00	80
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	56.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	77.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	61.00		61.00	120
TENDERLOINS		T	99.00	18
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	95.00		95.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	115.00	12
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	40.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	16.20	100
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	17.45	356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	14.00		14.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	20.00	104
TAILS		T	19.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.00-41.50		41.17	316

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 14 FEBRUARY 2003.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady with spot strength noted in selected parts of the country. Demand was light to fair for the mixed availability. The trade sentiment on the balance of white meat items was mixed with some sellers indicating increased confidence in the market. Inquiry ranged slow to moderate. Offerings were uneven with product in the West not as available as the rest of the country. The trade sentiment on bulk parts was steady to instances firm with tom necks and drums in the strongest position. Demand in a full range, mostly fair to good. Offerings were held with more confidence. Domestic trading centered on tom drums and wings, balance slow. Fresh wing meat 43, plant grade breasts: non-basted 10-16 lb. 90 and 14-16 lb. 89-90, basted 20-22 lb. breasts 96-115 cents delivered domestic. Export trading centered on tom drums and frozen thigh meat, balance slow. For export: ground thigh trim 29 and tom hand cut, hand defatted gizzards 61 cents delivered.

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	88.00	80		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	16.00-20.00		17.24	238	16.93	543
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		T	18.00	40	18.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.00-18.00		17.05	42	16.39	127
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	15.00-17.00		15.71	126	16.00	408
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	22.40	10	22.89	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	54.00	40	54.00	160
NECKS, TOM	14.00-16.00		15.29	84	14.85	407
NECKS, HEN		R	13.00	40	13.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	115.00	40	115.00	70
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	113.00-115.00		113.75	16	111.86	306
THIGH MEAT	50.00-52.00		50.39	62	50.39	62
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	53.00-60.00		53.44	160	53.95	200
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	77.00	80	77.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		R	61.00	120	60.31	162
TENDERLOINS		T	99.00	18	99.00	18
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	95.00	120	95.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	113.00-115.00		114.25	64	114.25	64
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	40.00	80	40.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	40	15.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-16.00		15.75	160	15.75	160
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00-20.50		19.43	280	17.97	1,108
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	14.00	208	15.02	1,092
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		T	19.50	40	19.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	80	17.00	692
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00-50.00		46.02	224	45.36	1,092

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