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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was about steady on 8-16 lb. frozen hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Trading reported on private label hens and toms with a timer for February through July. Bulk parts trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Offerings were reported to be in a closer balance and held with confidence. Bulk meat supplies were sufficient for the limited demand.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen thigh meat, balance was light. Demand was light to moderate, instances good as buyers remain cautious, selective and price conscious.

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/

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/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	2040	FEB-MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	1640	JUN-JUL
WESTERN REGION	56-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

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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 19 FEBRUARY 2003.

Trade sentiment was mostly steady on fresh tom breast meat, and steady to fully steady on the balance of fresh white meat items. The frozen white meat undertone was about steady. Demand for fresh white meat items ranged light to fair, slow on frozen. Fresh white meat offerings ranged from light at best on wing meat and scapula to adequate on tom breast meat. Frozen white meat offerings were uneven and depended on supplier and item. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of tom necks, balance slow. The trade sentiment on thigh meat was steady to fully steady, mechanically separated turkey fully steady. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen thigh meat, balance light. Young hen full-cut wings traded at 15 cents delivered port for 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/	146.00		146.00	16
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00		17.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	17.00		17.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	22.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	54.00	40
NECKS, TOM	16.00-19.00		17.69	175
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	55.00		55.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	82.00		82.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	61.00	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	95.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	117.00		117.00	20
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	21.00		21.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	15.00		15.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.00		19.00	52
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.50-61.00		59.04	492

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.

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E0 2/19/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

ACCUMULATED

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2002-2003	6,100	283,394	283,694
2001-2002	-	264,063	264,363

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

	RANGE
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

	RANGE
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