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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole body frozen hens and toms was about steady. No trading reported. Demand was mixed and remained mostly centered on deferred requirements. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Demand for product remains cautious and selective. Offerings ranged from adequate to tight.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading light to moderate. Movement centered on tom drums, full-cut wings and mechanically separated turkey. Other export items remained inactive. Demand was light to moderate instances good. Supplies are uneven but continue to be sufficient for prompt needs.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 20, 2003**

	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	MAR-APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	MAR-APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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 21, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00 **	61.00 **	60.25 **
CENTRAL REGION	60.00 **	60.00 **	57.50
WESTERN REGION	60.50 **	60.50 **	60.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50 **	58.50 **	57.13 **
CENTRAL REGION	57.50 **	58.00	54.50
WESTERN REGION	57.00 **	58.00	58.00

**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 24-FEB-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	68.22	64	63.64	28
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.22	64	63.64	28
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

JANUARY	444,767*
FEBRUARY 1-15, 2003	199,386*
To date 2003	644,154*
To date 2002	635,312*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 15-Feb-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS	
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
N EAST	705	0	20.74	(A) 706 20.74
SATL	806	-6	30.14	(A) 808 30.14
N CENT	2,139	4	32.87	(A) 2,141 32.87
S CENT	443	1	21.86	(A) 444 21.86
WEST	251	2	23.55	(A) 252 23.55
U.S. TOTAL	4,344(B)	1	28.75	7 4,351 28.75
TO-DATE				
2003	29,330(B)			79 29,409
TO-DATE				
2002	30,179(B)			54 30,233

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 52,000; for the year 376,000; last year to date 264,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 15-Feb-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,717	2,575	52	7	4,351
AVG WT	15.59	37.60	23.67	40.51	28.75
LAST WEEK	1,758	2,504	51	20	4,333
SAME WK YR AGO	1,853	2,695	52	13	4,613
AVG WT	16.39	36.98	24.63	28.55	28.55
TO-DATE/2003	11,399	17,555	376	79	29,409
TO-DATE/2002	11,882	18,033	264	54	30,233

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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 20 FEBRUARY 2003.

Trade sentiment was fully steady on tom drums and tom necks, at least steady on balance of parts. Supplies of tom drums and necks were fairly tight, other parts were adequate. A strong demand for ground turkey helped keep drums clean. Fresh tom necks traded at 20 cents delivered, fresh wing meat at 45, and 8-10 lb grade A non-basted breasts at 97 cents. Export trading was active on thigh meat, light to fair otherwise. Mature hen wings traded at 13-13.25 cents delivered port, hen wings at 14, and mechanically separated turkey with over 30 days age at 13 delivered port.

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	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	89.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.85	130
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	17.00	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	16.00-17.00		16.42	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	17.00		17.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.45	44
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	54.00	40
NECKS, TOM	18.00-20.00		19.60	50
NECKS, HEN		R	13.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	113.00		113.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	50.39	62
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	55.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	82.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	61.00		61.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	95.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	117.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	44.00-45.00		44.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	15.75	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.50-23.00		21.75	266
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	17.00		17.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.00	52
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00-49.00		43.13	1,488

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 wing meat and fresh scapula was fully steady, tom breast meat mostly steady. White meat demand ranged light to fair, best on wing meat. White meat offerings ranged from light on wing meat to fully adequate on frozen tom breast meat. The trade sentiment on thigh meat was steady to fully steady and fully steady on mechanically separated turkey (MST). Offerings of MST from new production were limited and held with confidence. Thigh meat offerings were light with some inventories being held with increased confidence in anticipation of future market increases. Offerings of tom drums were noted at higher trending prices and some increased strength was noted in tom wings. Trading centered on light volumes of tom drums for export, balance of items slow. For export (young hen): full-cut wings 14, necks 15, drums 18 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	93.00		93.00	80	93.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	150.44	36
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	89.00	20	89.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	20.85	130	20.65	170
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	17.00	24	17.00	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	16.42	24	16.64	39
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	17.00	20	17.00	38
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	22.45	44	22.33	61
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	40	17.46	369
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	111.00		111.00	80	111.67	120
THIGH MEAT		F	50.39	62		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	55.00	40	55.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	82.00	40	82.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	61.00	20	61.00	20
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	117.00	20	117.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	44.50	120	44.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	15.75	160		
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.50-21.00		19.67	352	19.37	1,490
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.50		18.50	156	16.77	338
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.00	52	19.00	52
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	104	16.50	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	43.13	1,488	46.70	2,260

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