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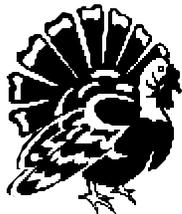
NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady. Limited trading on frozen open priced hens and toms reported. Fresh hens in the West reported with packer labels. Demand was mixed with most interest for deferred ship dates. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was light, instances moderate. Offerings uneven adequate to tight.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand was mostly light. Supplies varied from region to region and ranged from tight to adequate.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 25, 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/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	61	61.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	MAR
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 FEBRUARY 2003.

The trade sentiment on bulk parts was steady to fully steady with necks and tom drums in the strongest positions. Inquiry was fair to good on necks, moderate on drums with interest the most active on toms, balance light to fair. Offerings were mixed with necks and tom drums held with the most confidence, tom full-cut wings the least confident. The undertone rib breasts ranged from mostly steady on 4-8 lb. sizes to instances weak on 18 lb. and heavier weights. Demand light. Grade A non-basted 16-18 lb. breasts traded at 90 and 18-20 lb. sizes at 95 cents delivered. Offerings ranged from at least adequate on 4-8 lb. sizes to instances burdensome on institutional weights. The thigh meat trade sentiment was steady to fully steady with some spot unsettledness noted. Inquiry light to fair with offerings held with varied degrees of confidence. Trading was light on all items. Frozen tom breast meat traded at 110 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	93.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	20.85	130
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	18.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	16.83	96
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	17.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	22.45	44
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	53.00-54.00		53.67	60
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	40
NECKS, HEN	19.50		19.50	18
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	99.00	240
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	116.00	20
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	53.00	12
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	82.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	61.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	95.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	114.85	47
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	44.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	16.20	100
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	19.45	440
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	15.50		15.50	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	23.86	364
TAILS	20.50		20.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	57.00	360

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.

**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

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 FEBRUARY 2003.

The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady. The undertone on frozen tom breast meat was fully steady into export channels, domestic mostly steady. Demand was slow to moderate for the mixed availability. The trade sentiment on destrapped tenderloins was mostly steady on fresh, barely steady on frozen. Demand slow to instances moderate on destrapped tenderloins. Offerings were light on fresh, adequate to fully adequate on frozen. Some industry members note seller reluctance to offer out frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins due to lack of buyer interest. The undertone on wing meat and scapula was steady to fully steady for the limited offerings. Trading was light on all items. Fresh wing meat traded at 45-49 mostly 45 cents delivered domestic. For export: breeder hen drums 13, frozen tom breast meat 112 cents delivered.

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WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	17.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	22.45	44
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	53.67	60
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BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	99.00	240
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WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	15.50	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	23.86	364
TAILS		T	20.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.00-49.00		48.33	60

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E0 2/26/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2002-2003	5,529	288,923	289,223
2001-2002	-	264,063	264,363

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