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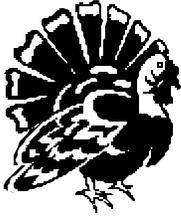
NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady. No sales reported. Demand for whole birds was light to moderate with fresh for the Easter holiday and frozen for Thanksgiving finding the most interest. Supplies remain sufficient. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Domestic sales showing some signs of increased interest. Offerings were mixed and ranged from balanced to available.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on frozen tom drums and thigh meat, balance of items slow. Demand limited for export.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 11, 2003**

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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/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	61	61.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	57.5-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57.5-59	57.5	57.50	160	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	57.5-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57.5-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 11 MARCH 2003.

The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was fully steady to firm on drums and necks, fully steady on 2-joint wings, at least steady on full-cut wings. Demand ranged from light to moderate with interest centered on necks and drums. Offerings ranged from tight on necks to adequate on full-cut wings. Supplies of necks and drums continued to be limited due to an active ground turkey demand. The trade sentiment on hen parts was steady to fully steady on 2-joint wings, balance mostly steady with sellers not as confident on hen bulk parts when compared to the tom market. Demand was light on hen 2-joint wings, balance slow for the light to adequate offerings. Hen 2-joint wings held with the most confidence. Trading light on all items. Grade A non-basted breasts: 14-16 95, 18-20 lb. 90, plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 96 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	94.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	146.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	22.80	146
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.00		18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	17.00		17.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	24.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	55.00		55.00	40
NECKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.50	80
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	110.00		110.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	114.20	100
THIGH MEAT		F	50.98	82
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	54.50	152
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	61.00		61.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	115.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	47.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	22.00		22.00	300
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00		22.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	14.32	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.00	104
TAILS		F	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00		50.00	40

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	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 MARCH 2003.

Trade sentiment on fresh white meat was fully steady to firm on fresh wing meat, steady to fully steady on the balance of items. Some sellers were aggressively trying to raise selling prices on fresh tom breast meat in an attempt to limit losses. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat varied by seller, fresh wing meat short of buyer's needs, balance of fresh light to adequate. The undertone on frozen tom breast meat was mixed with premiums noted on product delivered into Mexico while others are cautious due to lack of buyer interest, frozen wing meat steady to fully steady with some sellers asking higher prices for April shipment, ground breast trim was barely steady at best, balance mostly steady. Trading centered on a heavy volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts 96 delivered May-September, 2003 balance light. Fresh wing meat traded at 58 cents delivered domestic. For export: young hen necks (current production) 13, fresh thigh meat 58 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	145.00		145.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	18.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	17.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00-26.00		24.80	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	53.00-54.00		53.20	50
NECKS, TOM	20.00-23.00		21.30	185
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	27
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	110.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	117.00		117.00	40
THIGH MEAT	48.00-51.00		49.50	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	55.00		55.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	62.50-63.50		63.00	160
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	103.00		103.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	116.00		116.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	47.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	80

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00		23.00	148
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	14.32	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00-20.00		19.17	48
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	47.00-49.00		47.41	196

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E0 3/13/03**POULTRY HEALTH BOARD**

ACCUMULATED

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2002-2003	-	315,842	316,142
2001-2002	33,657	321,060	321,360