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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady on retail sized hens and toms. Bulk meat and bulk parts sales were light. Fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenders were steady to instances firm with premiums paid for less than truck lot quantities.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand mostly light into export channels. Trading centered on tom drums and tom full cut wings.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 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/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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.

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 MAR 14, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.20 **	60.47	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	61.00 **	60.00	59.00
WESTERN REGION	61.00	61.50 **	59.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.35 **	57.97	56.14
CENTRAL REGION	58.50 **	58.50 **	56.00
WESTERN REGION	57.50	58.50 **	55.50 **

**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	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

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 17-MAR-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)	68.46	92	64.67	15
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.46	92	64.67	15
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

FEBRUARY	401,381*
MARCH 1-8, 2003	104,852*
To date 2003	951,000*
To date 2002	939,807*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 08-Mar-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	949	17	(A)	815	23.32
SATL	817	1	(A)	815	27.74
N CENT	2,082	-1	(A)	2,107	32.54
S CENT	454	0	(A)	462	21.63
WEST	367	23	(A)	303	23.23
U.S. TOTAL	4,669(B)	4		4,674	28.03
TO-DATE					
2003	42,822(B)		130	42,952	
TO-DATE					
2002	43,666(B)		89	43,755	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 79,000; for the year 592,000; last year to date 406,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 08-Mar-2003

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,858	2,732	79	5	4,674
AVG WT	15.87	36.33	27.23	32.46	28.03
LAST WEEK	1,793	2,619	61	29	4,502
SAME WK YR AGO	1,805	2,630	53	14	4,502
AVG WT	16.32	35.98	24.85	26.66	27.94
TO-DATE/2003	16,718	25,512	592	130	42,952
TO-DATE/2002	17,216	26,044	406	89	43,755

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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 MARCH 2003.

The trade sentiment on tom full-cut wings was mixed with some sellers indicating strength with a tightening of supplies noted while a few buyers note isolated excess inventories at barely steady price levels. Some industry members indicated that larger sized tom full-cut wings were harder to find than smaller sized ones. The trade sentiment on tom necks was fully steady to firm and tom drums steady to fully steady. Offerings of tom necks were light at best and tom drums were light to adequate. The undertone on young hen parts ranged from steady at best on necks to instances fully steady on 2-joint wings. Demand was fair on hen 2-joint wings, balance light. Offerings of hen necks were adequate to fully adequate, balance light to adequate. The undertone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady to fully steady. Fresh demand was moderate, frozen light. Offerings of fresh MST ranged from tight to adequate with some buyers having no problems satisfying needs while others find only limited availability. Trading light on all items. Frozen wing meat (to be produced) 56.50 delivered Mid-April and frozen scapula (to be produced) 65 cents delivered mid to late April.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00		97.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	8
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	18.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	22.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	16.00-18.00		17.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	24.80	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	53.00		53.00	40
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	8
NECKS, HEN		W	16.00	27
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	110.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	115.00		115.00	25
THIGH MEAT		W	49.50	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	55.00		55.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	63.00	160
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	103.00		103.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	116.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	47.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-23.00		21.69	260
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00-22.00		21.43	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	14.50-15.00		14.75	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.17	48
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	47.41	196

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 fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances firm with trading noted at higher price levels on part loads. Demand slow to moderate. The fresh wing meat undertone was fully steady to firm with light trading noted at 60 cents shipping point, frozen fully steady. Demand was active on fresh for limited availability, frozen light to fair. The undertone on scapula was steady to fully steady and at least steady on frozen destrapped tenderloins. Demand was fair on scapula, light on frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Trading light on all items. Fresh scapula traded at 63-64 cents delivered domestic and hen drums at 16 cents delivered export.

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/		R	97.00	200	97.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	149.50	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.75	161	22.86	289
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	20	18.00	154
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	15.00-18.00		16.14	280	16.71	340
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	17.00	80	17.56	214
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	100	25.40	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	20	53.73	150
NECKS, TOM	20.00-23.50		21.75	80	21.60	393
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	40	15.83	81
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	110.00	80	110.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	114.00-123.00		116.13	168	116.16	233
THIGH MEAT		W	49.50	160	49.50	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	53.00-56.00		55.00	200	55.00	360
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		W	63.00	160	62.60	200
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	103.00	40	103.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	114.00-122.00		115.67	49	115.60	89
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	54.00		54.00	40	54.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.50		19.50	40	20.75	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		R	21.69	260	21.37	700
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.50-23.00		22.20	344	22.12	916
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	15.00-16.00		15.50	208	15.13	416
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	208	24.00	208
TAILS		F	19.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.17	48	19.38	128
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.00		52.00	80	48.90	316

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