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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 fairly limited with most interest noted on fresh for Easter and frozen for Thanksgiving. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Demand was slow to materialize after the weekend as most reviewing current inventories.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand mostly light. Trading limited going into export channels.

### SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) 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

### LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	81-86
BREASTS 10-12#	115-120
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	
	<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

**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/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				
EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-

### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

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 17 MARCH 2003.**

Market activity was very lackluster. Tom parts are in close balance and held with increased confidence. The price spread between tom drums and hen drums is drawing attention. Tom necks are offered at higher trending prices and the price spread continued to grow between tom necks and hen necks. Bulk meat activity was quiet. Export sales consisted of spot loads of tom drums.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	97.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	16.00		16.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	17.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM		F	21.75	80
NECKS, HEN		F	16.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	110.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	116.13	168
THIGH MEAT		W	49.50	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	55.00	200
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	63.00	160
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	103.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	115.67	49
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	54.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		R	21.69	260
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	15.50	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	24.00	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.17	48
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	52.00	80

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.