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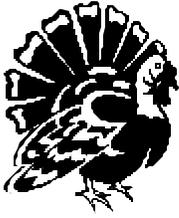
## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on whole body hens and toms was steady. No sales reported for immediate ship. Moderate sales reported for deferred shipments for May through October. Demand uneven. Buyers and sellers haggling over price levels and not coming to terms. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Demand slow as most buyers filling only current needs.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow as most buyers cautious toward the market due to international events. Demand light. Interest noted from Mexico and Asia.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 18, 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
<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 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	67.50	640	OCT	260	MAY-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	2860	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	65.00	640	OCT	140	MAY-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	1940	MAY-SEP
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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 MARCH 2003.**

White meat undertone ranged from barely steady at best on ground breast trim to firm on fresh wing meat, balance steady to fully steady. Inquiry in a full range with ground breast trim being the least active. Some industry members note an increased interest on tom breast meat in either freezer programs or further processing needs while others note a cautious consumer attitude while they watch international events develop. Offerings mixed. Trading light on all items. Frozen tom breast meat (-60 days age) traded at 120 cents shipping point. For export: young hen necks 14.50, frozen destrapped tenderloins 105, frozen tom breast meat 112 cents delivered.

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		M	23.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.00		18.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	17.00		17.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	25.00	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	23.00-25.00		24.00	39
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		M	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.

**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

**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 19 MARCH 2003.

Trade sentiment on bulk parts was steady to fully steady with tom items in the strongest positions. Inquiry was slow to moderate. Offerings ranged from instances adequate on full-cut wings to light at best on tom necks and tom and hen 2-joint wings. The trade sentiment on mechanically separated turkey and thigh meat was steady to fully steady. However, some cautiousness was noted on thigh meat as industry members watch international developments. A few industry members have noticed less containers available to satisfy export needs while others note an adequate supply. Trading centered on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. Young hen necks traded at 16 cents delivered export and breeder hen full-cut wings at 10 cents shipping point.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	94.00		94.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	106.00-150.00		138.96	25
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.80	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	15.00		15.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	17.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	25.00	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM		T	24.00	39
NECKS, HEN		F	16.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	120.00		120.00	40
THIGH MEAT		W	49.50	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	55.00	200
BREAST TRIM MEAT	71.00		71.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	65.00		65.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	103.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	116.00		116.00	32
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	54.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.50		22.50	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	15.50	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	24.00	208
TAILS	20.00		20.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.17	48
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	45.00-51.00		48.42	470

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/19/03**

**POULTRY HEALTH BOARD**

SEASON	HEAVY	ACCUMULATED HEAVY	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	18,318	334,160	334,460
2001-2002	6,030	327,090	327,390

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