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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. Sales were moderate in the Central region for May with price ceilings on hens at 60-61 cents and toms 58 cents. Sales reported in the East for private label hens for October that are transferred in storage at 71.50 cents for hens and 68.50 cents for toms. Demand light to moderate, best for deferred shipments. Supplies generally adequate. Bulk parts and meats demand was slow instances moderate. Trading was mixed.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen thigh meat, balance of items slow. Offerings available. Buyers cautious and selective.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 20, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	3400	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	1800	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	62	62.00	12	-	-	-	1200	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	365	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	59	59.00	30	-	-	-	1200	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	365	MAY
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 21, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	62.00	61.20 **	59.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	61.00 **	61.00 **	59.00
WESTERN REGION	61.50 **	61.00	59.50 **
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	59.00	58.35 **	55.80 **
CENTRAL REGION	58.50 **	58.50 **	56.00
WESTERN REGION	58.50 **	57.50	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

**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 24-MAR-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	68.46	82	64.67	15
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.46	82	64.67	15
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		20		10

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

FEBRUARY	401,381*
MARCH 1-15, 2003	208,618*
To date 2003	1,054,766*
To date 2002	1,038,090*

\*PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 15-Mar-2003  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS	
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	871	-8	21.92	(A)	876 21.92
SATL	821	0	28.23	(A)	826 28.23
N CENT	2,202	6	32.34	(A)	1,207 32.34
S CENT	322	-29	24.04	(A)	327 24.04
WEST	323	-12	23.86	(A)	328 23.86
U.S. TOTAL	4,539(B)	-3	28.42	25	4,564 28.42
TO-DATE					
2003	47,361(B)			155	47,516
TO-DATE					
2002	48,111(B)			94	48,205

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 46,000; for the year 638,000; last year to date 459,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 15-Mar-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,736	2,757	46	25	4,564
AVG WT	15.88	36.34	25.63	31.97	28.42
LAST WEEK	1,858	2,732	79	5	4,674
SAME WK YR AGO	1,772	2,620	53	5	4,450
AVG WT	16.32	35.34	22.84	28.86	27.94
TO-DATE/2003	18,454	28,269	638	155	47,516
TO-DATE/2002	18,988	28,664	459	94	48,205

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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 20 MARCH 2003.

White meat trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on breast trim, balance steady to fully steady with instances of buyer cautiousness noted for prompt shipments. Inquiry was light to fair. Some inquiries were noted on fresh tom breast meat for deferred shipments with offering prices noted at higher trending price levels. Offerings light to adequate. Trading centered on a light volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance slow. For export: frozen thigh meat (+3 months age) 47.50, tom defatted gizzards 48.50 cents delivered.

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/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	15.50-23.00		17.80	75
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	17.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	21.50-22.00		21.83	60
NECKS, HEN		F	16.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	120.00		120.00	10
THIGH MEAT	51.00		51.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00		54.00	5
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	71.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	65.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	103.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	116.00-118.00		117.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	54.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	22.00		22.00	40

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00		23.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	15.50	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	24.00	208
TAILS		W	20.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-52.00		50.58	304

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 MARCH 2003.**

The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady with some spot weakness noted on Grade A packer labels, institutional sizes steady. Demand slow to moderate. Offerings available. The trade sentiment on bulk parts was steady to fully steady for the slow to instances moderate demand. Offerings were light to adequate and held with varied degrees of confidence. Increased activity was noted on frozen destrapped tenderloins at mostly steady price levels and on fresh destrapped tenderloins. Domestic trading centered on a moderate volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts and on a fair volume of frozen destrapped tenderloins, balance light. Frozen breeder breast meat (-6 months age) 97.50, plant grade non-basted 10-16 lb. breasts 89 and plant grade basted 16-18 lb. breasts 94 cents delivered domestic. Export trading centered on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat, balance light. For export: frozen whole tenderloins 93 shipping point, hen necks 16 and fresh tom drums 21.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WTD VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	89.00-93.00		89.53	600	90.06	680
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	145.64	45
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	40	89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	40	23.37	163
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	8	18.00	28
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00-18.50		17.75	118	16.71	328
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	17.00	20	17.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.50	40	25.30	67
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	55.00		55.00	40	55.00	40
NECKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	10	22.72	109
NECKS, HEN		F	16.00	40		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	120.00	10	120.00	50
THIGH MEAT	50.00-54.50		52.50	160	52.00	240
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	55.00		55.00	80	54.94	85
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	71.00	80	71.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	65.00	20	65.00	20
TENDERLOINS	97.00		97.00	20	97.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	102.00-104.00		103.11	360	103.11	360
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	115.00-116.00		115.25	80	116.26	232
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	54.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00-22.50		21.10	200	20.92	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	22.00-23.00		22.25	160	21.86	280
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	23.00	80	23.07	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	15.00-16.00		15.50	80	15.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	24.00	208		
TAILS	18.00		18.00	80	18.40	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.75		19.75	40	19.88	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	45.00-51.50		48.80	408	49.11	1,182

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