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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to barely steady on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Limited sales were reported for prompt deliveries. Supplies of whole body hens and toms are adequate. Bulk parts and meats demand was light. Trading was slow. Offerings adequate to fully adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light with movement centered on moderate volume of frozen tom drums. Demand light as most buyers continue to be 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) **APRIL 03, 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
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58.5-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56.5-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58.5-62	62	62.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	61	61.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56.5-59	59	59.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 APRIL 4, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MARCH	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	62.00	59.03	56.95	EASTERN REGION	61.24	61.13	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	61.00	60.80**	58.00**	CENTRAL REGION	60.90	60.21	58.31
WESTERN REGION	61.50**	61.50**	58.00	WESTERN REGION	61.48	60.76	59.50
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00	57.50	54.00	EASTERN REGION	58.45	58.63	55.52
CENTRAL REGION	59.00	56.50	53.00**	CENTRAL REGION	58.31	57.74	54.57
WESTERN REGION	57.50**	56.80	52.00	WESTERN REGION	58.20	57.29	55.31

BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	94-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	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 07-APR-2003

	(8-16#) HENS PRICE	(16-24#) LBS TOMS PRICE	LBS (000)	LBS (000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	68.31	924 64.46	520	
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.31	924 64.46	520	
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		820	360	

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

FEBRUARY	401,381*
MARCH 1-29, 2003	419,996*
To date 2003	1,266,144*
To date 2002	1,231,304*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 29-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	934	9	22.39	(A)	864 22.39
SATL	772	-7	34.33	(A)	833 34.33
N CENT	2,139	1	32.97	(A)	2,134 32.97
S CENT	322	-11	23.79	(A)	366 23.79
WEST	382	-2	21.78	(A)	395 21.78
U.S. TOTAL	4,549(B)	0	29.43	28	4,577 29.43
TO-DATE					
2003	56,474(B)			211	56,685
TO-DATE					
2002	56,757(B)			105	56,862

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 37,000 for the year 718,000; last year to date 532,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 29-Mar-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,592	2,920	37	28	4,577
AVG WT	16.22	36.68	26.89	27.90	29.43
LAST WEEK	1,777	2,744	43	28	4,592
SAME WK YR AGO	1,584	2,512	21	1	4,118
AVG WT	16.63	35.56	26.25	52.45	28.23
TO-DATE/2003	21,823	33,933	718	211	56,685
TO-DATE/2002	22,367	33,858	532	105	56,862

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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 03 APRIL 2003.

The undertone on hen bulk parts was steady with necks and 2-joint wings held with the most confidence. Demand was slow for the light to adequate offerings. The undertone on tom bulk parts was steady on necks, balance steady to barely steady with full-cut wings in the softest position. Tom bulk parts offerings were light at best on necks, light to fully adequate mostly adequate on drums, and adequate to fully adequate on full-cut wings. Tom 2-joint wing offerings ranged from light to instances fully adequate for domestic shipments, however, some willingness was noted to discount product into export channels. Trading was light on all items. Fresh breast trim traded at 72-75 cents delivered domestic and frozen thigh trim with bone fragments traded at 21 cents shipping point.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	93.00		93.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	145.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	21.00	50
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	18.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	18.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	17.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	22.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	117.00-120.00		118.16	196
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	53.00		53.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	70.00		70.00	200
SCAPULA MEAT		T	62.67	60
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	106.00	400
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	117.00		117.00	130
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	52.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00		21.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	14.93	182
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	23.00	624
TAILS		R	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	61.62	452

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 04 APRIL 2003.

The trade sentiment was at least steady on scapula, mostly steady on destrapped tenderloins and regular breast trim, steady to instances weak on fresh tom breast meat and wing meat with skin, and barely steady at best on ground breast trim. White meat demand was slow to instances moderate with the best interest noted on scapula and fresh destrapped tenderloins. Some isolated interest on fresh destrapped tenderloins for next week went unfilled. White meat offerings ranged from light at best on fresh destrapped tenderloins for prompt shipments to fully adequate on fresh tom breast meat and wing meat with skin. The trade sentiment on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey was steady to barely steady. Domestic trading was light. Breeder hen wings 13, fresh scapula 63-64, plant grade non basted breasts: 10-12 lb. 89, 12-16 lb. 89-90 cents delivered. Export trading centered on a fair volume of tom drums, balance slow.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	93.00	160	92.58	960
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	145.00	40	145.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	86.00		86.00	40	87.80	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-23.00		21.74	136	21.58	242
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	21.00	50	21.00	50
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	174	18.12	325
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00-18.00		17.28	104	17.31	109
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	17.00		17.00	120	17.00	135
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.00	60	26.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	54.00	40	54.00	100
NECKS, TOM	22.00-24.00		23.10	172	22.96	227
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	40	17.00	51
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00-120.00		118.50	160	118.18	396
THIGH MEAT	46.00-50.00		48.00	80	48.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	51.00-53.00		52.56	183	52.70	263
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	70.00	200	70.00	200
SCAPULA MEAT	62.00-63.50		62.83	120	62.78	180
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	106.00	400	106.00	400
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	117.00-118.00		117.23	26	116.95	170
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	20.00-21.00		20.30	227	20.38	341
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-22.00		20.82	304	21.52	488
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	23.00	624	23.00	624
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	19.00	40	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.50		50.50	80	59.95	532

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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.