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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady on frozen whole body hens and toms. Demand light instances moderate best for deferred shipments. No sales reported. Offerings adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Buyers keeping inventories close.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was moderate. Supplies remain in a full range, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Demand was fair with most buyers approaching the Easter holiday cautiously.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) APRIL 11, 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/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) APRIL 10, 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/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	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 APRIL 11, 2003

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.50 **	62.00	58.50
CENTRAL REGION	61.00 **	61.00	59.00
WESTERN REGION	61.50 **	61.50 **	59.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00 **	59.00	53.50
CENTRAL REGION	58.80 **	59.00	55.00
WESTERN REGION	58.60 **	57.50 **	53.10 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

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

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	66.43	117 63.71	77	
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	66.43	117 63.71	77	
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		400	200	

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

MARCH	441,150*
APRIL 1-5, 2003	105,772*
To date 2003	1,371,916*
To date 2002	1,413,646*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 05-Apr-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	892	-4	21.87	(A)	897 21.87
SATL	780	1	32.73	(A)	785 32.73
N CENT	2,106	-2	33.03	(A)	2,110 33.03
S CENT	343	7	23.22	(A)	347 23.22
WEST	392	3	23.02	(A)	396 23.02
U.S. TOTAL	4,513(B)	-1	29.16	22	4,535 29.16
TO-DATE					
2003	60,987(B)			233	61,220
TO-DATE					
2002	60,747(B)			110	60,857

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 65,000; for the year 783,000; last year to date 556,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 05-Apr-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,638	2,810	65	22	4,535
AVG WT	15.95	36.97	24.16	28.71	29.16
LAST WEEK	1,592	2,920	37	28	4,577
SAME WK YR AGO	1,762	2,204	24	5	3,995
AVG WT	16.21	34.94	24.29	33.82	26.61
TO-DATE/2003	23,461	36,743	783	233	61,220
TO-DATE/2002	24,129	36,062	556	110	60,857

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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 10 APRIL 2003.

The market tone was no better than steady on breast meat, mostly steady on destrapped tenders. Tom full cut wings traded at lower trending prices, drums were no better than steady, v-type wings and necks were offered at prices consistent with recent trading. Demand was light and selective, limited to immediate needs. Export activity was fair.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	93.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	145.00	220
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	86.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	20.67	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	21.00	11
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	14.00		14.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	17.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.20	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	22.50	20
NECKS, HEN		F	17.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00		118.00	120
THIGH MEAT		T	52.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	52.56	183
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	70.00	200
SCAPULA MEAT		F	62.83	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	106.00	360
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	117.00	76
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	21.00	10
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	14.50-15.00		14.64	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	416
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.50		50.50	160

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 11 APRIL 2003.

The market tone was steady to barely steady on tom breast meat, steady on fresh destrapped tenderloins and steady to barely steady on frozen destrapped tenderloins. Demand was light to instances fair with activity centered on frozen destrapped tenderloins. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to instances weak with packer label Grade As trading at lower trending price levels. Demand sluggish for the adequate to instances burdensome supplies. The undertone on institutional breasts was steady at best with some calling it just seasonal. The market on tom full-cut wings continued to weaken with trading noted at lower trending prices and tom necks were steady to barely steady, tom drums steady at best. Fresh Mechanically separated turkey for domestic shipments and frozen thigh meat for export traded at steady to lower prices. Trading of all items centered on a fair volume of 4-8 lb. breasts for domestic shipments, balance light. Fresh scapula traded at 64-66 cents delivered domestic. For export: fresh tom drums 19-19.50 and tom hand defatted gizzards 40 cents delivered.

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/	87.00		87.00	400	87.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	145.00	220	145.00	220
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	86.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.76	170	20.44	270
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	20.00		20.00	14	20.44	25
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	18.00	40	18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	15.00-16.00		15.55	110	15.02	202
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	17.00	120		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.20	50	25.20	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	20	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	21.50-23.00		22.10	200	22.13	226
NECKS, HEN		F	17.00	40		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/			118.00	150	118.56	360
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00		118.00	150	118.56	360
THIGH MEAT		T	52.00	10	52.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	51.00-52.00		51.11	117	51.11	117
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		F	62.83	120		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	104.00		104.00	160	104.35	680
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	117.00-119.00		117.76	67	117.36	143
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40	16.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-22.00		18.21	249	18.48	339
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.25		19.54	240	20.18	544
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	13.00-15.00		14.00	208	14.26	352
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.50		14.50	104	17.27	1,092
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	45.00-51.00		48.43	252	49.39	452

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