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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone was steady on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Demand slow. No sales reported. Supplies of whole birds are adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Demand was slow with little interest to commit to additional volumes.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on frozen tom drums with the balance of items light. Demand was mixed as most buyers remain cautious and selective. Offerings adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 16, 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									
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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 15, 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	280	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	MAY
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	640	MAY
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,280	MAY

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 15 APRIL 2003.

The undertone on tom bulk parts ranged from steady at best on necks and 2-joint wings to barely steady on full-cut wings and drums with full-cut wings in the softest position. Domestic bulk parts demand was slow with instances of improved interest noted. Tom bulk parts offerings ranged from light to adequate on necks to adequate to ample on full-cut wings. Offerings of mechanically separated turkey ranged from adequate to ample with some sellers trying to maintain the market while a few others are willing to negotiate in order to move product. Export inquiry was light to instances fair with some increased inquiry being noted from Asia, however, most buyers continued to be value conscious. Trading was light on all items. Fresh tom drums traded at 19 cents delivered export for May shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	87.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	145.00	220
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.21	19
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	16.00		16.00	22
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	16.00		16.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.20	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	21.50-23.00		22.21	76
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	112.00		112.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	120.00		120.00	20
THIGH MEAT	50.00		50.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	52.33	180
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		M	62.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	104.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	117.76	67
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	19.83	240
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00-20.00		18.83	118
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	14.00		14.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	20.83	312
TAILS	17.00		17.00	26
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	53.62	676

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#	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

	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 16 APRIL 2003.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady at best with some buyers feeling they could buy at lower price levels, however, there is very little willingness to commit to additional volumes. Lower trending offering prices were noted on frozen wing meat from current production with the balance of white meat items steady at best. White meat demand was slow with cooked and deli movement continuing to be uninspired and in some cases disappointing. Improved demand was noted on 4-8 lb. breasts at the lower trending price levels, balance of rib breasts slow. The undertone on tom necks was mixed, with some seeing increased strength while others do not. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Tom drums traded at 15 and necks at 19 cents shipping point. Fresh tom wings traded at 13, Grade A non-basted breasts: 10-12 lb. 105 and 12-14 lb. 108 cents delivered. Export trading centered on a fair volume of tom drums, balance light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	89.00-90.00		89.19	1,240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	145.00		145.00	15
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	87.50-88.00		87.56	360
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00-20.00		19.14	140
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	18.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	13.00-13.50		13.07	140
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/16/03

SEASON	ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	-	345,868	346,168
2001-2002	769	342,956	347,256