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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 limited. Trading light with some sales of toms 24-26 lbs. June 58 cents, July 59 cents and August 60 cents. Supplies are adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Demand light, most buyers cautious and selective.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow and centered on moderate volumes of frozen tom drums and tom full-cut wings. Demand was mixed and in a full range. Supplies were adequate to instances burdensome.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 18, 2003**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
					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	-	-	-	63.00	40	AUG	-	-
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 17, 2003**

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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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 18, 2003

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.50 **	61.50 **	60.00
CENTRAL REGION	61.00 **	61.00 **	58.17
WESTERN REGION	61.50 **	61.50 **	60.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00 **	59.00 **	55.00
CENTRAL REGION	58.50 **	58.80 **	54.05
WESTERN REGION	58.50 **	58.60 **	55.00 **

**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 21-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)	67.24	34	64.00	7
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.24	34	64.00	7
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

MARCH	441,150*
APRIL 1-12, 2003	218,760*
To date 2003	1,484,904*
To date 2002	1,517,430*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 12-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	921	3	21.84	(A)	897 21.84
SATL	811	4	27.88	(A)	785 27.88
N CENT	2,481	18	32.78	(A)	2,110 32.78
S CENT	322	-6	23.78	(A)	347 23.78
WEST	423	8	21.87	(A)	396 21.87
U.S. TOTAL	4,958(B)	10	28.44	9	4,967 28.44
TO-DATE					
2003	65,945(B)			242	66,187
TO-DATE					
2002	65,574(B)			112	65,686

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 71,000; for the year 854,000; last year to date 583,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,978	2,909	71	9	4,967
AVG WT	15.69	37.15	25.97	30.31	28.44
LAST WEEK	1,638	2,810	65	22	4,535
SAME WK YR AGO	2,036	2,764	27	2	4,829
AVG WT	16.60	35.71	26.52	37.08	27.60
TO-DATE/2003	25,439	39,652	854	242	66,187
TO-DATE/2002	26,165	38,826	583	112	65,686

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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 17 APRIL 2003.

The undertone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady on necks, steady to barely steady on 2-joint wings, steady to instances weak on drums and barely steady to weak on full-cut wings. Domestic demand was sluggish with some already starting to take long holiday weekends. Supplies were adequate to instances burdensome with some sellers attempting to hold their offering price levels while others were willing to negotiate to move inventories. Domestic trading was light. The export market was mixed with demand slow for Mexico, but active for Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe with buyers willing to step up to the plate at the lower trending price levels and age not always a concern. Export trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat and a light volume of frozen mechanically separated turkey. For export: hearts 18 (pet foods), young hen drums 14 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	89.19	1,240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	145.00	15
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	83.50-88.00		86.50	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.50		17.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	18.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	14.00		14.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	16.00		16.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	112.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	120.00	20
THIGH MEAT		T	50.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	52.33	180
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	65.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	104.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	117.76	67
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	16.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	19.83	240
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00		16.00	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	11.00		11.00	312
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	20.83	312
TAILS		W	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00-16.00		14.41	196
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-63.00		47.08	836

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.

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The market on fresh tom breast meat and fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) was mostly steady. Demand was light to instances fair with some improved inquiry noted for next week for post holiday needs as plants restart from the long weekend. The market tone on the balance of white meat items was steady to barely steady. Demand was sluggish for the adequate to ample offerings. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of fresh MST and fresh tom breast meat. Part loads of Grade A basted 10-14 lb. breasts traded at 96, plant grade basted 16-18 lb. breasts 90, fresh wing meat 53 and fresh scapula 67 cents delivered. Export demand was slow to instances moderate. Trading light.

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/		W	89.19	1,240	89.19	1,240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	145.00	15	145.00	15
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	86.50	120	87.29	480
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	14	18.99	213
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	14		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	18.00	5	18.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	15.00		15.00	20	14.21	262
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	16.00	40	16.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00-25.00		23.48	33	23.48	33
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	52.00		52.00	40	52.00	40
NECKS, TOM	22.00-25.00		24.13	63	22.75	199
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	15	17.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	112.00	20	112.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	120.00-122.00		120.59	340	120.35	630
THIGH MEAT	50.00		50.00	16	50.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	52.33	180	52.33	180
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	62.00		62.00	40	63.00	120
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	104.00	160		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	117.76	67		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	80	17.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00-20.00		19.86	280	19.85	520
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00-20.00		19.00	240	19.06	1,110
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	14.00		14.00	156	12.38	660
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	20.83	312	20.83	312
TAILS		W	21.00	40	17.35	226
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	14.41	196	15.45	276
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	47.08	836	50.00	1,512

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