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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. Light sales reported of packer label hens and toms for immediate ship. Demand light as buyers await further changes to the market. Offerings fully sufficient. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Demand was slow.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand for export product light. Trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen thigh meat, balance of items slow. Supplies adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 01, 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	-	-	-	66.00	60	AUG	20	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	67.00	60	SEP	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	64.00	20	AUG	20	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	66.00	20	SEP	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 02, 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/	59.5-62	59.5	59.50	800	59.50	800	JUN	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	58	58.00	400	58.00	400	JUN	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58	58	58.00	15	-	-	-	-	-

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 MAY 02, 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	59.50	61.50**	62.83	EASTERN REGION	61.43	61.24	59.52
CENTRAL REGION	60.90**	62.00	60.00	CENTRAL REGION	61.05	60.90	58.63
WESTERN REGION	61.40**	61.50**	60.60**	WESTERN REGION	61.50	61.48	59.68
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.00	59.00**	57.91	EASTERN REGION	58.89	58.45	54.60
CENTRAL REGION	58.40**	58.50**	57.00	CENTRAL REGION	58.45	58.31	54.10
WESTERN REGION	58.00	58.50**	55.00	WESTERN REGION	58.34	58.20	54.34

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 05-MAY-2003**

	(8-16#) HENS PRICE	(16-24#) LBS TOMS PRICE	LBS (000)	LBS (000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	67.09	44	64.00	17
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.09	44	64.00	17
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

MARCH	441,150*
APRIL 1-26, 2003	433,685*
To date 2003	1,699,829*
To date 2002	1,663,778*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS	
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE WT	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW		-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	895	23	22.38	(A)	896 22.38
SATL	756	6	30.03	(A)	757 30.03
N CENT	2,383	2	33.25	(A)	2,383 33.25
S CENT	426	34	22.56	(A)	426 22.56
WEST	382	-4	20.49	(A)	382 20.49
U.S. TOTAL	4,842(B)	8	28.79	2	4,844 28.79
TO-DATE					
2003	75,286(B)			253	75,539
TO-DATE					
2002	75,014(B)			124	75,138

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. (B)
Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 45,000;
for the year 976,000; last year to date 730,000.**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,868	2,929	45	2	4,844
AVG WT	15.76	37.18	24.04	28.19	28.79
LAST WEEK	1,778	2,644	77	9	4,508
SAME WK YR AGO	1,950	2,719	67	10	4,746
AVG WT	16.08	35.97	24.56	33.57	27.60
TO-DATE/2003	29,085	45,225	976	253	75,539
TO-DATE/2002	30,051	44,233	730	124	75,138

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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 1 MAY 2003.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and scapula was steady at best, frozen breast trim steady to barely steady and frozen wing meat steady to instances weak. White meat demand was slow to instances moderate. Offerings of tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim were adequate to fully adequate, frozen wing meat with skin from current production adequate to instances burdensome. Increased offers of hen and tom necks were noted. Trading centered on a fair volume of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts, balance slow. Hen necks traded at 12 cents shipping point and tom necks 18 cents shipping point for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	88.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	84.00		84.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	21.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	12
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	12.50		12.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	52.00		52.00	40
NECKS, TOM		F	22.00	8
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00		118.00	120
THIGH MEAT	51.00		51.00	18
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	54.23	26
BREAST TRIM MEAT	67.50		67.50	120
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	103.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	117.00	14
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	52.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00		19.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	12.00		12.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.00-64.50		57.67	156

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 2 MAY 2003.

The undertone on tom bulk parts was steady on drums, steadier on full-cut wings with less weakness noted, barely steady on 2-joint wings and barely steady at best on necks. The undertone on hen bulk parts was steady to fully steady on full-cut wings, mostly steady on drums, steady to instances barely steady on 2-joint wings and steady to weak on necks. Bulk parts demand was slow to sometimes moderate with some increased activity noted for domestic shipments. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of tom parts and firm priced export trading on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat balance slow. For export: fresh tom drums 18, fresh thigh meat 50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	90.00		90.00	80	88.57	280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	84.00	400	84.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00-20.00		19.38	231	19.38	231
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	12		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	20	18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	13.00-15.00		13.99	198	13.74	242
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	18.00		18.00	40	18.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00-26.00		24.00	200	24.03	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	60	53.20	100
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	40	22.00	40
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	15	17.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00-120.00		118.15	130	118.22	270
THIGH MEAT	51.00		51.00	80	51.00	98
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	52.00-53.00		52.50	50	52.50	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	67.50	120	67.50	120
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS	95.00		95.00	20	95.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	103.00	40	103.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	52.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	117.00		117.00	50	117.00	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	40	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		18.14	70	18.54	306
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	19.00	40	18.08	340
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	12.00	104	12.43	184
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	52	17.61	132
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.50-46.50		45.00	416	47.22	1,580

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