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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was about steady on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Light sales reported on private label hens and toms for June in the West. Offerings were fully adequate. Demand limited. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow for the available offerings. Demand for domestic usage was inactive.



EXPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat, balance light. Demand mixed with most buyers taking a wait and see attitude.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) 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

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	81-86
BREASTS 10-12#	110
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	
	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63-65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

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

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	56-58	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
63.00	1144	JUN
-	-	-
62.00	565	JUN

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
40	JUN
-	-
40	JUN

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.

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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 19 MAY 2003.

The market tone was steady at best. Domestic demand and trading was slow for the available offerings. Some processors, in an attempt to stimulate white meat demand, were starting to run promotions on cooked items. The export market was mixed. Export trading centered on a heavy volume of firm priced frozen thigh meat for May-June shipments and on open priced frozen mechanically separated turkey for June deliveries. Inquiry was noted on tom 2-joint wings into export channels with some buyers continuing to bid prices lower.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	87.00		87.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	144.00	50
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	84.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	19.39	66
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	14.00		14.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	18.00	96
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	54.00	160
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	20
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	112.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	118.00	40
THIGH MEAT	51.00		51.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	53.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	65.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT		W	63.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	103.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	117.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	52.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	19.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	12.00	258
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	10
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	45.00-48.00		45.46	1,044

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.