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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to barely steady. Limited sales reported for prompt shipment. Offerings were fully adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was light and generally unsettled. Demand from buyers limited.

### EXPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading centered on moderate volume of frozen thigh meat and light volume of tom drums, balance of items inactive. Demand remains sluggish with some interest noted from Mexico, Russia and the Middle East. Sales of export whole birds noted hens traded at 62 & 64 cents, toms at 61 & 63 cents.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 22, 2003**

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<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	57	57.00	10	-	-	-	-	-

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 23, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	55.00	61.00**	64.00
CENTRAL REGION	59.00**	59.50	63.70**
WESTERN REGION	60.50**	60.50**	63.90**
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	55.00	58.50**	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	57.00**	58.50	57.90**
WESTERN REGION	57.00	58.40**	58.30**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<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

**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 26-MAY-2003

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	66.75	80	63.67	30
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	66.75	80	63.67	30
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		20		

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

APRIL	502,021*
MAY 1-17, 2003	275,934*
To date 2003	2,044,099*
To date 2002	1,938,107*

\*PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS  
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS** WEEK ENDING 17-May-2003  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	898	2	22.14	(A)	900 22.14
SATL	866	6	28.84	(A)	868 28.84
N CENT	2,311	-6	32.35	(A)	2,313 32.35
S CENT	496	-7	21.01	(A)	498 21.01
WEST	509	16	23.44	(A)	511 23.44
U.S. TOTAL	5,080(B)	-1	27.95	10	5,090 27.95

TO-DATE  
2003 90,408(B) 298 90,706

TO-DATE  
2002 89,392(B) 148 89,540

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 97,000; for the year 1,241,000; last year to date 864,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>W/E 17-May-2003</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
	<u>BREEDERS</u>				
	<u>-THOUSANDS-</u>				
HEAD	2,120	2,863	97	10	5,090
AVG WT	16.00	36.85	26.47	30.84	27.95
LAST WEEK	2,123	2,910	96	5	5,134
SAME WK YR AGO	1,929	2,793	44	11	4,777
AVG WT	15.58	35.77	21.76	31.59	27.47
TO-DATE/2003	35,244	53,923	1,241	298	90,706
TO-DATE/2002	35,988	52,540	864	148	89,540

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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 22 MAY 2003.

The market continued sluggish on white meat with a steady to weak undertone noted. Offerings continued to exceed buyers' needs.

Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen tom breast meat with -6 months age and on a light volume of ground breast trim, balance slow. Some inquiry for prompt shipments on fresh mechanically separated turkey was going unfilled. Grade A non-basted 10-12 lb. breasts +6 months age traded at 73 cents delivered. Export trading centered on a fair volume of tom drums, balance slow. Some livers traded at 14.50 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	87.00	880
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	142.00	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	84.00		84.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	20.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	12.00		12.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	18.00	96
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	19.50		19.50	80
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	101.00		101.00	1,000
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	118.00	40
THIGH MEAT	52.00		52.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	53.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	58.00		58.00	200
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
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/		W	18.50	240
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.90	408
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	12.00-13.00		12.73	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.00-52.50		47.70	92

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 undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to instances weak, frozen was unsettled with some willing to negotiate to move excess inventories, yet others report spot trades that indicate strength. Buyer demand was unaggressive for the mostly readily available supplies. The destrapped tenderloin undertone was steady at best. Demand was light for the at least adequate offerings. Thigh meat demand ranged slow to moderate with the best interest noted into export channels. Export interest was noted from Mexico, the Middle East and Russia. Thigh meat offerings were uneven with some held with more confidence than others. Some industry members have noted the planned ocean freight increases for late June and were marketing product accordingly. For domestic: fresh breast trim 66, Grade A non-basted 12-16 lb. breasts 87, plant grade basted 18-20 lb. breasts 90 cents delivered. For export: hen drums 15, livers 15-16 mostly 16, hearts 19, punched drums 32, fresh tom drums 17, fresh thigh meat 49, frozen tom breast meat 112-115 mostly 115 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/		W	87.00	880	87.00	900
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	142.00	35	142.00	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	84.00	40	84.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	80	19.50	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	20.00		20.00	40	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	18.00	80	18.00	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	12.00	40	13.52	166
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	19.00		19.00	120	19.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	24.00	40	24.07	43
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	20	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	40	19.36	220
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	9	17.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	118.00		118.00	25	101.41	1,025
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	116.00-121.00		117.00	280	117.00	280
THIGH MEAT	50.00		50.00	40	51.00	90
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	53.00		53.00	40	53.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	58.00	200	58.00	200
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	117.50-118.00		117.76	34	117.76	34
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-20.00		18.25	160	18.40	400
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.64	110	19.98	838
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	12.73	55	12.10	419
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00		20.00	156	20.00	156
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	80	17.60	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-66.00		57.35	344	48.36	1,480

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