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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. No sales reported. Offerings were mixed, from adequate to balanced. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Demand from domestic buyers remain cautious and selective. Supplies were adequate, instances ample.



EXPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat, balance of items was light to moderate. Demand was moderate with most interest noted from Asia, Eastern Europe, Russia and Mexico. Supplies remain fully sufficient.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 29, 2003**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	JUN

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	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.

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 30, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MAY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	60.00**	55.00	63.00	EASTERN REGION	60.36	61.43	63.52
CENTRAL REGION	59.38**	59.00**	64.25**	CENTRAL REGION	59.43	61.05	63.23
WESTERN REGION	60.50**	60.50**	64.88**	WESTERN REGION	60.64	61.50	63.25
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50**	55.00	59.00**	EASTERN REGION	58.12	58.89	58.09
CENTRAL REGION	57.75**	57.00**	58.88**	CENTRAL REGION	57.67	58.45	57.86
WESTERN REGION	57.50**	57.00	58.88**	WESTERN REGION	58.05	58.34	57.80

**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 02-JUN-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	67.96	125	65.50	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.96	125	65.50	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

APRIL	502,021*
MAY 1-24, 2003	384,455*
To date 2003	2,152,620*
To date 2002	2,042,813*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 24-May-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE	
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	891	-1	22.07	(A)	894 22.07
SATL	759	-12	30.04	(A)	761 30.04
N CENT	2,239	-3	31.89	(A)	2,242 31.89
S CENT	499	1	20.89	(A)	501 20.89
WEST	459	-10	23.98	(A)	461 23.98
U.S. TOTAL	4,847(B)	-5	27.91	12	4,859 27.91
TO-DATE					
2003	95,255(B)			310	95,565
TO-DATE					
2002	94,066(B)			152	94,218

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 39,000; for the year 1,280,000; last year to date 908,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>W/E 24-May-2003</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>YOUNG BREEDERS</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	2,024	2,784	39	12	4,859
AVG WT	15.89	36.69	25.41	27.41	27.91
LAST WEEK	2,120	2,863	97	10	5,090
SAME WK YR AGO	1,842	2,788	44	4	4,678
AVG WT	16.08	35.89	24.92	27.07	27.98
TO-DATE/2003	37,268	56,707	1,280	310	95,565
TO-DATE/2002	37,830	55,328	908	152	94,218

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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 29 MAY 2003.

The undertone was steady to barely steady on bulk parts. Demand was light for the adequate to instances ample offerings. The undertone on hen bulk parts ranged from steady to barely steady on 2-joint wings to mostly steady on the balance of items. The trade sentiment on mechanically separated turkey was also steady to barely steady. Demand was light to instances fair. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with some noting increased fresh availability. Trading was light on all items. For domestic: fresh wing meat 46, fresh breast trim 67, non-basted Grade A 10-16 lb. breasts 87, plant grade breasts: non-basted 10-16 lb. 80, basted 16-18 lb. 73 cents delivered. For export: breeder drums 14, fresh tom drums 18-18.50, tom necks 19, thigh trim with bone fragments 22.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	84.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	19.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	46
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	10.00-14.00		10.68	205
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	19.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	51.00		51.00	40
NECKS, TOM	19.00-21.00		19.40	100
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	118.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	117.00		117.00	200
THIGH MEAT		F	50.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	52.00		52.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	58.00	200
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	117.76	34
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50-19.00		18.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.24	166
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.50-20.00		19.88	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	13.00		13.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	17.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	45.00		45.00	52

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 30 MAY 2003.

Market activity was light on bulk meats. Fresh tom breast meat was available, demand was light and prices were close to steady. Light trading on fresh thigh meat was at slightly higher price levels. A fair volume of Grade A 4-8 lb breasts traded at steady values. Tom drums and wings were in a closer balance and offering prices were slightly higher than recent trading. Fresh wing meat sold at 45 cents delivered and fresh mechanically separated at 15-17 FOB. Export trading was heavy on thigh meat. Fresh thigh meat moved to the border at 50-52, and a large volume of fresh and frozen thigh meat at open prices for June shipment. Fresh tom drums moved to the border at 17-19 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	87.00		87.00	400	87.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00-19.00		18.57	70	18.57	70
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	20	18.00	66
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	12.00-14.00		13.00	80	11.33	285
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	19.00	120		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00-23.00		22.00	80	22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	20	52.00	60
NECKS, TOM	18.00-19.50		18.22	370	18.47	470
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	6	17.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	118.00	25		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	116.00-118.00		116.26	184	116.65	384
THIGH MEAT		F	50.00	40		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	55.00		55.00	80	54.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	49.00		49.00	40	49.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	55.00		55.00	40	55.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	103.00		103.00	40	103.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	45.00		45.00	40	45.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	118.00		118.00	10	118.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	18.25	80	18.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00-20.00		19.25	160	18.33	346
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	240	19.02	816
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	13.00	52	13.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00-18.50		18.43	366	18.09	574
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	120	17.20	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-67.00		60.69	640	58.16	1,400

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