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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on whole body hens and toms was steady to barely steady. Heavy trading of packer label and private label hens and toms reported delivered west. Supplies adequate for the generally lackluster demand. Parts and meats trading light to moderate. Demand mixed mostly slow for domestic.



EXPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat, tom drums and full-cut wings, balance slow. Demand continued to be active for Asia and Mexico with interest noted from Africa, Caribbean and Russia. A freight increase for shipping which is to take effect July 1st has prompted many to get product on the water as soon as possible. Supplies were adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 5, 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/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	58	58.00	10	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 6, 2003**

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EASTERN REGION 3/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	60-61	60.24	840	-	-	-	600	JUL
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	57-58	57.18	440	-	-	-	2000	JUL

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 JUNE 6, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	60.50**	60.00**	65.50**
CENTRAL REGION	60.50	59.38**	63.00
WESTERN REGION	60.24	60.50**	65.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00**	58.50**	59.00**
CENTRAL REGION	59.50	57.75**	58.50**
WESTERN REGION	57.20	57.50**	58.50**

**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 09-JUN-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)	68.22	102	65.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.22	102	65.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

APRIL	502,021*
MAY 1-31, 2003	473,557*
To date 2003	2,241,722*
To date 2002	2,138,200*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 31-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	733	-18	22.27	(A)	735 22.27
SATL	648	-15	29.58	(A)	650 29.58
N CENT	1,818	-19	31.73	(A)	1,820 31.73
S CENT	412	-17	20.36	(A)	414 20.36
WEST	401	-13	23.69	(A)	402 23.69
U.S. TOTAL	4,012(B)	-17	27.70	9	4,021 27.70
TO-DATE					
2003	99,267(B)			319	99,586
TO-DATE					
2002	98,287(B)			162	98,449

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 56,000; for the year 1,336,000; last year to date 936,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>					
HEAD	1,702	2,254	56	9		4,021
AVG WT	15.95	36.60	25.67	33.17		27.70
LAST WEEK	2,024	2,784	39	12		4,859
SAME WK YR AGO	1,686	2,507	28	10		4,231
AVG WT	15.98	36.38	25.66	34.38		28.47
TO-DATE/2003	38,970	58,961	1,336	319		99,586
TO-DATE/2002	39,516	57,835	936	162		98,449

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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 5 JUNE 2003.

The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady on drums, at least steady on full-cut wings, necks steady and 2-joint wings steady to barely steady. Inquiry was fair to good on drums and fair on full-cut wings with the best interest noted into export channels, balance light. Tom bulk parts offerings were light on drums and light to adequate on full-cut wings with both held with increasing confidence, necks adequate and 2-joint wings available. The undertone on hen parts was mostly steady for the light to adequate offerings. Some increased trading activity on fresh destrapped tenderloins is being noted for current shipments at lower trending price levels. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts for June-September shipments, balance slow. Fresh breast trim traded at 70 cents delivered domestic. Export trading was heavy on thigh meat, balance slow. Inquiry was active for Asia with interest also noted from Africa, Caribbean, Mexico, and Russia. For export: thigh trim with bone fragments 19.75 shipping point and regular thigh trim 37 delivered, fresh tom drums 19-20 and frozen tom necks 19.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	84.00-88.00		86.15	2,600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		T	110.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	83.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.25	107
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	20.00		20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	12.50-14.00		12.60	43
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	49
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	118.00	32
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	55.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	49.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	55.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	103.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	114.00-116.00		114.67	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	45.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	18.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	20.00		20.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.84	124
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	12.50-16.00		13.03	244
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.43	366
TAILS	17.50		17.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.00-69.00		47.08	1,284

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 6 JUNE 2003.

The undertone on fresh white meat was steady at best with some slight improved activity being noted. Offerings were available. The undertone on frozen white meat was steady to instances weak with only lack luster buyer interest noted. Domestic trading was light on all items. Some sized fresh tom breast meat traded at 120 cents delivered. Export trading was extremely active with trading centered on thigh meat and tom parts. Demand was good for Russia with interest also noted for Asia, Eastern Europe and Mexico. Increased demand on thigh meat was noted from Mexico due in part to increased strength in competing red meat items.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG	VOLUME	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG	WTD AVG
			PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	86.15	2,600	86.15	2,600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		T	110.00	400	110.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	83.00-84.00		83.50	80	83.14	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	70	20.08	217
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	20.00	40	17.92	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.00	20		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	12.60	43	13.60	223
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	54.00	20		
NECKS, TOM	19.00-21.00		20.00	80	20.38	129
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00		118.00	76	118.00	108
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	51.00-53.00		52.00	80	52.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	49.00	40		
SCAPULA MEAT		F	55.00	40		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	103.00	40		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	45.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	118.00		118.00	8	114.14	114
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	40	17.54	260
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.50-21.00		19.70	520	20.00	972
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	13.03	244	13.23	1,192
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.33	624	21.33	624
TAILS		R	17.50	40	17.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.50		13.50	208	15.91	448
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.00-68.00		62.84	796	49.51	4,530

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