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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on frozen hens and consumer sized toms. Inquiry was light to fair. Trading centered on open priced frozen commodity hens for August and toms for August-September deliveries. Offerings available. Trading was active on various white meat items, however, offerings continued to exceed the improved buyer interest. Trading was light on the balance of parts, meats and rib breasts.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on light volumes of tom drums. Demand was slow to moderate. The undertone was steady to fully steady on tom drums and full-cut wings. Sellers remained confident in the market and resisting any lower buyer bids.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 19, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	57.5-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56.5-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	760	JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	57.5-61	59	59.00	27	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	59	59.00	12.5	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	AUG-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 20, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	57.50	60.50 **	66.00
CENTRAL REGION	56.50	62.00	65.90 **
WESTERN REGION	57.88	60.30 **	67.00
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	58.90 **	59.00 **	60.00
CENTRAL REGION	58.00	57.00 **	61.00
WESTERN REGION	59.00	57.70 **	61.00

**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 23-JUN-2003

	(8-16#) HENS <u>PRICE</u>	(16-24#) LBS TOMS <u>(000) PRICE (000)</u>	LBS <u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	67.06	64 64.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.06	64 64.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		10	10

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

MAY	473,557*
JUNE 1-14, 2003	223,807*
To date 2003	2,465,530*
To date 2002	2,351,639*

\*PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 14-Jun-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	875	-1	21.90	(A)	877 21.90
SATL	792	-8	30.08	(A)	793 30.08
N CENT	2,265	0	32.12	(A)	2,267 32.12
S CENT	506	10	19.95	(A)	507 19.95
WEST	557	21	23.40	(A)	558 23.40
U.S. TOTAL	4,995(B)	1	27.80	7	5,002 27.80
TO-DATE					
2003	109,197(B)			340	109,537
TO-DATE					
2002	107,935(B)			182	108,117

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 83,000; for the year 1,477,000; last year to date 1,074,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 14-Jun-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	2,100	2,812	83	7	5,002
AVG WT	15.82	36.83	25.08	31.77	27.80
LAST WEEK	1,977	2,900	58	14	4,949
SAME WK YR AGO	1,869	2,900	92	10	4,871
AVG WT	15.45	34.61	30.68	33.29	27.19
TO-DATE/2003	43,047	64,673	1,477	340	109,537
TO-DATE/2002	43,247	63,614	1,074	182	108,117

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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 JUNE 2003.**

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat showed increased signs of unsettledness. Instances of increased strength was noted on fresh tom breast meat for immediate shipment with freight, yet, trading was noted indicating weakness. The undertone on the balance of white meat was steady to instances weak with frozen in the weakest position. Demand ranged from mostly light on fresh white meat items to slow on frozen. Some further processor were noting increased cooked and deli movement, however, were reluctant to buy additional commodity items due to the soft market. The thigh meat market was mixed with strength noted for Russian export shipments and steady to barely steady for other destinations. The mechanically separated turkey market was slow with a steady to barely steady undertone noted. Export trading centered on fair to moderate volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat while domestic trading centered on light volumes of fresh tom breast meat. For domestic: tails 17-18, frozen Grade A non-basted 14-16 lb. wogs 65 delivered August and Grade A non-basted 10-16 lb. breasts 98 cents delivered. Tom necks traded at 16.50 cents delivered export.

<b>DOMESTIC TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE RANGE</b>	<b>L.S.T. CODE 1/</b>	<b>WTD AVG PRICE</b>	<b>VOLUME (000)</b>
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	87.00		87.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	83.00		83.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.23	52
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00		19.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	20.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	21.15	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	54.33	120
NECKS, TOM	18.00-19.00		18.29	140
NECKS, HEN		W	17.00	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	116.00-125.50		119.38	304
THIGH MEAT		F	47.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	53.00		53.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	55.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	96.00	400
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	116.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	48.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	40
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-26.50		24.50	440
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	18.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	20.00	208
TAILS	21.00		21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.50		18.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	45.50-69.00		50.83	652

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 and fresh destrapped tenderloins was mixed, balance of fresh white meat was barely steady. Demand was slow to instances fair with some increased activity noted. Some further processors continued to buy hand-to-mouth while others utilize previously bought frozen inventories. Weather conditions continued to play a factor in further processed and consumer demand. The undertone on frozen white meat was steady to weak with a light at best demand. Offerings of fresh and frozen white meat available. The undertone on tom drums and tom full-cut wings continued steady to fully steady, strongest in the East, balance of tom parts steady at best. Offerings of tom necks and 2-joint wings were adequate to fully adequate with necks the most available, tom drums and full-cut wings were light to adequate. Trading centered on light to fair volumes of white meat from current production for domestic shipments and on a fair volume of tom drums for export. Fresh: wing meat 37-44, scapula 53, ground breast trim 63, frozen tails 20 cents delivered domestic. Some fresh tom drums traded at 20 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WTD VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	85.00-87.00		85.57	280	86.11	360
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	145.00		145.00	20	145.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	84.00		84.00	20	78.77	600
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-26.00		23.60	100	22.47	344
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	23.50		23.50	40	23.75	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	21.00		21.00	40	21.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00-22.00		20.50	80	19.36	280
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	20.00	9	20.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	21.15	52	21.15	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	54.33	120		
NECKS, TOM		R	18.29	140	18.27	205
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	20	17.00	27
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	116.00-125.00		116.66	496	117.69	800
THIGH MEAT		F	47.00	40		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	52.00		52.00	20	52.17	240
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	55.00	80	57.60	100
SCAPULA MEAT	50.00-52.00		51.08	74	51.08	74
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	89.50		89.50	400	92.75	800
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	112.00-115.00		112.93	116	113.98	176
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	80	16.71	280
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	60	16.50	120
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-24.50		24.14	364	24.10	961
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	18.00	40	18.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	20.00	208	20.79	624
TAILS		R	21.00	40	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	18.50	80	18.00	146
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	50.83	652	50.70	878

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