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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms remain about steady. No trading was reported. Demand for whole birds was light. Offerings are fully adequate. Bulk parts trading was fairly quiet. Demand was limited and centered on less than full truck loads.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand was light to moderate. Inquiry fairly good from Russia, interest noted from Asia and Mexico for fill-in basis. Activity remains centered on tom drums and thigh meat.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JULY 25, 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/	55.5-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	55-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JULY 24, 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/	55.5-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	55-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 JULY 25, 2003

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	57.25 **	57.50	66.00
CENTRAL REGION	56.00 **	56.56	65.50 **
WESTERN REGION	59.50 **	59.90 **	66.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	56.50 **	55.50	60.00
CENTRAL REGION	55.50 **	58.33	59.50 **
WESTERN REGION	57.00 **	58.00 **	59.00

**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 28-JUL-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	65.00	50	65.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	65.00	50	65.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		20		20

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

JUNE	470,235*
JULY 1-19, 2003	280,665*
To date 2003	2,992,622*
To date 2002	2,867,209*

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 19-Jul-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS	
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE	
	-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
N EAST	866	-2	21.90	(A)	872 21.90
SATL	744	-14	29.80	(A)	750 29.80
N CENT	2,196	-6	30.84	(A)	2,201 30.84
S CENT	473	-1	20.06	(A)	478 20.06
WEST	525	4	23.47	(A)	530 23.47
U.S. TOTAL	4,804(B)	-5	27.22	27	4,831 27.22
TO-DATE					
2003	133,076(B)			430	133,506
TO-DATE					
2002	131,261(B)			232	131,493

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 71,000 for the year 1,760,000; last year to date 1,364,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 19-July-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	2,010	2,723	71	27	4,831
AVG WT	15.74	35.73	24.82	30.36	27.22
LAST WEEK	2,125	2,901	47	21	5,094
SAME WK YR AGO	2,109	2,820	34	4	4,967
AVG WT	15.98	35.01	24.38	42.16	26.86
TO-DATE/2003	52,910	78,406	1,760	430	133,506
TO-DATE/2002	52,489	77,408	1,364	232	131,493

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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 24 JULY 2003.

Domestic trading was fair at best on bulk parts, extremely light on meats and further processing items. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on parts, thigh meat and fresh breast meat. Supplies of parts and thigh meat were at least adequate, frozen white meat and trims readily available. Trucklot volumes of hen v-type wings were booked at open prices for deferred shipment, fresh wing meat traded at 36 cents and fresh scapula at 48-51 cents delivered. Export inquiries were light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	85.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	79.00	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00-26.00		24.77	130
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	24.00		24.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	24.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00		19.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	21.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	3
NECKS, TOM	16.00-18.00		16.51	215
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	103.00	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	117.53	127
THIGH MEAT		F	53.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	52.00		52.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	57.00	5
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	86.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	111.00		111.00	7
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	40.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	7
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-18.00		16.23	130
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	25.15	364
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	17.75	216
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	15.25-18.00		15.83	380
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.50	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-52.00		51.40	134

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 25 JULY 2003.

Domestic markets were fairly quiet. Inquiries centered on less than trucklot volumes for prompt shipment. Supplies of parts were balanced and the market tone was generally steady. Bulk breast meat and trims were available however buyer interest was lacking. Less than trucklot volumes of tails traded at 19-20 cents delivered. Export trading was moderate. Supplies of thigh meat were in a closer balance and sellers expressed more confidence in market values. A fair volume of open priced mechanically separated turkey was booked for shipment through August.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/ W	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	85.00	120	85.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	24.77	130	24.87	230
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	24.00	10	24.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	13	23.82	73
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00		19.00	5	19.93	108
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.00	15	23.86	35
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	54.00	3	54.00	23
NECKS, TOM		R	16.51	215	16.59	255
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	103.00	60	103.00	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	119.00		119.00	25	119.00	25
THIGH MEAT		F	53.00	40		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	52.00		52.00	20	52.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	57.00	5		
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	86.00	10	86.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	40.00	10		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	111.00		111.00	40	111.00	47
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	7		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	40	16.41	170
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	160	25.38	564
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00		19.00	104	17.87	424
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	15.83	380	15.83	380
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	120	17.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.50-52.00		50.72	548	50.48	978

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