



USDA TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0575

FRIDAY
AUGUST 08, 2003
VOL. 50 NO. 94

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News Branch

NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Light to moderate volumes of packer and private label hens and toms for deferred shipment was reported, also limited volume of prompt shipment of hens and toms reported. Demand mixed as some buyers remain cautious and selective. Offerings adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was mixed, mostly light.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. Demand moderate, best from Russia. Most inquiry centered on tom drums and thigh meat. Interest also coming from Asia and Mexico.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 07, 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/	56-59	-	-	-	61.50	680	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-57	57	57.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-58	57	57.00	80	60.50	520	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-57	57	57.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 08, 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/	56-59	-	-	-	60.50	800	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59.75	59.75	59.75	80	-	-	-	120	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-58	-	-	-	60.50	800	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 AUGUST 08, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	57.50 **	57.35 **	67.00
CENTRAL REGION	57.04	55.15	65.00
WESTERN REGION	59.10 **	59.20 **	66.80 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	57.00	56.50 **	61.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	56.00	54.25	60.40 **
WESTERN REGION	57.20 **	57.30 **	60.90 **

**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 11-AUG-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	67.82	212	64.67	12
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.82	212	64.67	12
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		40		20

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

JULY	470,706*
AUGUST 1-2, 2003	21,157*
To date 2003	3,484,486*
To date 2002	3,023,952*

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 02-Aug-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	856	-2	21.59	(A)	858 21.59
SATL	818	5	29.09	(A)	820 29.09
N CENT	2,250	2	30.22	(A)	2,252 30.22
S CENT	480	5	20.42	(A)	482 20.42
WEST	545	1	21.78	(A)	546 21.78
U.S. TOTAL	4,949(B)	2	26.67	9	4,958 26.67
TO-DATE					
2003	142,879(B)			449	143,328
TO-DATE					
2002	141,294(B)			238	141,532

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 70,000; for the year 1,892,000; last year to date 1,475,000.**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

	YOUNG		W/E 02-Aug-2003		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	2,127	2,752	70	9	4,958
AVG WT	15.81	35.10	24.51	35.23	26.67
LAST WEEK	2,034	2,758	62	10	4,864
SAME WK YR AGO	1,937	2,875	58	3	4,873
AVG WT	15.61	34.03	23.27	22.84	26.58
TO-DATE/2003	57,071	83,916	1,892	449	143,328
TO-DATE/2002	56,354	83,465	1,475	238	141,532

USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Mike Sheats, Chief
	Fax	(202)720-2403	
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman, Officer-in-Charge
	Fax	(404)562-5875	
	Recorded	(404)562-5856	
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown, Southern States Area Supervisor
	Fax	(601)965-4661	
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins, Officer-in-Charge
	Fax	(515)284-4468	
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Bell, CA	Voice	(323)269-4154	Jim Derby, Officer-in-Charge
	Fax	(323)269-5926	
	Recorded	(323)260-4676	

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 7 AUGUST 2003.

The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat ranged from cautiously steady to fully steady, fresh destrapped tenderloins steady and at least steady on the balance of fresh white meat. Demand was a in a full range, mostly moderate. Offerings ranged light to adequate. The undertone on frozen white meat with -90 days age was steady at best with some spot strength noted on breast trim, otherwise, frozen white meat with +90 days age was barely steady at best. Demand light. Offerings of frozen white meat mixed. Some buyers of frozen white meat have noted that product with -90 days age is not as readily available as +90 day old product due to the improved fresh white meat movement. The undertone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady. Demand light to fair with most holding supplies with increased confidence. The undertone on Mechanically separated turkey (MST) was mixed with some noting strength for Russia while others note increased offerings. Trading centered on a fair volume of tom 2-joint wings for export, balance light. For domestic: fresh wing meat 42, fresh breast trim 62-65 and fresh scapula 65 cents delivered. For export: frozen MST -60 days age 11.50, tom necks 17.50, frozen mature thigh meat 55 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/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		T	26.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.50		22.50	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	18.50		18.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00-25.00		24.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	53.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	18.19	67
NECKS, HEN		T	16.17	21
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00-120.00		118.80	200
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	58.00		58.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	62.00		62.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	79.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	112.00		112.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	30.00-32.00		30.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-19.50		17.75	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-27.00		26.12	150
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.50		26.50	520
TAILS		W	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00-21.00		20.44	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-70.00		58.00	320

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 8 AUGUST 2003.

The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady on drums and wings, cautiously steady to steady on necks. The trade sentiment on hen bulk parts was steady to fully steady with 2-joint wings in the strongest position. Demand fair. Offerings of hen 2-joint wings were limited with some shorting orders and others raising their offering prices, balance light to adequate. The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to fully steady, however, fresh wing meat showed signs of unsettledness. Some processors were selling as much fresh wing meat as they could while utilizing frozen inventories internally. Domestic trading centered on a fair volume of fresh tom breast meat, balance light. Fresh: wing meat 36, scapula 50-55, ground breast trim 57 cents delivered. Export trading was heavy on frozen mechanically separated turkey, balance light. For export: frozen thigh trim with bone fragments 21 and fries 170 shipping point and tom necks 17 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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	152.00		152.00	23	152.00	23
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.67	15	26.72	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	27.00		27.00	80	26.50	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	25.00		25.00	40	24.17	81
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	40	21.92	295
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	21.00		21.00	40	20.18	85
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	24.00	160	24.02	195
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	20	53.33	60
NECKS, TOM	17.00-19.00		18.00	80	18.02	204
NECKS, HEN		T	16.17	21	16.17	21
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	118.00-122.00		119.63	320	119.52	715
THIGH MEAT	55.00		55.00	40	55.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	50.00-54.00		51.50	128	52.85	208
BREAST TRIM MEAT	52.00		52.00	40	58.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT	50.00		50.00	40	50.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	79.00	120	79.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	30.67	120	33.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	109.00-112.00		110.54	24	111.45	64
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.00	20		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-19.50		17.51	184	17.77	664
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	104	25.88	828
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	18	22.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.50	520	26.50	520
TAILS		W	21.00	40	18.83	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	800	17.77	1,048
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.00-53.00		52.86	280	54.42	1,260

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.