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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. Demand was light to moderate with some buyers continuing to take a wait and see attitude. Trading was light for packer label hens and toms. Supplies of frozen hens and toms were adequate to fully adequate, packer label in the longest position. Parts and meats trading was fair. Demand fairly good especially from the north eastern part of the country, where loads have been delayed from shipping or held up at the plants due to the massive power outage.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on frozen tom drums, balance of product light. Demand was active, with interest noted from Asia, Mexico and Russia. Offerings limited and held with confidence.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) AUGUST 14, 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/	55-59	55	55.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-60	57	57.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-58	55	55.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-58	57	57.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) AUGUST 15, 2003

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	58	58.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54.5-57	55	55.00	320	-	-	-	160	AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54.5-56	55	55.00	200	-	-	-	360	AUG
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 15, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	56.50	57.50 **	66.75 **
CENTRAL REGION	55.40	57.04	67.50
WESTERN REGION	57.00	59.10 **	66.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	55.00	57.00	61.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	55.00	56.00	60.50
WESTERN REGION	57.00	57.20 **	60.50 **

**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 18-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)	66.00	60	63.20	25
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	66.00	60	63.20	25
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		20		20

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

JULY	470,706*
AUGUST 1-9, 2003	123,968*
To date 2003	3,587,297*
To date 2002	3,129,256*

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 09-Aug-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	725	-15	25.21	(A)	728 25.21
SATL	807	-1	29.54	(A)	810 29.54
N CENT	2,151	-4	30.40	(A)	2,154 30.40
S CENT	485	1	19.77	(A)	487 19.77
WEST	494	-9	22.45	(A)	496 22.45
U.S. TOTAL	4,662(B)	-6	27.49	13	4,675 27.49
TO-DATE					
2003	147,541(B)			462	148,003
TO-DATE					
2002	146,176(B)			254	146,430

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 94,000 for the year 1,986,000; last year to date 1,529,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD TOTAL		
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,842	2,726	94	13	4,675
AVG WT	16.22	35.23	24.14	25.69	27.49
LAST WEEK	2,127	2,752	70	9	4,958
SAME WK YR AGO	1,883	2,945	54	16	4,898
AVG WT	15.60	34.12	24.62	28.21	26.87
TO-DATE/2003	58,913	86,642	1,986	462	148,003
TO-DATE/2002	58,237	86,410	1,529	254	146,430

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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 14 AUGUST 2003.

The trade sentiment was steady to firm on fresh tom breast meat. Demand was fair to good for both private and government procurement needs. Offerings were held with increased confidence with some sellers continuing to raise offering prices and testing the upper limits of the market. The trade sentiment on fresh destrapped tenderloins was at least steady to fully steady with buyer interest not as active as fresh breast meat. The undertone on the balance of fresh white meat was at least steady. Trading was light on all items. Frozen thigh meat traded at higher levels into non-Russian export channels.

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/	125.00		125.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	77.00		77.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	27.67	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	27.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	26.00		26.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	22.00	74
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	21.00		21.00	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	24.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	40
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	130.00		130.00	200
THIGH MEAT		F	55.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	51.50	128
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	63.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	50.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	112.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	30.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	17.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.50	520
TAILS	17.00-19.00		18.46	148
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	800
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00		59.00	40

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 15 AUGUST 2003.

The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to firm on 2-joint wings and steady to fully steady on the balance of items. Inquiry on tom drums and wings was fair to good, light to fair on necks. Offerings of tom drums and wings were light, mixed on necks with some buyers noting product from big toms harder to find. The trade sentiment on hen 2-joint wings was firm, balance of hen parts at least steady. Demand light to fair. Offerings were tight on hen 2-joint wings, balance light to adequate. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady for current shipments with some increased confidence noted for deferred. Demand was in a full range. Supplies were held with varied degrees of confidence. Domestic trading centered on heavy volumes of open priced Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts with 88 cent delivered ceilings and on firm priced plant grades for August-September shipments, balance light. For domestic: fresh wing meat 36, fresh ground breast trim 57, plant grade non-basted 12-16 lb. breasts 80 cents delivered. Export trading light. Scapula traded at 50 cents delivered export.

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	20	134.00	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	78.00		78.00	800	78.38	1,280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00-28.00		26.31	175	26.31	175
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	26.00-28.00		27.49	59	27.49	59
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	26.00		26.00	20	26.00	25
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.54	136	21.70	210
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	21.00	27	21.00	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	40	26.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	55.00		55.00	20	55.00	20
NECKS, TOM	16.00-18.00		17.05	147	16.74	254
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	5	17.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	129.00-133.00		131.78	546	129.70	906
THIGH MEAT		F	55.00	40		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	51.50	128		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	63.00	40	63.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	50.00-51.00		50.20	50	50.20	50
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	90.00		90.00	40	90.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	30.00	200	30.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	110.00-113.00		110.58	31	111.38	71
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	26	16.00	26
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	15	17.68	95
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	80	28.00	440
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00		20.00	52	20.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	18.46	148	18.46	148
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	800		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00		54.00	40	54.65	840

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