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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady, instances firm on hens. Demand light to moderate. Trading was limited with the most sales reported on open priced hens and toms for prompt shipments. Supplies light to adequate with private labels held with the most confidence. Parts and meats undertone was fully steady to firm. Offerings adequate to barely adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light to fair. Inquiry fairly good with a steady to firm undertone noted. Interest was mostly from Russia for prompt shipments and to a lesser extent Asia, Mexico and Eastern Europe.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 04, 2003**
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	62.00	15	DEC	80	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	60-62	60.97	1160	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-61	57-60.5	58.44	2320	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	61	61.00	80	-	-	-	160	SEP
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 SEPTEMBER 5, 2003 CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	60.00 **	59.00	67.38 **
CENTRAL REGION	59.31 **	59.67	65.20
WESTERN REGION	60.97	59.00 **	67.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.63 **	59.00	59.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	58.44 **	60.00	59.00
WESTERN REGION	58.44	57.50 **	56.00

**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#	65-66
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 08-SEP-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	68.44	142	66.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.44	142	66.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

JULY	470,706*
AUGUST 1-30, 2003	433,041*
To date 2003	3,896,370*
To date 2002	3,440,647*

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 30-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	871	-1	20.81	(A)	872 20.81
SATL	807	-1	29.14	(A)	808 29.14
N CENT	2,269	1	29.82	(A)	2,269 29.82
S CENT	475	0	19.61	(A)	475 19.61
WEST	555	10	21.29	(A)	555 21.29
U.S. TOTAL	4,977(B)	1	26.21	2	4,979 26.21
TO-DATE					
2003	162,242(B)			487	162,729
TO-DATE					
2002	161,045(B)			271	161,316

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 93,000; for the year 2,204,000; last year to date 1,749,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG		W/E 30-Aug-2003		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	2,027	2,857	93	2	4,979
AVG WT	15.43	33.94	23.72	30.51	26.21
LAST WEEK	2,088	2,761	69	15	4,933
SAME WK YR AGO	2,107	2,748	70	4	4,929
AVG WT	15.16	34.41	24.83	30.01	26.04
TO-DATE/2003	65,103	94,935	2,204	487	162,729
TO-DATE/2002	64,403	94,893	1,749	271	161,316

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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 4 SEPTEMBER 2003.

Trade sentiment on fresh white meat was steady to firm, frozen steady to fully steady. Fresh white meat demand was fair to good. Offerings of fresh white meat ranged from short to light with a few buyers noting fresh destrapped tenderloins not as available as fresh tom breast meat. Frozen white meat inquiry was slow to instances fair. Offerings of frozen white meat ranged from light and held with confidence with product -90 days age to fully adequate on older production. The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was fully steady to firm on drums and 2-joint wings, steady to fully steady on full-cut wings and mostly steady on necks. Demand fair to good, best on drums and 2-joint wings. Tom bulk parts offerings were adequate on necks, balance light at best. The undertone was firm on thigh meat and at least fully steady on mechanically separated turkey for the limited offerings. Trading centered on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments and on parts for domestic and export deliveries, balance slow. For domestic: fresh wing meat 48-49, fresh breast trim 78, Grade A non-basted co-pack 14-22 lb. breasts 92 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 16, hen necks 17.50, frozen breeder thigh meat 79-81, frozen thigh meat 79 delivered October, fresh thigh meat 82, frozen tom breast meat -90 days age 125 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/		R	77.00	600
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	32.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00-26.00		25.33	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	26.00		26.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00-37.00		33.67	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	60.00		60.00	40
NECKS, TOM	16.50-17.00		16.83	120
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	118.00		118.00	30
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	163.00-172.00		168.23	310
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	74.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	68.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	58.00	12
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	120.00		120.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	45.00	8
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	18.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00-35.50		32.50	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00-32.00		31.50	208
TAILS		T	21.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00-24.50		23.80	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00		78.00	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 5 SEPTEMBER 2003.

The trade sentiment was steady to firm on fresh white meat, steady to fully steady on frozen. Fresh white meat demand was fair to good, frozen light to fair. Offerings of fresh white meat ranged from short of buyers' needs to light. Frozen white meat offerings with -90 days age were generally light and held with confidence. Some buyers noted frozen scapula and breast trim supplies very spotty. The undertones on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey was strong. However, some spot unsettledness was noted on frozen thigh meat. Trading continued to be active on fresh white meat and bulk parts for domestic shipments, exports were also active. For domestic (fresh): tom drums 30 (October -December shipments) wing meat 47, scapula 59, breast trim 83 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 17, frozen tom breast meat 133 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY 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	31.00-34.00		31.79	145	31.71	245
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	31.00-34.00		33.00	60	32.60	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	40	31.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.41	101	26.00	201
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	26.00	40	26.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	33.67	120	33.67	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	60.00	40	60.00	40
NECKS, TOM	17.00-18.00		17.45	181	17.20	301
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	118.00	30	118.00	30
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.00-171.00		168.65	384	168.46	694
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	82.00		82.00	40	78.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	65.00		65.00	40	65.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	57.00-58.00		57.67	60	57.67	60
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	45.00	8		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	118.00-120.00		118.92	87	119.26	127
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	19.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-21.00		20.07	58	18.55	218
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.25		32.25	156	32.35	396
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	31.50	208	30.50	260
TAILS		T	21.00	28	21.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00		26.00	104	24.55	304
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	77.00-80.00		78.71	280	78.22	360

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