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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 fully steady. Inquiry moderate for current and deferred shipments. Sales were reported on light volumes of private label hens and toms for prompt shipment. Offerings are light to adequate. Parts and meats undertone remains fully steady to firm. Offerings mixed ranging from adequate to tight.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light and centered on tom drums and full-cut wings. Offerings are less than adequate for current needs and held with confidence. Demand fairly good with a steady to firm undertone.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 10, 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/	59-61	59	59.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	58-61	58	58.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 09, 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/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	757	SEP
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	SEP
WESTERN REGION	57-61	60.5	60.50	2000	-	-	-	2900	SEP

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 9 SEPTEMBER 2003.

The trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat. Demand fair to good with some noting supplies not as tight as previous weeks. The trade sentiment on rib breasts was steady on 4-8 lb. sizes, steady to fully steady on institutional sized breast. Inquiry was light on 4-8 lb. sizes, fair on institutional sized breasts for the light to adequate offerings. The undertone on tom drums and full-cut wings was steady to firm mostly steady to fully steady, tom 2-joint wings fully steady to firm and tom necks steady. Demand fair to good. Offerings of tom bulk parts ranged from short of buyers' needs in the East to light at best in the West. Domestic trading was light on all items, however, increased activity was noted on bulk parts. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums, balance light. For export: fresh tom drums 36, scapula 61, fresh thigh meat 87 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	85.00-86.00		85.67	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	33.00-37.00		34.30	129
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	33.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.93	86
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	26.00		26.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	34.00-36.00		35.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	66.00	40
NECKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	86
NECKS, HEN	16.00-18.00		17.40	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	133.00		133.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.00-175.00		169.46	130
THIGH MEAT	85.00-89.00		88.00	8
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	82.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	74.00		74.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		F	57.67	60
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	90.00		90.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	123.00		123.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	22.00		22.00	6
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	33.00-36.00		35.22	460
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	31.50	208
TAILS		T	21.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	27.50		27.50	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	88.50		88.50	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.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
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#	64-65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2003.

Trade sentiment on white meat was steady to instances firm, mostly steady to fully steady. White meat demand fair to good. Some fresh tom breast meat buyers have reduced purchases and increased internal utilization of previously bought frozen inventories. Offerings of fresh white meat were light at best and held with confidence. The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts continued steady to firm on drums and wings, steady on necks. Demand fair to good for domestic and export shipments. Tom bulk parts offerings were light at best on drums and wings, necks adequate. Trading centered on light volumes of bulk parts, balance slow. Drums transferred in storage: hen 32, tom 33 cents.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	85.67	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	129.00		129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	34.30	129
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	33.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	31.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00		28.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	26.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	66.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	17.00	86
NECKS, HEN		T	17.40	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	118.00		118.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	169.46	130
THIGH MEAT		T	88.00	8
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	82.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	74.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		F	57.67	60
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	90.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	123.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	22.00	6

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	36.00		36.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00		27.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	31.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	27.50	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	85.00		85.00	40

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#### BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 09/10/03

SEASON	POULTRY HEALTH BOARD ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2003-2004	740	54,404	54,404
2002-2003	13,749	109,924	110,174

#### BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 09/03/03

SEASON	POULTRY HEALTH BOARD ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2003-2004	6,230	53,664	53,664
2002-2003	5,033	96,175	96,175

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