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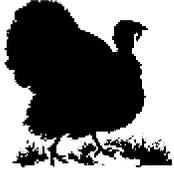
NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred shipments. Trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen packer label hens and tom for June and October shipments. Supplies in a full range, and were generally held with confidence. Parts and meats trading was generally slow. Offerings mixed, with most holding product with confidence.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on thigh meat and tom drums balance light. Demand light to moderate with best inquiry noted on drums.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 11, 2004**

	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/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	MAY-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	3500	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	MAY-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	1700	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-	76.00	4000	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	67.00	200	JUN	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-69	-	-	-	75.00	2400	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	67.00	240	JUN	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degree 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 11 MAY 2004.

The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on tom drums and 2-joint wings, barely steady at best on tom full-cut wings and steady to weak on tom necks. Demand light to fair on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings, light on tom full-cut wings and necks. Offerings of tom drums and 2-joint wings light to adequate, tom full-cut wings adequate to instances ample and tom necks fully adequate to ample. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady and thigh meat barely steady at best. Trading was heavy on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts for domestic shipments, balance light. For domestic: livers 20.50 cents delivered pet foods, frozen bulk ground turkey 85% lean 54, plant grade basted 12-14 lb. breasts 98, Grade A basted 14-16 lb. breasts 115 cents delivered. Hen drums traded at 32.50 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	94.00		94.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	83.00-84.00		83.05	840
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	34.50		34.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	35.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	32.09	22
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	46.94	189
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	45.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	36.00		36.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	77.00		77.00	30
NECKS, TOM		M	43.00	3
NECKS, HEN	43.00		43.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	177.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	190.00	40
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	92.29	140
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	108.80	200
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	173.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	188.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	109.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	44.90	400
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	33.00-36.00		34.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	43.50		43.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	28.00	208
TAILS		R	36.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	35.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.00		89.00	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.

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#	71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	95-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-130

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 MAY 2004.

The market on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady with some processors more confident than others. The destrapped tenderloin market was steady to fully steady, breast trim fully steady, wing meat with skin fully steady to firm and frozen scapula steady to barely steady. White meat demand ranged from good on wing meat with skin to light to fair on the balance of items. Some industry members noted demand for scapula was disappointing. Offerings of fresh tom breast were light to fully adequate, mostly adequate; wing meat with skin short of buyers' needs; breast trim mostly held with confidence; frozen scapula adequate to fully adequate and the balance of items light to adequate. Trading centered on fair volumes of fresh mechanically separated turkey at higher prices for domestic shipments and on frozen thigh meat for export at lower trending prices, balance light. For domestic: hearts 22, plant grade basted 12-16 lb. breasts 110 and Grade A basted 115 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	94.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	36.00		36.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	35.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	32.09	22
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00-47.00		44.75	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	45.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	36.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	77.00	30
NECKS, TOM	42.00		42.00	20
NECKS, HEN		T	43.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	177.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	188.00-191.00		189.00	120
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	94.00		94.00	32
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	108.80	200
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	173.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00-189.00		188.33	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	109.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	47.00-50.00		48.78	368
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	33.00-35.00		33.56	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	44.00		44.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	36.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	37.00		37.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	79.00-89.00		80.14	352

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 05/12/04

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	2,925	266,107	266,107
2003-2004	2,925	266,107	266,107
2002-2003	-	-	-