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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS\

The market tone 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady to firm. No sales reported. Reported supplies are mixed and held with confidence. Parts and meats trading was very light. Demand slow as buyers are cautious and selective toward the market.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was inactive today. Interest noted from Russia, Mexico and Asia. Demand was uneven, mostly light. Supplies were light to moderate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JULY 29, 2004

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
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CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 JULY 30, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JULY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	72.20 **	71.50 **	57.35 **	EASTERN REGION	71.21	68.95	58.18
CENTRAL REGION	71.80 **	70.00	55.15	CENTRAL REGION	70.69	68.60	56.70
WESTERN REGION	71.80 **	70.50 **	59.20 **	WESTERN REGION	70.83	69.19	59.73
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	71.20 **	70.50 **	56.50 **	EASTERN REGION	70.64	68.90	57.32
CENTRAL REGION	71.10 **	70.00	54.25	CENTRAL REGION	70.24	68.48	56.20
WESTERN REGION	71.10 **	70.50 **	57.30 **	WESTERN REGION	70.40	68.86	57.64

**BASED ON OFFERS

**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#	76-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-79

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 02-AUG-2004

	<u>HENS (8-16#)</u>		<u>TOMS (16-24#)</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	77.75	32	77.50	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	77.75	32	77.50	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		20		20

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

June	456,968*
July 1-24, 2004	336,523*
To date 2004	2,816,292*
To date 2003	3,059,042*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 24-Jul-2004
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
North East	897	-1	21.19	(A)	898 21.19
South Atlantic	846	9	29.91	(A)	846 29.91
North Central	2,121	-3	32.47	(A)	2,121 32.47
South Central	477	-3	19.78	(A)	477 19.78
West	354	7	24.58	(A)	354 24.58
U.S. total	4,695(B)	0	27.97	1	4,696 27.97

To-date
2004 124,371(B) 196 124,567

To-date
2003 134,660(B) 431 135,091

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included:
this week 72,000; for the current year to date 1,357,000; for last year
to date 1,804,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
Head	1,910	2,713	72	1	4,696
Avg Wt	16.71	36.03	23.21	43.53	27.97
Last week	1,872	2,757	59	18	4,706
Same wk yr ago	2,034	2,758	62	10	4,864
Avg Wt	15.50	35.67	24.89	31.91	27.08
To-date/2004	49,921	73,093	1,357	196	124,567
To-date/2003	53,679	79,177	1,804	431	135,091

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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 29 JULY 2004.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady at best. Frozen tom breast was available, however asking prices tended higher in some areas. Frozen hen breast meat moved at 165. Parts trading was very light. Fully adequate supplies of tom drums kept prices steady at best. Trading was light on fresh and frozen mechanically separated turkey (MST) at mostly steady prices. Fresh scapula sold at 107 delivered and plant grade nonbasted 14-16 lb breasts moved at 115 delivered. Export trading was fairly active on fresh tom drums at 31 for August shipment, light on fresh MST at 19 and fair on frozen thigh meat at open prices.

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/		W	129.83	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	32.00-33.00		32.05	169
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	33.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	29.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	35.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	45.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	50.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	80.00		80.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	17.18	49
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	211.00		211.00	120
THIGH MEAT	77.00		77.00	8
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	78.00		78.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	111.00-118.00		113.60	75
SCAPULA MEAT	90.00		90.00	20
TENDERLOINS		W	148.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	168.33	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	186.00-188.00		186.31	105
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	86.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.83	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00-20.00		18.67	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	32.06	356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	32.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	75.00-77.00		76.00	80

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.

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Offering prices on fresh tom breast meat were occasionally at lower levels, however, the limited trading was at unchanged prices. The market tone on fresh and frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenders was steady to instances barely steady and demand was no better than fair. Demand was strong for fresh wing meat and fresh and frozen breast trim. Trading was active on fresh breast trim at 119.5 to 124. Thigh meat was steady to fully steady, although there were some mixed signals. Thigh trim with bone fragments moved at 42 and tails at 30 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/						
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DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	32.05	169	32.05	169
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	30.00		30.00	20	32.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	29.00	40	29.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	35.00	15	35.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	80.00	40	80.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	17.18	49	17.18	49
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	214.00-215.00		214.59	68	212.45	592
THIGH MEAT		R	77.00	8	77.00	8
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	78.00	80	78.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	113.60	75	113.60	75
SCAPULA MEAT	90.00		90.00	80	90.00	100
TENDERLOINS		W	148.00	40	148.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		R	186.31	105	185.47	291
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	86.00	40	86.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.83	240	18.83	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		R	18.67	120	19.25	160
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	32.06	356	32.06	356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	260	20.87	300
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	76.00	80	77.50	160

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