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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. Demand and trading was slow. Offerings fully adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Winter weather conditions continue to hamper movement of live animals for slaughter and finished product. Demand light to moderate. Offerings mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a light volume of thigh meat and tom drums, balance slow. Demand was limited. Export activity slow. Offerings adequate.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 27, 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/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	59	59.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	59	59.00	10	-	-	-	-	-

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 27 JANUARY 2004.

The white meat trade sentiment was steady to fully steady with fresh trims and wing meat at least fully steady. Fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloin demand was light to fair, balance of fresh white meat fair to good. Frozen white meat demand was light to instances fair with the best interest noted on scapula. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were light to fully adequate mostly light to adequate, balance of fresh white meat offerings were light at best. Frozen white meat offerings ranged light to adequate. Some spot shortages of product was noted in the East due to limited processing schedules from the adverse weather conditions. Trading centered on a moderate volume of open priced fresh thigh meat for February-March, 2004 export shipments, balance light. For domestic: Grade A basted 18-20 lb. breasts 100, frozen tom breast meat +6 months age 131 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	91.00		91.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		M	150.00	23
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	84.18	440
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	44.00-47.00		45.03	95
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	42.40	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-37.00		36.30	30
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	42.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00		43.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	75.00		75.00	40
NECKS, TOM	37.00		37.00	9
NECKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	133.00	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	145.00-146.00		145.33	120
THIGH MEAT		R	79.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	84.00	70
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	80.33	360
SCAPULA MEAT		M	75.50	40
TENDERLOINS		F	95.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	103.00	24
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	114.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	68.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00		30.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	41.50	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	79.00-86.00		82.04	184

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#	68-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-77

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
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	105-130

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 JANUARY 2004.

Trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady on drums, necks fully steady to firm, 2-joint wings mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady and full-cut wings steady. Demand fair to good on fresh tom drums and frozen necks, balance light to fair. Offerings of fresh tom drums and necks were short of buyers' need, frozen tom drums short to instances adequate, tom full-cut wings light to adequate and tom 2-joint wings mixed. Trading light to fair and showed signs of slowing due to the start of a major trade show in Atlanta, GA. Some plants in the East were restarting plants today due to adverse weather conditions the last couple days. Fresh scapula (part load) traded at 86 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	84.18	440
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	44.00-45.00		44.60	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	42.40	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.50-37.00		36.71	70
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	42.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00		39.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	72.00		72.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	37.00	9
NECKS, HEN		T	32.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	133.00	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		T	145.33	120
THIGH MEAT		R	79.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	85.00		85.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	76.00-78.00		76.83	120
SCAPULA MEAT	75.00		75.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	95.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	103.00	24
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	116.00		116.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	68.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00		30.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	45.00		45.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	76.50-82.00		77.39	248

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 01/28/04

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	ACCUMULATED		
2003-2004	-	-	-
2002-2003	11,887	255,580	255,880