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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole body hens and toms was steady. Program packages for the 2004 season are being discussed, as buyers and sellers evaluate retail demand and supplies for the upcoming year. No trading reported. Supplies of bulk parts and meats were tight. Demand exceeded supply for current shipment. The market tone was fully steady to firm.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export activity was quiet.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) FEBRUARY 12, 2004

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
					WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) FEBRUARY 13, 2004

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WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 FEBRUARY 13, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.50 **	61.50 **	61.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	61.00 **	63.00	60.00 **
WESTERN REGION	62.00 **	62.00 **	60.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50 **	58.70 **	58.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	58.00 **	59.00	58.00
WESTERN REGION	59.00 **	59.00 **	58.00

**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#	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

	<u>RANGE</u>
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

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 16-FEB-2004

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	69.00	30	65.00	12
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	69.00	30	65.00	12
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

JANUARY	378,953*
FEBRUARY 1-7, 2004	91,891*
To date 2004	470,844*
To date 2003	505,093*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS W/E 7-Feb-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>	
N EAST	780	2	21.89	(A)	783 21.89
SATL	696	26	30.23	(A)	699 30.23
N CENT	1,833	1	32.19	(A)	1,836 32.19
S CENT	498	0	20.79	(A)	501 20.79
WEST	274	0	25.24	(A)	278 25.24

U.S. TOTAL 4,081(B) 5 28.04 16 4,097 28.04
TO-DATE

2004 20,664(B) 41 20,705

TO-DATE

2003 21,716(B) 63 21,779

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 9,000; for the year 181,000; last year to date 306,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 7-Feb-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,669	2,403	9	16	4,097
AVG WT	15.39	36.82	25.76	30.39	28.04
LAST WEEK	1,571	2,295	33	8	3,907
SAME WK YR AGO	1,758	2,504	51	20	4,333
AVG WT	15.77	37.77	24.64	29.17	28.65
TO-DATE/2004	8,365	12,118	181	41	20,705
TO-DATE/2003	8,417	12,993	306	63	21,779

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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 12 FEBRUARY 2004.

The market tone was steady to firm on most items. Offerings light on bulk parts and bulk meats. Offerings fairly tight due to reduced slaughter schedules and an improved domestic demand. Some price resistance was noted from the export area.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	90.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	150.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	84.00	480
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	49.00-56.00		51.99	87
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	51.00-54.00		53.00	45
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	55.00		55.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	41.00		41.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00-39.00		38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	78.00		78.00	20
NECKS, TOM	47.00		47.00	100
NECKS, HEN	55.00		55.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	149.00		149.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		M	155.00	104
THIGH MEAT		F	82.00	10
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	87.00-89.00		87.29	70
BREAST TRIM MEAT	79.00		79.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	81.00		81.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	141.00		141.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	79.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	32.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	33.00		33.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	48.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	33.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00-84.00		83.67	120

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 13 FEBRUARY 2004.

Offerings were very light. Limited supplies were quickly absorbed into the domestic market. The market tone was fully steady to firm on parts, bulk meats and trims. Export markets were quiet.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	90.00	40	90.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	84.00	480	84.00	480
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	51.99	87	52.70	227
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	56.00		56.00	40	53.64	125
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	55.00	20	55.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00		43.00	20	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	38.00	40	38.12	97
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	78.00	20	78.00	20
NECKS, TOM	49.00-52.00		51.40	100	47.57	446
NECKS, HEN		R	55.00	20	55.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	149.00	40	150.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	157.00-162.00		160.31	129	157.94	233
THIGH MEAT		F	82.00	10		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00		90.00	40	87.22	270
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	79.00	40	79.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	81.00	20	82.33	36
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	132.00		132.00	60	132.00	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	79.00	40	74.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	141.00		141.00	20	142.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	32.00	120	32.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		R	33.00	20	34.11	180
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	48.00	104		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	33.00	40	33.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	83.67	120	83.00	200

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