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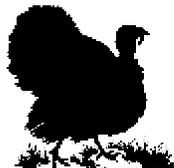
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to fully steady. Inquiry was slow for current shipments, light to fair for November holiday needs. No trading reported. Offerings light to adequate. The market was strong on white meat, mixed on parts with full-cut wings and necks in the strongest position while tom drums and tom 2-joint wings were weakest. Some increased confidence was noted on thigh meat due to the resumption of exports to Mexico.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a heavy volume of thigh meat, balance slow. Increased activity was noted from Mexico due to the resumption of trade on select items. Interest was also noted from Central America, Russia and Taiwan.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 09, 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/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	2400	JUN-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	2400	JUN-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 MARCH 2004.

The white meat market continued steady to firm. Demand light to fair with offerings held with confidence. The trade sentiment on tom full-cut wings and necks was steady to firm, tom drums steady to barely steady, tom 2-joint wings steady to weak mostly steady to barely steady. Demand on tom necks and full-cut wings continued to be active, tom drums light to fair and tom 2-joint wings light. Exports continued slow as industry members continued to watch for developments. Offerings of tom necks ranged from short of buyers' needs to spotty at best. Tom full-cut wing offerings were tight due in part to buyer demand and a strong wing meat call. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings were adequate to ample and tom drums adequate to fully adequate with the slow exports continuing to be a factor. Trading slow on all items. Fresh breast trim 105-110 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	91.95	800
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	152.00	29
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	83.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	54.57	140
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	56.20	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	55.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	46.33	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	45.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00-33.00		32.67	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	79.00		79.00	40
NECKS, TOM		F	57.75	160
NECKS, HEN		W	55.00	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	182.62	470
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	90.80	300
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	104.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	100.00		100.00	20
TENDERLOINS		W	142.00	9
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	153.00	440
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	184.00		184.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	90.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	34.19	840

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS
 WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS
 WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM
 TAILS
 MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/
 THIGH MEAT - FROZEN

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 10 MARCH 2004.

The frozen thigh meat market made an about face and showed signs of improvement for some processors with the resumption of sales to Mexico. However, other industry members were not as optimistic due to the continued export bans on some states. Export interest was also noted from Central America, Russia and Taiwan. The undertone on mechanically separated turkey was mostly steady and the white meat market continued strong. The rib breast undertone was barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady on 4-8 lb. sizes; institutional sized breasts were steady to fully steady. Trading centered on a heavy volume of thigh meat for export, balance light.

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	18
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	152.00	29
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	83.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	54.00		54.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	56.20	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	55.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	46.00		46.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	45.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	32.67	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	79.00	40
NECKS, TOM	60.00		60.00	100
NECKS, HEN	58.00		58.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	176.00		176.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	182.62	470
THIGH MEAT	78.00		78.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	90.80	300
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	104.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	92.00-93.00		92.33	120
TENDERLOINS		W	142.00	9
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	165.00		165.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	184.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	90.00	40
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WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	79.50-88.00		83.93	889

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