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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 fully steady, instances firm. Light trading reported for prompt shipments, also moderate trading for private and packer label hens and toms for deferred arrivals with no price ceilings. Demand was mixed with most interest noted for future shipments. Offer- ings were mixed. Parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was limited.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading inactive. Demand was slow due to the upcoming Easter holiday

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 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/ | 64-65 | 64 | 64.00 | 200 | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 64-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3000 | MAY-SEP |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 64-66 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 64-65 | 64 | 64.00 | 40 | - | - | - | 1600 | MAY-SEP |
| CENTRAL REGION | 64-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION | 64-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 08, 2004**

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| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 64-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 64-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 65-66 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 64 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 64 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION | 64 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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 APRIL 09, 2004 | CURRENT WEEK | LAST WEEK | SAME WEEK YEAR AGO |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 8-16 LB HENS | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 64.00 | 63.60 | 61.50** |
| CENTRAL REGION | 64.30** | 64.00 | 61.00** |
| WESTERN REGION | 65.30** | 66.00 | 61.50** |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 64.00 | 61.17 | 59.00** |
| CENTRAL REGION | 63.10** | 61.00 | 58.80** |
| WESTERN REGION | 63.20** | 64.00 | 58.60** |

**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# | 70-71 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# | 66 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28# | 70-77 |

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

| | <u>RANGE</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| TURKEYS Y HENS | 95-129 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22# | 86-125 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24# | 85-125 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26# | 85-129 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER | 93-130 |

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 12-APR-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) | 72.40 | 100 | 68.00 | 10 |
| SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED) | 72.40 | 100 | 68.00 | 10 |
| SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY) | | | | |
| SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED) | | 80 | | 45 |

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

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| MARCH | 446,631* |
| APRIL 1-3, 2004 | 39,597* |
| To date 2004 | 1,238,445* |
| To date 2003 | 1,332,923* |

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 03-Apr-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 | 840 | -9 | 22.34 | (A) | 841 22.34 |
| SATL | 747 | -2 | 30.35 | (A) | 748 30.35 |
| N CENT | 1,944 | 2 | 32.55 | (A) | 1,945 32.55 |
| S CENT | 513 | -1 | 21.54 | (A) | 515 21.54 |
| WEST | 351 | 3 | 22.20 | (A) | 353 22.20 |
| U.S. TOTAL | 4,395(B) | -1 | 28.11 | 7 | 4,402 28.11 |
| TO-DATE | | | | | |
| 2004 | 54,898(B) | | | 104 | 55,002 |
| TO-DATE | | | | | |
| 2003 | 57,717(B) | | | 224 | 57,941 |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included:

this week 61,000; for the year 588,000; last year to date 765,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

| | <u>YOUNG</u> | | <u>W/E 03-Apr-2004</u> | | <u>OLD</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| | <u>HENS</u> | <u>TOMS</u> | <u>YOUNG</u> | <u>BREEDERS</u> | | |
| | <u>THOUSANDS</u> | | | | | |
| HEAD | 1,735 | 2,599 | 61 | 7 | 7 | 4,402 |
| AVG WT | 15.42 | 36.69 | 23.72 | 27.14 | 27.14 | 28.11 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,808 | 2,595 | 48 | 7 | 7 | 4,458 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 1,638 | 2,810 | 65 | 22 | 22 | 4,535 |
| AVG WT | 15.95 | 36.97 | 24.16 | 28.71 | 28.71 | 29.16 |
| TO-DATE/2004 | 22,087 | 32,223 | 588 | 104 | 104 | 55,002 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 22,196 | 34,756 | 765 | 224 | 224 | 57,941 |

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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 8 APRIL 2004.

White meat trade sentiment steady to instances firm and tom bulk parts were steady at best. Demand light to instances fair. White meat offerings were light to adequate and tom bulk parts were adequate to instances ample. Trading was heavy on fresh mechanically separated turkey for current shipments, fair on tom drums and thigh meat for export, balance light. For domestic: fresh wing meat 103, Grade A basted 16-20 lb. breasts 115, plant grade non-basted 14-16 lb. breasts 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 | 93.82 | 440 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/ | 156.00 | | 156.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | M | 88.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 30.50-33.50 | | 31.25 | 160 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | | R | 37.00 | 20 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | | F | 46.75 | 79 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | | | |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | R | 32.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | | R | 79.00 | 40 |
| NECKS, TOM | | | | |
| NECKS, HEN | | | | |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | T | 179.57 | 70 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/ | 190.00 | | 190.00 | 24 |
| THIGH MEAT | 88.50 | | 88.50 | 5 |
| THIGH MEAT--FRESH | | F | 90.39 | 114 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | R | 112.00 | 40 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 40 |
| TENDERLOINS | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | W | 172.00 | 80 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH | | F | 187.00 | 11 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | W | 102.00 | 80 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | M | 36.00 | 80 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/ | 38.00-39.00 | | 38.05 | 760 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 30.00-32.00 | | 30.80 | 260 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | | | |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | | | |
| TAILS | | F | 35.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | | | |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 77.00-90.00 | | 82.65 | 368 |

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 9 APRIL 2004.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady and destrapped tenderloins fully steady to firm. Demand light due to some processors being down today and others down next week Monday because of Easter. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were uneven due to holiday processing schedules. Offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins were tight with some sellers substituting breast meat for tenderloins. Breast trim offerings were short, balance of white meat light to instances adequate. Domestic trading light to fair, exports slow. For domestic: tails 33, Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 98, fresh scapula 102-107 mostly 103-104, plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 108, fresh breast trim 110, frozen yearling hen breast meat 142 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/ | | F | 93.82 | 440 | | |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/ | 156.00 | | 156.00 | 73 | 156.00 | 113 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | M | 88.00 | 40 | 88.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 30.00-33.00 | | 31.13 | 138 | 31.19 | 298 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH | | | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | | | | | | |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 47.00 | | 47.00 | 47 | 47.00 | 47 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | | | | | |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 30.00-33.00 | | 31.00 | 71 | 31.00 | 71 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | | | | | | |
| NECKS, TOM | 55.00-60.00 | | 56.07 | 94 | 56.07 | 94 |
| NECKS, HEN | | | | | | |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | 173.00 | | 173.00 | 89 | 175.89 | 159 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/ | 187.00-190.00 | | 188.81 | 320 | 188.90 | 344 |
| THIGH MEAT | 91.00 | | 91.00 | 6 | 89.86 | 11 |
| THIGH MEAT--FRESH | 91.00-102.00 | | 92.64 | 183 | 92.64 | 183 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | 112.00 | | 112.00 | 80 | 112.00 | 80 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | 98.00 | | 98.00 | 40 | 99.00 | 80 |
| TENDERLOINS | | | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | 168.00 | | 168.00 | 30 | 170.91 | 110 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH | | F | 187.00 | 11 | | |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | 100.00-105.00 | | 102.00 | 200 | 102.00 | 280 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | M | 36.00 | 80 | 36.00 | 80 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/ | 36.00-38.00 | | 37.00 | 240 | 37.80 | 1,000 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 34.00 | | 34.00 | 104 | 31.71 | 364 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | | | | | |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | | | | | |
| TAILS | | F | 35.00 | 40 | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | | | | | |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | | R | 82.65 | 368 | 83.96 | 448 |

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