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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. Fairly good trading was reported for October shipments. Demand was moderate on packer label for late fall with most interest noted for deferred shipping. Offerings are sufficient. Trading was light for parts and meats. Demand was slow. The market tone remains mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Limited trading taking place, most industry members watching for further developments at the border. Demand was light.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 20, 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 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 64-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 64-66 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 64-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 64-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 64-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 64-65 | - | - | - | 69.00 | 4800 | OCT | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 64-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 64-66 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 64-65 | - | - | - | 68.00 | 2800 | OCT | - | - |
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| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 64-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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 20 APRIL 2004.

Bulk parts trading was light, centering on spot loads. Tom and hen v-type wings were available and barely steady, tom necks were at steady to lower trending values. Tom drums were available, but less so than previous week, in anticipation of increased export activity. Wing meat continued tight, breast trim and scapula were available in areas. Institutional sized breasts, plant grade, nonbasted, traded at 100 on 12-14 and 110 on 16-18.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | R | 95.00 | 200 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/ | | W | 154.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | R | 84.22 | 360 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 29.00-30.00 | | 29.50 | 80 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH | | M | 31.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | | W | 31.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | | R | 45.37 | 54 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | T | 43.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | F | 32.00 | 9 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | 75.00 | | 75.00 | 40 |
| NECKS, TOM | 55.00-56.00 | | 55.67 | 120 |
| NECKS, HEN | | W | 55.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | R | 176.50 | 160 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/ | | F | 188.41 | 375 |
| THIGH MEAT | | F | 87.00 | 10 |
| THIGH MEAT--FRESH | | F | 92.00 | 100 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | | | |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | F | 100.00 | 10 |
| TENDERLOINS | | R | 145.00 | 16 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | M | 170.00 | 40 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH | | M | 187.50 | 48 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | F | 100.91 | 110 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/ | | M | 37.90 | 150 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | | R | 29.02 | 812 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | | | |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | | | |
| TAILS | | R | 31.33 | 120 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | R | 35.00 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 89.00 | | 89.00 | 40 |

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

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| | RANGE |
|------------------------------|--------|
| 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 |

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The market on tom drums was cautiously steady as industry members watch Mexico for further market developments, tom necks and 2-joint wings steady to barely steady, tom full-cut wings steady. Demand was active on tom drums for Mexico with confirmations dependant upon official border opening. Tom bulk parts demand was slow to moderate on the balance of items. Offerings of full-cut wings light to adequate, balance adequate to fully adequate. Instances of increased offers of breast trim were noted at lower trending price levels.

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| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/21/04

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ACCUMULATED

| SEASON | HEAVY WHITE | HEAVY WHITES | ALL BREEDS |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| JULY 1 TO JUNE 30 | | | |
| 2003-2004 | 11,997 | 236,706 | 236,706 |
| 2002-2003 | 22,562 | 368,430 | 368,730 |