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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady, instances firm. Inquiries and offerings were light as attention focused on the upcoming holiday weekend. Trading was light on bulk meats and parts, heavy on fresh mechanically separated turkey. White meat markets were unsettled however some increased post holiday demand was noted in areas. Frozen thigh meat was steady to weak with some offers in the low 70s.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light to fair. Most buyers were taking a wait and see attitude.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 25, 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/	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 25 MAY 2004.

The market on tom 2-joint wings was mostly steady, tom drums was steady to barely steady, tom full-cut wings and necks steady to instances weak. Demand light to fair. Offerings of tom necks were mixed with some processors moving excess production into mechanically separated turkey (MST) and others still indicating a willingness to negotiate. Tom drum offerings were adequate to fully adequate, tom 2-joint wings light to adequate and tom full-cut wings adequate to instances ample. The market on fresh MST was a strong steady, however, some industry members were cautiously watching post holiday market conditions. The frozen MST market was mixed due to lack of buyer interest at current price levels. The frozen thigh meat market continued steady to weak with some export buyers taking a wait and see position. Trading slow on all items. Grade A basted 14-18 lb. breasts traded at 115 cents delivered.

<u>DOMESTIC TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	93.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	154.00	33
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	35.00		35.00	21
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	35.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	30.00-35.00		30.45	44
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	45.00-46.00		45.09	55
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	45.00		45.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	34.00-36.00		35.54	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	78.00		78.00	40
NECKS, TOM	36.00		36.00	11
NECKS, HEN		R	36.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	188.00		188.00	120
THIGH MEAT		F	70.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	91.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	108.00		108.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		F	142.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	173.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	188.00	14
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	102.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	36.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		M	51.29	280

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	35.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	83.00	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#	72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	95-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-130

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 MAY 2004.

The white meat market was becoming increasingly unsettled as the long holiday weekend approaches. Some spot strength was noted on fresh tom breast meat for current shipments while some buyers note purchases of fresh tom breast meat for post holiday needs at discounted price levels. Spot offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins were also noted at lower trending price levels for prompt pick-up. Demand was slow to instances fair with some increased inquiry noted for post holiday needs. Fresh offerings of tom breast meat were light to instances ample, mostly adequate; fresh destrapped tenderloins uneven with some more willing to negotiate than others for prompt shipments, balance of fresh white meat offerings light to adequate. Frozen white meat was becoming more available with offerings not as tight as previous weeks. Frozen tom breast meat offerings were spotty. Increased offerings of frozen destrapped tenderloins were being noted with -6 months age and some were also starting to note increased offers of frozen wing meat with skin. Offerings of breast trim light to adequate with ground the most available. Frozen thigh meat steady to weak with offers noted in the 70s. Trading centered on a heavy volume of fresh MST for current shipments, balance slow to fair. Fresh scapula (part loads) 114-114.50 delivered domestic. For export: hen drums 31 and livers 21 delivered port.

**DOMESTIC TRADING**

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DRUMSTICKS, TOM	33.50-34.50		34.19	129
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	35.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	30.45	44
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	45.09	55
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	45.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.54	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	79.00		79.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	36.00	11
NECKS, HEN		R	36.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	190.00-191.00		190.25	160
THIGH MEAT		F	70.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	91.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	108.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	98.00		98.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	142.00	80
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WING MEAT WITH SKIN	100.00		100.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	36.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	50.00-51.00		50.31	1,160

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.50-34.00		33.16	122
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00-85.00		81.71	304

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 05/26/04**

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2003-2004			
2002-2003			