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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 steady, instances weak. Trading was reported on private label hens and toms with price ceilings for February; hens 65 cents, toms 63 cents; March hens 67 cents, toms 64 cents; April hens 67 cents. Offerings were light to moderate for current shipments and the Thanksgiving holiday period. Bulk parts and meats trading was moderate. Inquiry was mixed as buyers are cautious and selective. Supplies were light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom 2-joint wings, thigh meat and tom drums. Demand was good for thigh meat and tom drums. Light volumes of tails and mechanically separated turkey sold. Offerings were adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 17, 2005**

	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/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	65	65.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	FEB
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	2040	FEB-APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	1400	FEB-MAR
WESTERN REGION 5/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 FEB 18, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.90 **	65.80 **	61.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	65.00	65.20 **	61.00 **
WESTERN REGION	65.80 **	66.00 **	62.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	62.50 **	62.90 **	58.63 **
CENTRAL REGION	62.00 **	62.00 **	58.00 **
WESTERN REGION	63.00 **	63.00 **	59.00 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-74

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS (prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 21-FEB-2005

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	80.68	559,800
16-24 lbs.	78.00	46,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume: 620,800

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 12-Feb-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>PCT CHG PW</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>	<u>OLD BANDED</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>
North East	749	-1	22.66	(A) 750	22.66
South Atlantic	625	1	34.27	(A) 625	34.27
North Central	1,900	-1	34.49	(A) 1,900	34.49
South Central	460	-2	22.23	(A) 460	22.23
West	303	-7	24.75	(A) 303	24.75
U.S. total	4,037(B)	-1	30.14	1 4,038	30.14
To-date					
2005	24,648(B)			25 24,673	
To-date					
2004	24,791(B)			42 24,833	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 9,000; for the current year to date 172,000; for last year to date 215,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

January	424,013*
February 1-12, 2005	176,221*
To date 2005	600,234*
To date 2004	563,273*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 12-Feb-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD BREEDERS</u>	<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>		
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Head	1,539	2,489	9 1	4,038
Avg Wt	15.98	38.89	28.62 52.17	30.14
Last week	1,483	2,574	38 1	4,096
Same wk yr ago	1,708	2,385	34 1	4,128
Avg Wt	15.61	36.88	24.18 61.35	27.98
To-date/2005	9,333	15,143	172 25	24,673
To-date/2004	10,073	14,503	215 42	24,833

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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 17 FEBRUARY 2005.

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to barely steady, however, increased confidence was noted. The market tone on destrapped tenderloins was barely steady at best as they continued to respond to pressure from the breast meat market. The market tone on breast trim was at least steady, scapula steady at best and wing meat with skin steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate on fresh tom breast meat with some sellers noting increased interest from regular commitments. Demand on the balance of white meat ranged light to instances moderate with best interest noted on breast trim. Offerings of breast trim light, tom breast meat and wing meat with skin adequate to fully adequate, scapula at least adequate. Export trading was heavy on frozen thigh meat and moderate on tom 2-joint wings with interest noted from Asia and Russia. Domestic trading centered on moderate volumes of fresh tom breast meat and fresh mechanically separated turkey for current shipments, balance slow. For export (fresh): wing meat with skin 110-117 mostly 110-113, breast trim 140-142 mostly 140 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 21, fresh tom drums 40 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	97.00	253
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00		158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	38.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	38.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	37.00-39.00		37.67	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	40.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	53.00-56.00		54.86	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	97.00		97.00	20
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	60
NECKS, HEN		R	23.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	153.00		153.00	360
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	91.00		91.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	140.00-146.00		142.73	22
SCAPULA MEAT		F	118.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	176.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	87.00		87.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00-21.00		19.52	310
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	37.00	196
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	41.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.50		45.50	468
TAILS		W	25.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00-98.50		96.64	728

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.

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The market tone on tom drums was barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady; tom 2-joint wings steady to instances weak with increased export interest noted at the lower trending prices; tom necks and full-cut wings steady to barely steady. Demand on tom bulk parts was light to moderate. Offerings of tom wings adequate to instances burdensome, balance adequate to fully adequate. Trading was moderate on tom bulk parts for domestic and export shipments, balance slow. For domestic: fresh hen drums 39, fresh scapula 122, plant grade basted 20-22 lb. breasts 130, fresh breast trim 150 cents delivered. For export: frozen ground drum meat 57, fresh thigh meat 90 cents delivered.

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					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	97.00	253		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	20	158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00		38.00	67	38.30	267
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	38.00	40	38.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	37.67	60	37.67	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00-40.00		39.08	260	39.38	320
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	47.00-48.00		47.50	40	47.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	53.00		53.00	40	54.55	220
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	97.00	20	97.00	20
NECKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	200	19.83	360
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	150.00		150.00	40	150.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	153.00-155.00		153.52	54	153.87	814
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	91.00	40	91.28	290
BREAST TRIM MEAT	140.00		140.00	56	139.35	278
SCAPULA MEAT	119.00		119.00	10	119.00	10
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	87.00	40	85.67	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	172.00		172.00	60	173.60	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	40	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		R	19.52	310	19.19	430
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	36.00-37.00		36.50	104	36.97	345
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	41.00	3	41.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	50.00		50.00	208	46.88	676
TAILS	24.00		24.00	40	23.40	516
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.50		19.50	52	18.72	627
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	85.00-92.00		87.67	144	93.53	1178

***CORRECTION ON 02/17/05: Comment Should have read "For *domestic* (fresh): wing meat with skin..." not "export".

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