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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Trading was moderate. Offerings adequate for the fair demand. Open priced trading in the West consisted of private label hens and toms with price ceilings on hens: May 68, June 69 and July 71; on toms: May 66, June 67 and July 69; and on non-basted hens: May 71, June 72, July 74 cents. Trading was moderate on tom breast meat, fair on breast trim, light on balance of bulk meats. Fresh tom wings sold at 37 cents, fresh wing meat with skin 108-112 mostly 112, fresh scapula 127, fresh breast trim 142-146, and plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts 95 delivered April-May. Bulk parts demand was light and the tone was barely steady to weak on tom wings, tom necks and hen v-type wings. Balance of parts about steady.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light on tom drums, tails and mechanically separated turkey. Fresh tom drums moved at 40 cents. Inquiry was active on mechanically separated turkey, fair on thigh meat and tom drums.

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	64	64.00	80	67.00	600	APRIL	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	208	MAY-JUL
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	64	64.00	60	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-	65.00	600	APRIL	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	40 120	MAR MAY-JUL

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 INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 01 MARCH 2005.

The market tone on tom breast meat ranged from cautiously steady to steady on fresh to instances fully steady on frozen. The market tone on the balance of white meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat adequate to fully adequate, frozen tom breast meat light and held with confidence, destrapped tenderloins adequate to fully adequate, balance of white meat mixed with fresh ranging from light to instances fully adequate and frozen adequate to fully adequate. Trading centered on moderate volumes of tom drums for export, balance slow. Some trucking problems were noted in the Northeast due to a recent snow storm. Plant grade basted 18-20 lb. breast traded at 129 cents delivered domestic and fries at 210 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	101.86	210
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	38.00	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	38.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	39.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	38.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	48.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	95.00	40
NECKS, TOM		M	21.00	9
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	154.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	151.09	220
THIGH MEAT		F	89.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	92.00	12
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	140.00	56
SCAPULA MEAT		R	117.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00		150.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	161.84	95
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	88.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	23.50	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00-39.00		37.50	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	40.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.50		23.50	198
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	85.00	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#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	64-74

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
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

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The market tone on tom drums was steady to fully steady, tom wings and necks steady to barely steady with wings weakest. Demand slow to moderate. Offerings of tom drums short to instances adequate with some processors grinding product for ground turkey needs. Offerings of tom necks adequate to fully adequate with some processors continuing to move excess product into mechanically separated turkey, wings adequate to ample. The market tone on hen bulk parts was steady to instances weak. Demand very light to light. Offerings adequate to instances burdensome as some processors continue to try to find inventory clearing price levels. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady with inquiry centered on fresh for domestic and export shipments. Offerings held with confidence with sellers resisting the lower buyer bids. Trading moderate on tom breast meat, balance slow. For domestic: fresh tom wings 37, plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts 95 delivered April-May, fresh wing meat with skin 108-112 mostly 112, fresh scapula 127, fresh breast trim 142-146 cents delivered. Fresh tom drums 40 cents delivered export.

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DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	38.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	40.00		40.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-37.00		36.13	46
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	48.00-50.00		48.18	88
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	89.00		89.00	40
NECKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	120
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	150.00-152.00		151.14	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	150.00-153.00		152.29	105
THIGH MEAT		F	89.00	20
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MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00		26.00	11
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00		23.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
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TAILS	25.00		25.00	80
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<u>POULTRY HEALTH BOARD</u>		CUMULATIVE		ALL
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	HEAVY	BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE		
2004-2005		No report issued		
2003-2004				

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 02/18/05

<u>POULTRY HEALTH BOARD</u>		CUMULATIVE		ALL
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	HEAVY	BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE		
2004-2005		Data unavailable		
2003-2004	1,100	165,822		165,822