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## DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to instances fully steady on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Light trading was reported on private label hens and toms for deferred shipments. Fresh hens and toms found moderate trading for the upcoming Easter holiday period. Offerings were light to moderate. Demand ranged from light for prompt arrivals to fair for deferred shipments. Bulk parts and bulk meats trading was light. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate.



## EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on thigh meat, mechanically separated turkey and tails, balance of items slow. Demand was moderate. Supplies 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) **MARCH 08, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	65-66	65.43	70	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	69.50	800	SEP	440	APR-MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	68.50	1600	SEP	440	APR-MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 08 MARCH 2005.

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to fully steady, balance of white meat steady at best. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom breast meat light to adequate, balance of white meat adequate to fully adequate. Demand and offerings on institutional breasts was light to moderate for the mostly steady undertone. The market tone on fresh thigh meat was at least steady, frozen steady at best. Demand was light to moderate on fresh thigh meat for domestic and export shipments, very light to light on frozen thigh meat. Offerings of fresh thigh meat light, frozen adequate to instances fully adequate. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady to firm with supplies limited for buyers' needs. Demand mostly moderate with best interest noted on fresh. Trading slow on all items.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	7
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	39.45	55
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	40.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	40.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00		37.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	36.00		36.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	82.00		82.00	40
NECKS, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.33	36
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	152.80	100
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		M	151.57	280
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	93.20	200
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	138.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	117.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	145.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	148.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	169.62	65
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	26.00	11
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	24.71	140

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	39.60	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	32.39	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	37.24	478
TAILS	24.00-24.50		24.13	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	23.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	86.00		86.00	104

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, tom necks cautiously steady to steady and tom wings steady to weak. The market tone on hen bulk parts ranged from instances weak on wings to steady to barely steady on the balance of items. Demand light to instances moderate with the best interest noted on tom necks into mechanically separated turkey (MST) channels and on tom drums. Offerings of hen and tom wings adequate to burdensome, tom drums light, hen drums light to instances fully adequate, tom and hen necks adequate to fully adequate. Trading moderate on mechanically separated turkey for export, balance slow. For domestic: hearts 24, fresh ground drum 83.5-86.25 mostly 83.50, Grade A basted 12-14 lb. tom breasts 110, Grade A non-basted 18-20 lb. breasts 125, fresh scapula 128-130 cents delivered. For export: frozen 2-10lb. -85% lean ground turkey 65, fresh thigh meat 92-92.50, frozen tom breast meat 154 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00		97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	93.00		93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	39.45	55
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	40.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	34.00		34.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	36.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	85.00		85.00	20
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THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	93.00		93.00	80
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WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	32.39	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	37.24	478
TAILS	25.00		25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.50-25.00		23.99	320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.00		89.00	104

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#### **BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/09/05**

SEASON	HEAVY	CUMULATIVE HEAVY	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE	BREEDS
2004-2005		Data unavailable	
2003-2004			