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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 to instances firm. No trading was reported. Demand was light for immediate shipments and moderate to good for out front sales. Offerings continue to be held with confidence. Parts and meats trading was light. Supplies are mixed ranging from adequate to short of needs.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light to moderate. Demand was moderate. Offerings were short to available.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) APRIL 14, 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/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	1000	JUN-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	71.00	710	AUG	9274	APR-OCT
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	JUN-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	-	-	-	71.00	1344	AUG	13376	APR-OCT

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16-24 LB TOMS									
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CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 APRIL 15, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.00 **	63.00	64.00
CENTRAL REGION	64.50 **	64.40 **	64.00
WESTERN REGION	66.00 **	65.60 **	65.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00 **	62.00	62.00
CENTRAL REGION	63.50 **	64.00	64.00
WESTERN REGION	65.00 **	64.30 **	64.50 **

**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#	64-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	64-74

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 18-APR-2005

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

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	78.98	112,000
16-24 lbs.	77.00	60,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

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

Total Volume: 192,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 09-Apr-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>		
North East	813	10	23.97	(A)	813	23.97
South Atlantic	515	-19	32.99	(A)	515	32.99
North Central	2,023	3	33.50	(A)	2,023	33.50
South Central	543	8	22.60	(A)	543	22.60
West	318	-6	24.75	(A)	318	24.75
U.S. total	4,212(B)	1	29.53	0	4,212	29.53
To-date						
2005	57,041(B)			47	57,088	
To-date						
2004	58,803(B)			116	58,919	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 30,000; for the current year to date 344,000; for last year to date 626,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March	443,608*
April 1 - 9, 2005	119,095*
To date 2005	1,353,743*
To date 2004	1,326,539*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 09-Apr-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,637	2,545	30	0	4,212
Avg Wt	16.16	38.16	26.85	0.00	29.53
Last week	1,660	2,516	5	5	4,186
Same wk yr ago	1,589	2,278	38	12	3,917
Avg Wt	15.46	36.96	25.79	31.99	28.11
To-date/2005	21,597	35,100	344	47	57,088
To-date/2004	23,676	34,501	626	116	58,919

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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 14 APRIL 2005.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady. Demand moderate for the adequate supplies with increased offerings starting to be noted out of next week's production. The market tone on tom drums was mostly steady, tom wings steady to barely steady and tom necks steady to fully steady. Demand was very light to light on tom full-cut wings with some sellers struggling to move inventories, light to moderate on the balance of tom bulk parts. Offerings of tom full-cut wings adequate to ample, tom 2-joint wings spotty ranging from light to fully adequate, tom necks light to short of buyers' needs and tom drums spotty ranging from light to adequate. Trading centered on light volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat for export, balance slow.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	100.00		100.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	158.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	41.19	32
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	38.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00		26.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	44.00		44.00	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	17
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	170.00		170.00	100
THIGH MEAT		W	84.00	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	93.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	137.00-139.00		138.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	103.50	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	151.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	175.00	12
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	87.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	33.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.50		29.50	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00-40.50		39.60	212
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.00		26.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	42.00	208
TAILS		W	22.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	31.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	85.00		85.00	208

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 APRIL 2005.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady with isolated unsettledness noted; wing meat with skin and scapula steady at best, balance of white meat steady to fully steady. Demand on wing meat with skin very light to light, scapula light, balance moderate. Offerings of wing meat with skin available for the limited buyer interest, scapula adequate to fully adequate, breast trim light to adequate, fresh tom breast meat uneven, balance of white meat light. Trading was active on wings, balance slow. For domestic (rib breasts): plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb 118-128, 14-16 lb 122-133, 16-18 lb. 125-133,; tails 23-24; frozen 10 lb. -85% lean ground turkey 56-64; fresh scapula 120 cents delivered. For export: tom defatted gizzards 55 cents shipping point, fresh tom drums 40, fresh thigh 91 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	100.00	80	101.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	145.00		145.00	22	153.39	62
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00-42.00		40.99	127	40.99	127
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	42.00		42.00	40	42.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	38.00	40		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-28.00		26.51	215	26.34	337
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00-45.00		44.60	229	43.62	373
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	76.00-78.00		76.32	95	76.32	95
NECKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.89	94	23.93	190
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	168.00-171.00		170.86	42	170.86	42
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	169.00-170.00		169.78	102	170.03	835
THIGH MEAT	87.50-89.00		88.24	38	85.36	118
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	92.00		92.00	28	92.42	48
BREAST TRIM MEAT	139.00		139.00	40	137.33	240
SCAPULA MEAT		W	103.50	80	103.50	80
TENDERLOINS	149.00-151.00		149.40	100	149.40	100
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	152.00		152.00	80	151.67	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	87.00	40	87.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	170.00		170.00	24	171.67	36
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	33.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-33.00		30.02	110	29.79	264
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00		43.00	156	40.65	408
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	26.00	104	26.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00		40.00	54	41.59	262
TAILS	26.00		26.00	40	23.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	33.00		33.00	40	31.56	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00		87.00	52	85.88	300

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