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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. Heavy trading was reported for deferred shipments. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light to fully adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow to moderate. Demand mixed. Offerings were in a full range from short to adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow. Demand was light for the adequate supplies.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) MARCH 16, 2006

	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/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	3600	APR-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	1600	APR-SEP
CENTRAL REGION	65.5-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	MAR-JUN
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	2400	MAR-JUN
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	630	MAR-JUN
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65.5-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	1810	MAR-JUN
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 MARCH 17, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	67.44	67.70	64.60 **
CENTRAL REGION	66.50 **	66.00	64.40 **
WESTERN REGION	66.50 **	66.50 **	64.80 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	67.00	66.50	63.10 **
CENTRAL REGION	66.25 **	65.50	62.60 **
WESTERN REGION	66.50 **	66.50 **	62.80 **

**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#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-80

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-119

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Mar 20, 2006

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	79.79	442,000
16-24 lbs.	77.82	110,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

Total Volume:		582,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 11-Mar-2006 (Preliminary)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>PCT CHG</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>	<u>OLD BANDED</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
North East	747	1	24.00	(A)	749 24.00
South Atlantic	622	-17	30.80	(A)	624 30.80
North Central	2,059	-1	33.20	(A)	2,061 33.20
South Central	740	-1	19.17	(A)	742 19.17
West	243	-18	26.14	(A)	245 26.14
U.S. total	4,411(B)	-5	28.57	10	4,421 28.57
To-date					
2006	41,449(B)			42	41,491
To-date					
2005	40,547(B)			35	40,582

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 34,000; for the current year to date 219,000; for last year to date 277,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

February	399,979*
March 1 - 11, 2006	164,920*
To date 2006	950,356*
To date 2005	963,337*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	<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>				
W/E 11-Mar-2006					
Head	2,001	2,376	34	10	4,421
Avg Wt	17.77	37.69	25.75	31.51	28.57
Last week	2,086	2,511	23	2	4,622
Same wk yr ago	1,551	2,477	10	3	4,041
Avg Wt	16.59	37.81	25.62	55.91	29.65
To-date/2006	16,743	24,487	219	42	41,491
To-date/2005	15,250	25,020	277	35	40,582

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 MARCH 2006.

The market tone on white meat was steady to fully steady with breast trim in the softest position. Demand moderate. Offerings of breast trim adequate to fully adequate, balance of white meat light to adequate. The market tone on fresh thigh meat was steady to barely steady, frozen steady to instances weak. Demand light at best. Offerings of thigh meat adequate to ample with supplies held with varied degrees of confidence. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady for the light to adequate offerings. Demand light to moderate. Domestic trading light to moderate and centered on white meat and institutional breasts. Export trading slow and centered on hen thigh meat. For domestic: frozen 2 10 lb. -85% ground turkey 72-79.50; Grade A non-basted rib breasts - 10-12 lb. 150-155, 12-14 lb. 155-165, 14-16 lb. 165, 16-18 lb. 175; plant grade non-basted rib breasts - 14-16 lb. 155-170 mostly 155-160, 20-22 lb. 165 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	118.00		118.00	22
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	145.00-163.00		145.44	41
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	103.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	46.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	45.00	30
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	44.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.50		25.50	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	26.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.50		39.50	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	108.67	60
NECKS, TOM	34.50-35.00		34.61	18
NECKS, HEN		T	36.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	160.00		160.00	110
THIGH MEAT	75.00		75.00	6
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	77.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	116.00		116.00	4
SCAPULA MEAT		T	111.00	40
TENDERLOINS	177.00		177.00	8
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	164.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	167.00	8
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	75.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00-22.50		21.56	64
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	44.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	26.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.00		68.00	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.

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The market tone on tom drums was slightly mixed ranging from steady at best to fully steady, tom wings and necks steady. Demand on tom drums light to instances good, mostly moderate; balance of tom bulk parts light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums short to adequate, balance of tom bulk parts light to adequate. The market tone on hen bulk parts ranged from at least steady to barely steady with product from larger sized hens in the weakest position. Demand light to moderate for the light to instances fully adequate offerings. Trading was active and centered on white meat for domestic shipments and thigh meat for export. For domestic: hearts 24, tom defatted gizzards 51, fresh wing meat with skin 75, fresh scapula 112-122 mostly 112-115, fresh breast trim 117. Grade A basted 8-10 lb. rib breasts 135 and 12-16 lb. 165 cents delivered. For export: fresh -20% MST 19, tom necks 34-35, tom defatted gizzards 53-60, frozen tom breast meat 160 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	118.00	22	118.00	22
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	152.00		152.00	20	146.68	94
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00-103.00		101.40	200	102.25	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00-49.00		46.89	135	46.77	155
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	45.00		45.00	40	45.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	43.00		43.00	40	43.33	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.10	20	25.48	82
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	25.00		25.00	40	25.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	38.00-40.00		39.00	61	39.05	109
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	112.00		112.00	20	112.00	20
NECKS, TOM	33.00-36.00		34.39	119	34.34	170
NECKS, HEN		T	36.00	9	36.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	162.00		162.00	40	162.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	160.00-170.00		166.60	798	165.93	1,173
THIGH MEAT	73.00		73.00	120	73.10	126
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	75.00-79.00		77.00	164	77.00	164
BREAST TRIM MEAT	116.00		116.00	40	116.00	44
SCAPULA MEAT	121.00		121.00	18	114.10	58
TENDERLOINS		R	177.00	8	177.00	8
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	163.50-164.00		163.90	50	163.90	50
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	76.00		76.00	40	75.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	167.00-168.00		167.55	113	167.55	113
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	20.00-21.00		20.67	120	20.98	264
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	47.00		47.00	80	45.56	360
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00		24.00	40	25.15	94
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-76.00		73.02	232	71.31	846

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