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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 steady to fully steady, instances firm. Light trading was reported on prompt shipments, also good movement of fresh whole birds was reported to finish up the needs of Easter week. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred deliveries. Parts and meats trading and demand was light to moderate. Offerings were light to adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on heavy sales of thigh meat, light volumes of hen drums, and tom full-cut wings, balance slow. Demand was light to moderate with interest noted from Russia, Mexico, South Africa and Asia. Supplies were light to adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 11, 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/ | 68-70 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 68-69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2000 | APR-AUG |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 68-69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 68-70 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 68-69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1880 | APR-AUG |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 68-69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 69-71 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 69-70 | 69 | 69.00 | 40 | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 69-71 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 120 | APR |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 69-70 | 69 | 69.00 | 40 | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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 11 APRIL 2006.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady at best. Demand light to instances moderate with trading slow before the upcoming Good Friday Holiday. Offerings mixed, but mostly adequate. Hearts traded at 21.50 cents shipping point for export.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | R | 117.00 | 160 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/ | | T | 138.88 | 98 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | R | 106.00 | 800 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | | F | 46.00 | 64 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH | | F | 46.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | | F | 40.10 | 195 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | | M | 25.00 | 6 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | F | 23.00 | 20 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | F | 38.00 | 160 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | | F | 109.00 | 40 |
| NECKS, TOM | | F | 35.00 | 2 |
| NECKS, HEN | | | | |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | 164.00 | | 164.00 | 20 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/ | | M | 167.00 | 80 |
| THIGH MEAT | | F | 69.50 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT--FRESH | | F | 72.00 | 108 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | F | 115.00 | 40 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | 120.00 | | 120.00 | 40 |
| TENDERLOINS | | F | 162.00 | 4 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | 166.00-167.00 | | 166.50 | 80 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH | | M | 169.00 | 80 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | F | 21.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/ | | M | 21.00 | 120 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | | F | 46.00 | 80 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | | | |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | | | |
| TAILS | | F | 25.00 | 104 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | | | |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | | F | 67.02 | 2,372 |

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.

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

| | RANGE |
|------------------------------|---------|
| TURKEYS Y HENS | 98-129 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22# | 94-129 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24# | 93-129 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26# | 92-129 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER | 106-119 |

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

| | RANGE |
|------------------------------|-------|
| FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# | 89-97 |
| FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# | 89-97 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# | 68-73 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# | 68-73 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28# | 68-80 |

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 APRIL 2006.

The market tone on white meat was steady to instances firm, mostly steady to fully steady with wing meat in the strongest position. Demand light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings ranged from short on wing meat with skin to instances fully adequate on breast trim, mostly adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to instances weak with increased activity noted at the lower trending price levels into export channels for Asia and Africa. Offerings of non-Russian thigh meat adequate to instances burdensome. The market tone on tails was mixed with tom strong and mixed instances weak. Demand extremely light to moderate. Offerings of tom tails short of buyers' needs, mixed tails instances burdensome. Trading was active on frozen thigh meat for April-June export shipments, balance light to moderate. Line run fresh 20 lb. and heavier canner pack traded at 46 cents delivered domestic. For export: frozen thigh meat 65 delivered May-June, fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey 21, heavy hen drums 41, fresh tom drums 43.50 cents delivered current.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
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| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | R | 117.00 | 160 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/ | | | | |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | R | 106.00 | 800 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 43.00-46.00 | | 44.00 | 120 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH | 46.00 | | 46.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | 40.00-41.00 | | 40.17 | 120 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 21.00-24.00 | | 22.09 | 132 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | 23.00 | | 23.00 | 20 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 37.50-40.00 | | 38.50 | 120 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | 112.00 | | 112.00 | 20 |
| NECKS, TOM | 32.00-35.00 | | 33.65 | 267 |
| NECKS, HEN | 35.00 | | 35.00 | 20 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | T | 164.00 | 20 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/ | 168.00-174.00 | | 170.67 | 120 |
| THIGH MEAT | 65.00 | | 65.00 | 120 |
| THIGH MEAT--FRESH | | F | 72.00 | 108 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | 116.00-118.00 | | 117.60 | 200 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | 114.00-121.50 | | 117.10 | 200 |
| TENDERLOINS | | F | 162.00 | 4 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | 168.00 | | 168.00 | 40 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH | | M | 169.00 | 80 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | 81.00-84.00 | | 82.68 | 50 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | 21.00 | | 21.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/ | 21.50-22.00 | | 21.69 | 54 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 46.00 | | 46.00 | 40 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | 25.00 | | 25.00 | 18 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | | | |
| TAILS | 40.50 | | 40.50 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | | | |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 63.50-69.00 | | 64.81 | 928 |

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 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA 04/12/06

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

| SEASON | HEAVY WHITE | HEAVY WHITE | ALL BREEDS |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| JULY 1 TO JUNE 30 | | | |
| 2005-2006 | Data Unavailable. | | |
| 2004-2005 | Data Unavailable. | | |