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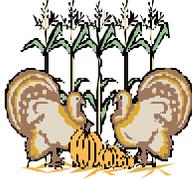
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand was light to moderate, best for deferred shipments. No trading was reported for prompt shipments and moderate sales of open priced hens and toms for deferred arrival was reported. Offerings light to adequate. Parts and meats market tone was mixed, white meat and rib breasts was steady to firm, bulk parts steady to instances weak. Demand was light to moderate, instance good on white meat. Offerings short to adequate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light. Demand from buyers remain cautious and selective. Offerings generally 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 13, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	-	-	-	73.00	60	JUL	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	1200	JUN-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	69-71	-	-	-	73.00	60	JUL	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	920	JUN-AUG
WESTERN REGION	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	320	JUN-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	360	JUN-AUG
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.

**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 14, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	69.60 **	69.00 **	66.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	69.00	68.58	64.50 **
WESTERN REGION	68.70 **	68.00 **	66.00 **
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	69.60 **	69.00	65.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	69.00	68.50 **	63.50 **
WESTERN REGION	68.70 **	68.00 **	65.00 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
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

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
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

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Apr 17, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)      Volume (lbs.)

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	81.00	1,212,000
16-24 lbs.	81.00	525,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	12,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

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Total Volume:      1,754,000

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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 08-Apr-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	776	-2	22.68	(A)	778 22.68
South Atlantic	697	-6	32.84	(A)	699 32.84
North Central	2,075	2	33.60	(A)	2,077 33.60
South Central	793	5	20.69	(A)	794 20.69
West	353	-6	25.59	(A)	354 25.59
U.S. total	4,694(B)	0	28.91	8	4,702 28.91
To-date					
2006	59,794(B)			83	59,877
To-date					
2005	57,041(B)			47	57,088

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 22,000; for the current year to date 301,000; for last year to date 344,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March	482,566*
April 1 - 8, 2006	108,760*
To date 2006	1,376,762*
To date 2005	1,353,743*

\* 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 08-Apr-2006					
Head	2,214	2,458	22	8	4,702
Avg Wt	18.30	38.47	26.01	34.60	28.91
Last week	2,147	2,537	0	3	4,687
Same wk yr ago	1,637	2,545	30	0	4,212
Avg Wt	16.16	38.16	26.85	0.00	29.53
To-date/2006	24,849	34,644	301	83	59,877
To-date/2005	21,597	35,100	344	47	57,088

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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 13 APRIL 2006.

Supplies of tom breast meat and wing meat with skin were tight and some buyers were unable to locate product for current delivery. Low inventories of frozen breast meat added to the stronger demand for fresh. Breast trim was barely adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast meat and wing meat. Tom drums and tom wings were fully adequate for the light demand, the market tone was barely steady to weak. Tom necks were adequate to available and mostly steady. Fresh wing meat with skin traded at 82 cents delivered. Export markets were quiet.

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/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	106.00	800
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	44.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	46.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	40.17	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	22.09	132
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	38.50	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	112.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	33.65	267
NECKS, HEN		W	35.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	164.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	170.67	120
THIGH MEAT		W	65.00	120
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	72.00	108
BREAST TRIM MEAT	127.00		127.00	15
SCAPULA MEAT	120.00		120.00	24
TENDERLOINS		F	162.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	165.00-168.00		166.50	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	169.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	80.00		80.00	36
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	21.69	54
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	45.50		45.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.50		22.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	40.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00		70.00	80

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 breast meat was steady to instances firm, breast trim cautiously steady to steady, balance of white meat steady to firm. Demand on fresh tom breast meat was moderate to good with some buyers forced to buy additional loads due to the short holiday processor schedules, breast trim light to moderate, balance of white meat moderate to good. Offerings of breast trim mixed, balance of white meat short to instances adequate. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to fully steady with some buyer resistance noted at the higher asking price levels. Inquiry light to moderate for the light offerings. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance light to moderate. For domestic: frozen -20% Mechanically separated turkey (MST) 21, tails 34, delivered May and 25 delivered June, frozen ground drum meat 65, fresh wing meat with skin 88-95, scapula 120-133.25, fresh breast trim 127 cents delivered. For export: fresh MST 21, ground thigh trim 40, fresh tom drums 44, tom defatted gizzards 57, fresh thigh meat 70 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	44.00-45.00		44.39	61	44.13	181
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	44.00-46.00		45.00	80	45.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	39.00		39.00	4	40.13	124
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	40	22.39	178
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	20	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	38.50	120	38.50	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	112.00	20	112.00	20
NECKS, TOM	33.00-34.00		33.80	200	33.72	467
NECKS, HEN		W	35.00	20	35.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	164.00		164.00	20	164.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	168.00-173.00		170.51	736	170.23	936
THIGH MEAT		W	65.00	120	65.00	120
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	72.00	108		
BREAST TRIM MEAT	114.00-116.00		115.41	41	117.80	256
SCAPULA MEAT	120.00-121.50		121.17	60	118.43	324
TENDERLOINS		F	162.00	4		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	168.00		168.00	40	166.80	400
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	81.00-91.25		89.20	50	84.37	136
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	168.00-169.00		168.45	11	168.93	91
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	40	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	20.00-21.00		20.40	50	21.03	224
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	45.50	40	45.75	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00		21.00	160	21.61	218
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	25.00		25.00	104	29.31	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00		70.00	40	65.40	1,048

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