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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 steady to fully steady, instances firm. A fair volume of toms traded in the East for August shipments. Demand and offerings were light. Bulk meat and parts trading was light to fair and centered on fresh tom breast meat. Demand was about fair on parts, moderate to good on white meat. Offerings were adequate except for destrapped tenders and wing meat.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand for the week were active on tom drums and thigh meat, otherwise light. Almost 2 million pounds of tom drums and just under 1 million pounds of thigh meat were booked for current shipments. Fresh thigh meat traded at 73 cents and tom drums at 39 cents delivered. Offers were adequate for the light to moderate demand.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 18, 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/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	71-72	71	71.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	71	71.00	16	-	-	-	2400	JUL-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-72	-	-	-	82.00	400	AUG	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	1600	JUL-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 MAY 19, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	71.40 **	71.17	68.50
CENTRAL REGION	71.00	69.50	67.10 **
WESTERN REGION	71.50 **	70.50 **	67.80 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	71.00	70.25	68.25
CENTRAL REGION	70.80 **	70.50 **	66.40 **
WESTERN REGION	71.50 **	70.50 **	67.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	69-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-80

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 May 22, 2006

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	83.91	292,000
16-24 lbs.	81.00	79,200
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

Total Volume:		401,200

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 13-May-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>	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
North East	780	5	(A) 781	24.07	
South Atlantic	758	-5	(A) 759	24.69	
North Central	2,164	9	(A) 2,165	32.86	
South Central	742	5	(A) 743	19.55	
West	318	59	(A) 318	33.24	
U.S. total	4,762(B)	7	4	4,766	
To-date					
2006	82,531(B)		109	82,640	
To-date					
2005	78,968(B)		60	79,028	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 7,000; for the current year to date 442,000; for last year to date 432,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

April	418,037*
May 1 - 13, 2006	209,562*
To date 2006	1,895,600*
To date 2005	1,868,158*

* 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 13-May-2006					
Head	2,148	2,607	7	4	4,766
Avg Wt	16.93	38.69	29.71	33.81	28.87
Last week	2,114	2,315	15	6	4,450
Same wk yr ago	1,924	2,561	8	1	4,494
Avg Wt	16.39	38.32	22.76	67.98	28.91
To-date/2006	35,300	46,789	442	109	82,640
To-date/2005	30,343	48,193	432	60	79,028

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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 18 MAY 2006.

The market tone on tom drums was steady to instances barely steady and attempting to bottom, tom necks and 2-joint wings steady at best, and tom full-cut wings steady to instances firm. Demand on tom drums continued moderate to good into export channels and some improved interest was noted on fresh for domestic shipments. Tom full-cut wing demand also continued moderate to good for domestic shipments while tom 2-joint wing and neck inquiry was light. Offerings of tom drums and necks mostly adequate with drums gradually moving into a better position and necks becoming more available, tom 2-joint wings mixed. Domestic trading was moderate on white meat for domestic shipments and on both tom drums and frozen thigh meat for export, balance slow. For domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 94, fresh scapula 127 For export: mature hen drums 22.50, young hen wings 24, frozen young hen thigh meat (late 2005 production) 63.50, fresh thigh meat 73 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	122.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	150.00-158.00		154.71	17
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	102.00		102.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	39.00	48
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	39.00		39.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	36.00		36.00	88
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-27.00		25.93	129
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	24.10	89
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	40.00	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	112.00		112.00	80
NECKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	40
NECKS, HEN		F	28.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	177.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	190.00-195.00		191.93	278
THIGH MEAT		F	67.00	160
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	73.00		73.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	118.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	126.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	171.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	179.00		179.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	185.00-189.00		186.52	108
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	93.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00-24.00		23.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.50-39.00		38.56	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	32.00	104
TAILS	37.00		37.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.26	92
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.00-68.50		68.42	248

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 on tone fresh tom breast meat was barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady; frozen tom breast meat and breast trim steady to instances fully steady; scapula steady to fully steady; and wing meat with skin steady to firm. White meat demand was moderate to good. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat uneven ranging from light to instances ample, mostly adequate; scapula short to light with some noting supplies not as tight as previous weeks; breast trim short to light with ground the most available; and wing meat with skin spotty, but short of buyers' needs. The market tone on non-Russian frozen thigh meat was steady to instances barely steady, fresh steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to fully adequate, mostly adequate. For domestic (Grade A basted rib breasts): 8-10 lb. 135, 12-16 lb. 170 cents delivered. For export (fresh): tom drums 39, thigh meat 73 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/	116.00	1/	116.00	40	120.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	154.71	17	145.32	78
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	112.00		112.00	40	106.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	54	38.46	222
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	39.00	80	39.57	280
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	35.00		35.00	40	35.69	128
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-27.00		26.15	174	24.76	609
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	24.10	89		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	40.00	27		
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	112.00		112.00	24	112.00	104
NECKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	34	29.17	132
NECKS, HEN		F	28.00	6		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	177.00	200	177.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	188.00-195.00		190.88	330	191.47	1,130
THIGH MEAT		F	67.00	160		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	73.00		73.00	24	73.00	44
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	118.00	40	118.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	126.00	40	124.75	160
TENDERLOINS	172.50		172.50	20	171.30	100
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	183.00		183.00	40	177.60	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	93.50	80	93.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	185.00-188.00		187.00	60	186.69	168
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00-24.00		23.40	100	23.11	380
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	38.56	320	37.85	1,928
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	32.00	104	32.00	104
TAILS		R	37.00	40	34.89	190
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	120	20.68	212
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.50		68.50	40	68.35	996

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