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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. Demand was light to moderate. Trading centered on a large volume of hens and tom booked in the Central region with price ceilings at 69 cents in March, 71 in April, 74 in May and 76 in June. Offerings were light to adequate. Market activity was light on most parts and meat items. The exceptions were fresh tom drums and frozen tom wings were fair, fresh tom breast meat and fresh mechanically separated turkey were good. The market tone was steady to instances firm on tom wings, mostly steady on tom drums with fresh more available than frozen and steady on the balance. Fresh hen drums sold at 38-39, fresh breast trim 84, fresh scapula 82-90, mostly 90 cents delivered.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light. Spot loads of tom v-type wings, tails and frozen thigh meat were priced for current shipments. Mixed hen and tom defatted gizzards were 61 shipping point. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were short 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) MARCH 09, 2007

	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/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	2080	MAR-JUN
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	2080	MAR-JUN
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) MARCH 08, 2007

	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/	70-72	70.5	70.50	80	84.00	21	SEP	1600	APR-OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-	71.00	350	MAY	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-	73.50	350	JUN	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	70.5	70.50	40	84.00	21	SEP	2400	APR-OC
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-	71.00	250	MAY	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-	73.50	250	JUN	-	-

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 MAR 09, 2007	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.50	70.90**	67.70
CENTRAL REGION	71.00**	70.90**	66.00
WESTERN REGION	71.00**	70.90**	66.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.50	70.90**	66.50
CENTRAL REGION	71.00**	72.00	65.50
WESTERN REGION	71.00**	70.90**	66.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	99-108
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	99-108
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-77

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	110-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	110-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	110-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	110-125

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of March 12, 2007

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

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	81.59	354,000
16-24 lbs.	83.83	60,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

Total Volume: 444,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 3-Mar-2007 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG			OLD Banded	TOTAL Avg Live wt
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		
North East	736	-1	24.37	(A) 739	24.37
South Atlantic	652	-8	32.87	(A) 655	32.87
North Central	1,892	-10	34.59	(A) 1,894	34.59
South Central	585	-18	18.41	(A) 587	18.41
West	264	15	28.20	(A) 266	28.20
U.S. total	4,129(B)	-8	29.78	12 4,141	29.78
To-date 2007	38,321(B)			40 38,361	
To-date 2006	37,038(B)			32 37,070	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 18,000; for the current year to date 119,000; for last year to date 185,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

February	413,399*
March 1 - 3, 2007	39,462*
To date 2007	844,650*
To date 2006	849,321*

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 3-Mar-2007	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
	----- Thousands				
Head	1,688	2,423	18	12	4,141
Avg Wt	17.44	38.41	28.13	24.66	29.78
Last week	1,915	2,566	7	5	4,493
Same wk yr ago	2,086	2,511	23	2	4,622
Avg Wt	17.59	38.14	25.66	28.67	28.80
To-date/2007	15,924	22,278	119	40	38,361
To-date/2006	14,742	22,111	185	32	37,070

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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 08 MARCH 2007.

The market tone on white meat continued steady to firm for the moderate to good demand. Offerings short to adequate. The market tone on institutional breasts was steady to instances fully steady with some sellers watching with interest the continued strength in the white meat market. Demand light to moderate with offerings ranging short to light. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady. Demand light to instances moderate for the light to adequate offerings. Trading was active on tom wings for export, balance slow to moderate. Frozen - 20% thigh trim traded at 32 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/	116.00		116.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	132.00		132.00	9
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	113.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	51.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	51.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	37.71	140
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	29.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	40.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	51.19	109
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	67.00	10
NECKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	40
NECKS, HEN		M	26.00	23
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	195.20	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	201.00-206.00		202.25	160
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00		96.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	82.33	120
SCAPULAMEAT		W	80.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	172.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	189.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	187.00	46
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	78.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	26.00	110
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	48.00		48.00	260
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00-31.00		29.17	624
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	27.00		27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00-93.50		88.47	124

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 full-cut wings was steady to instances firm, frozen tom drums cautiously steady to steady, fresh tom drums steady to barely steady, tom necks and tom 2-joint wings about steady. Demand moderate to good on tom full-cut wings, moderate on tom drums with less aggressive buyer interest noted, balance light to instances moderate. Offerings of tom full-cut wings short to light, frozen tom drums light to adequate, fresh tom drums light to fully adequate mostly adequate to fully adequate, tom necks and tom 2-joint wings mostly adequate. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow to moderate. For domestic (fresh): hen drums 38-39, breast trim 84, scapula 82-90 mostly 90 cents delivered. For export: mixed defatted gizzards 61 shipping point, fresh tom breast meat 220 cents delivered late March.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WTD AVG PRICE
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A2/		R	116.00	80	116.31	720
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	132.00	9	132.00	9
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	50.00-51.00		50.56	34	50.72	54
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	48.00-51.00		48.43	280	48.46	520
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	20	37.37	178
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.00-32.00		30.77	214	29.66	368
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	40.00		40.00	9	40.00	23
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	51.19	109		
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	69.00		69.00	9	67.95	19
NECKS, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.04	46	25.33	186
NECKS, HEN		M	26.00	23	26.00	23
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	195.20	200		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	201.00-207.00		201.85	412	201.89	989
THIGH MEAT	91.00		91.00	2	91.00	2
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00		96.00	20	95.20	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	82.33	120	82.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT	84.00		84.00	12	80.92	52
TENDERLOINS		F	172.00	120		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	191.00		191.00	40	190.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	79.00-80.00		79.67	30	78.71	70
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	186.00-189.00		188.00	60	188.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	24.00-28.00		26.46	520	26.07	1094
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	48.00	260	49.37	380
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	29.17	624	28.67	1912
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	51.00		51.00	104	51.00	104
TAILS	27.00		27.00	80	27.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	156	20.00	276
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00		90.00	80	89.26	284

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