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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, best inquiry was for deferred shipments. No trading was reported. Offerings were light to adequate. Parts and meats trading was light to moderate, instances good for white meat. The market tone was steady to instances firm. Offerings were short to adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, V-type wings and thigh meat, balance was slow. 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 16, 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/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) MARCH 15, 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/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	MAY-AUG
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	1280	MAY-AUG

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 16, 2007	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	71.00	70.50	67.44
CENTRAL REGION	72.73	71.00**	66.50**
WESTERN REGION	71.60**	71.00**	66.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	71.00	70.50	67.00
CENTRAL REGION	72.86	71.00**	66.25**
WESTERN REGION	71.60**	71.00**	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 19-MAR-2007

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

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	84.69	452,000
16-24 lbs.	84.00	50,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

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

Total Volume: 532,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 10-Mar-2007 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG			OLD Banded	TOTAL Avg
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg	Avg Live		
		Prev wk	wt		
North East	754	2	24.45	(A) 755	24.45
South Atlantic	662	2	34.57	(A) 663	34.57
North Central	2,135	13	32.37	(A) 2,136	32.37
South Central	698	19	18.21	(A) 699	18.21
West	244	-8	27.68	(A) 244	27.68
U.S. total	4,493(B)	9	28.91	4 4,497	28.91
To-date					
2007	42,814(B)			44 42,858	
To-date					
2006	41,449(B)			42 41,491	

(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 141,000; for last year to date 219,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

February	413,399*
March 1 - 10, 2007	143,485*
To date 2007	948,673*
To date 2006	950,355*

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 10-Mar-2007

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD TURKEYS	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS			
	Thousands				
Head	1,801	2,670	22	4	4,497
Avg Wt	16.66	37.21	25.21	28.65	28.91
Last week	1,688	2,423	18	12	4,141
Same wk yr ago	2,001	2,376	34	10	4,421
Avg Wt	17.77	37.64	25.75	31.51	28.36
To-date/2007	17,725	24,948	141	44	42,858
To-date/2006	16,743	24,487	219	42	41,491

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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 15 MARCH 2007.

The market tone on white meat was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Some increased price resistance was starting to be noted on fresh tom breast meat at the higher trending price levels. Demand moderate to good for the short to light offerings. The market tone on rib breasts was mostly steady. Demand light to moderate for the short to light offerings. Trading was active on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, moderate on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow. For domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 79, fresh scapula 100, fresh breast trim 99-125 mostly 99-115, Grade A non-basted breasts - 8-10 lb. 130, 12-16 lb. 190, plant grade basted rib breasts - 10-12 lb. 160, 12-14 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/	117.00		117.00	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	131.00-158.00		151.77	13
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	115.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	51.00		51.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	48.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	33.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	40.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	51.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	80
NECKS, TOM		W	26.50	80
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	208.00-210.00		209.00	240
THIGH MEAT	91.00		91.00	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	96.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	88.00	120
SCAPULAMEAT	105.00		105.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	191.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	188.00	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	77.00	96
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	20.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	27.00-29.50		28.00	140
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	51.00		51.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	32.00-33.00		32.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	51.00	104
TAILS		F	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	88.50	40

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 frozen tom drums was mostly steady, fresh steady to barely steady. Demand moderate on fresh tom drums, moderate to good on frozen. Offerings light to adequate. The market tone on tom 2-joint wings was mostly steady and tom full-cut wings and necks steady to fully steady. Demand on tom 2-joint wings light to instances moderate, balance moderate to instances good. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings light to adequate, tom necks and tom full-cut wings light. The market tone on thigh meat was steady at best for the light to instances moderate buyer inquiry. Offerings mixed. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was mostly steady on fresh with some increased unsettledness noted, frozen steady to fully steady. Demand moderate on fresh, light on frozen. Offerings of fresh MST light to instances fully adequate, frozen light to adequate. Trading moderate to good. For domestic: breeder wings 31, fresh wing meat 77-85 mostly 81-85, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 111 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 94 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	116.00		116.00	120	117.16	760
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	151.77	13	148.08	48
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	115.00	20	115.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	51.00		51.00	20	51.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	46.00-51.00		47.03	290	47.43	490
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	37.00		37.00	20	37.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	33.00	6	30.32	144
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	41.00		41.00	20	40.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	52.00		52.00	20	51.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	54.00	80	54.00	80
NECKS, TOM	25.00-27.00		25.75	159	25.47	339
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	208.00-212.00		208.97	310	208.51	670
THIGH MEAT	90.00-91.00		90.94	32	90.98	112
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	94.00-96.00		95.24	102	93.09	192
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	88.00	120	88.00	120
SCAPULAMEAT		R	105.00	40	94.91	69
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	191.00	40		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	77.00	96	77.00	96
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	193.00-199.00		197.62	26	197.62	26
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	20.00	20	20.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	24.00-27.00		25.83	497	26.47	723
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	51.00-51.50		51.25	80	51.50	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	32.50	80	32.50	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	50.00-52.00		51.13	416	51.13	416
TAILS		F	27.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.50	40	21.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	88.50		88.50	40	88.75	160

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