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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 to instances firm. Demand was light to moderate. Trading was moderate for both prompt and deferred shipments. Offerings were short to moderate and continue to be held with confidence. The market tone on parts and meats was steady to firm. Demand was in a full range, light to good. Offerings were short to light.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHT

Trading was light to moderate. Demand was moderate. Offerings were short to light.

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) MARCH 30, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-74	71-72.5	71.75	120	-	-	-	200	AUG-OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	80.00	20	AUG	360	AUG-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	AUG-SEP
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	71-74	71-74	73.4	280	76.00	120	MAY	200	AUG-OCT
CENTRAL REGION	72-74	-	-	-	80.00	20	AUG	280	AUG-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	AUG-SEP

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) MARCH 29, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 30, 2007	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MARCH	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	72.65	70.50	68.50**	EASTERN REGION	71.66	69.84	67.67
CENTRAL REGION	71.00	72.00**	68.18	CENTRAL REGION	71.75	69.89	66.94
WESTERN REGION	73.00	71.50	67.70**	WESTERN REGION	71.77	69.82	66.93
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	73.04	70.50	68.10**	EASTERN REGION	71.65	69.84	67.43
CENTRAL REGION	72.70**	72.00**	68.39	CENTRAL REGION	71.80	69.84	66.93
WESTERN REGION	73.00	72.10**	67.70**	WESTERN REGION	71.77	69.76	66.93

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**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

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	90-99
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	90-99
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	71-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-77

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS-**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 02-APR-2007

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	90.16	783,000
16-24 lbs.	88.31	207,500

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	80,000
16-24 lbs.	--	40,000

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**Total Volume: 1,110,500**  
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 24-Mar-2007 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG			OLD Banded	TOTAL Avg
	Pct Chg	Avg Live			
-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	wt	-Thousand Head-	Live wt	
North East	746	-2	24.14	(A) 764	24.14
South Atlantic	656	-17	32.78	(A) 788	32.78
North Central	2,133	6	33.40	(A) 2,020	33.40
South Central	708	-3	18.35	(A) 730	18.35
West	360	15	25.06	(A) 314	25.06
U.S. total	4,603(B)	0	28.84	0 4,603	28.84
To-date					
2007	52,030(B)			47 52,077	
To-date					
2006	50,416(B)			72 50,488	

(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 174,000; for last year to date 279,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

February	413,399*
March 1 - 24, 2007	357,176*
To date 2007	1,162,364*
To date 2006	1,161,520*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 24-Mar-2007

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS		
	-----Thousands-----			
Head	2,047	2,538	18 0	4,603
Avg Wt	17.05	38.39	24.13 0.00	28.84
Last week	2,112	2,486	15 3	4,616
Same wk yr ago	1,924	2,517	38 13	4,492
Avg Wt	17.02	37.96	26.86 31.77	28.88
To-date/2007	21,884	29,972	174 47	52,077
To-date/2006	20,488	29,649	279 72	50,488

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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 29 MARCH 2007.

The market tone on frozen tom drums ranged from instances barely steady to fully steady, fresh tom drums steady to barely steady, tom full-cut wings full steady to firm, tom necks steady to firm, tom 2-joint wings steady to instances fully steady. Demand ranged from light to good, mostly moderate to good with tom 2-joint wings the least active. Offerings of fresh tom drums adequate to fully adequate, balance short to light and held with confidence. Retail feature activity for next showed signs of slowing on ground turkey while rotisserie breasts continued to be active and increased features were noted white cutlets. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow to instances moderate. For domestic: hearts 23, fresh wing meat with skin 79-81, fresh scapula 109, fresh breast trim 110-130 mostly 110-120, frozen breeder tenderloins 210 cents delivered. For export: fresh -20% MST 26.50, hen drums 38, fresh tom drums 50.50, fresh thigh meat 92 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	122.50	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	46
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	115.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	51.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	51.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	37.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	41.00-43.00		42.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	51.00-54.50		52.17	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	70.00		70.00	160
NECKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	214.00-217.00		215.50	480
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00		96.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	104.00		104.00	40
SCAPULAMEAT		T	98.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	204.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	206.00	8
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	78.86	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	27.50-28.50		27.83	120

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	49.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	52.00	156
TAILS		T	26.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.50		89.50	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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 30 MARCH 2007.

The market tone on white meat was steady to firm. Demand moderate to good with offerings short to light for buyers' needs. The market tone on consumer sized rib breasts was steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate for the light offerings. The market tone on thigh meat was mostly steady. Demand light for the light to adequate offerings. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate for the light to adequate supplies. Most processors running shortened holiday processing schedules next week. Firm priced trading slow to moderate, open priced heavy and centered on fresh tom drums for export. For domestic: frozen 40 lb. ground turkey -90% lean 52 shipping point, fresh scapula 103-117 mostly 106-108, fresh young hen breast meat 214, fresh breast trim 111, Grade A non-basted rib breasts - 8-10 lb. 130, 12-16 lb. 190 cents delivered. For export: livers 19 shipping point, frozen -20% MST +30 days age 16, fresh tom drums 49, fresh thigh meat 93, frozen Russian thigh meat 100 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	122.50	160	122.50	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	114.00		114.00	40	114.86	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	50.00-52.00		50.22	45	50.46	65
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	46.00-51.00		47.65	370	47.98	410
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	36.00		36.00	24	36.45	44
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	42.00	80	39.32	308
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	41.00		41.00	40	41.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	54.50		54.50	40	52.67	180
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	70.00	160	70.00	160
NECKS, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.28	47	30.80	167
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	214.00-218.00		216.32	345	215.41	1139
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00-98.00		97.00	80	96.80	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	40	104.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT		T	98.00	20	98.00	20
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	208.00-210.00		209.00	80	207.33	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	77.00-81.00		79.00	160	79.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	207.00-210.00		208.58	38	208.13	46
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00-31.00		27.19	235	27.21	505
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-51.50		51.00	120	50.63	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	50.00-55.00		51.67	156	51.67	156
TAILS	25.00		25.00	240	25.21	280
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	104	22.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.00-91.00		89.89	273	89.80	353

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