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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 firm. Demand was light to moderate. Trading was reported for deferred shipments. Offerings are short to light. Bulk parts and meats market tone was steady to firm, best for white meat. Demand was light to moderate. Trading was slow. Offerings short to adequate and held with confidence .

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, tom V-type wings and thigh meat. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings mixed. Export sales of packer label whole hens and toms for 79 cents prompt ship and 87 cents for September, also Plant grade hens and toms at 68 and 69 cents.



### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) APRIL 12, 2007

	OFFERS	SALES	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/		FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
			WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	75	75.00	80	84.25	40	AUG	-	-
					86.50	720	SEP	-	-
					89.00	720	OCT	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	75	75.00	240	84.25	120	AUG	-	-
					86.50	820	SEP	-	-
					89.00	820	OCT	-	-

### 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, 2007

	OFFERS	SALES	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/		FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
			WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-	79.00	360	JUL	120	JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-	79.00	240	JUL	120	JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 APR 13, 2007	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	73.90**	73.40 **	69.60 **
CENTRAL REGION	73.00	73.25	69.00
WESTERN REGION	75.00	73.40**	68.70 **
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	73.90**	73.40 **	69.60 **
CENTRAL REGION	72.56	72.25	69.00
WESTERN REGION	75.00	73.40**	68.70 **

\*\*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#	99-108
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	99-108
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	72-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-77

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 16-APR-2007

Price (cents/lb.)      Volume (lbs.)

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	90.44	64,000
16-24 lbs.	92.50	28,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

**Total Volume: 107,000**

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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 07-Apr-2007 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG			OLD Banded	TOTAL Avg Live wt
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		
North East	640	-19	23.28	(A) 641	23.28
South Atlantic	610	-22	29.93	(A) 611	29.93
North Central	1,916	-6	33.45	(A) 1,917	33.45
South Central	707	-6	18.70	(A) 707	18.70
West	283	2	26.74	(A) 283	26.74

U.S. total	4,156(B)-10	28.41	3	4,159	28.41
To-date					
2007	60,826(B)		55	60,881	
To-date					
2006	59,794(B)		83	59,877	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 11,000; for the current year to date 189,000; for last year to date 301,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March	463,767*
April 1 - 7, 2007	94,522*

To date 2007	1,363,477*
To date 2006	1,376,761*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 07-Apr-2007

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD TURKEYS	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS			
-----Thousands-----					
Head	1,865	2,280	11	3	4,159
Avg Wt	16.54	38.11	26.62	45.52	28.41
Last week	1,915	2,721	4	5	4,645
Same wk yr ago	2,214	2,458	22	8	4,702
Avg Wt	18.30	38.47	26.01	34.60	28.91
To-date/2007	25,664	34,973	189	55	60,881
To-date/2006	24,849	34,644	301	83	59,877

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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 12 APRIL 2007.

The market tone on white meat continued steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Spot premiums were noted on open priced fresh tom breast meat for May-June shipments due in part to freight considerations and on firm priced frozen tom breast meat for current shipments. Offerings short to light and held with confidence. The market tone on tom drums was mostly steady, balance of tom bulk parts steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums mixed ranging from short to instances fully adequate, balance of tom bulk parts light at best and generally held with confidence. The market tone on thigh meat was barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady. Demand light to moderate with supplies held with varied degrees of confidence. The market on mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate for the short to instances adequate supplies. Trading was active on tails for export, balance slow to instances moderate. For domestic: fresh breast trim 115, Grade A basted 12-14 lb. breasts 174 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	145.00		145.00	17
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	115.00	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	51.00		51.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	48.50		48.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	39.00		39.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	41.36	44
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	41.00		41.00	21
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	50.50-52.00		51.40	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	65.00		65.00	40
NECKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	18
NECKS, HEN	25.50		25.50	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	235.00-237.00		236.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	227.80	100
THIGH MEAT	90.00-94.00		90.83	126
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	95.00	28
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULAMEAT	117.00		117.00	40
TENDERLOINS	182.00		182.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	210.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	81.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	41
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00-28.00		26.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00		50.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	55.00	108
TAILS	25.00-28.00		25.86	728
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	87.40	468

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 13 MARCH 2007.

The market tone on tom drums was mostly steady, balance of tom bulk parts steady to fully steady. Demand light to mostly moderate. Offerings of tom drums varied by processor and ranged short to instances fully adequate. Offerings of tom wings and necks short to light and held with confidence. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to fully steady. Demand light for the limited offerings. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady to firm. Demand good on fresh MST, light on frozen with instances of higher trending offering prices noted. Trading was active on fresh tom drums, balance slow to moderate. For domestic (fresh): wing meat 80, scapula 115-126 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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	145.00	17	146.30	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	115.00	280		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	51.00	9	51.00	29
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	46.00-49.00		46.95	420	47.55	660
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00-39.00		38.74	54	38.56	78
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	39.00-41.00		39.75	160	39.94	221
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	40.00		40.00	14	40.75	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	51.40	100	51.20	150
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	65.00	40	65.00	80
NECKS, TOM	31.00-32.00		31.50	80	31.13	125
NECKS, HEN	25.00		25.00	14	25.17	21
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	236.00	80	236.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	230.00		230.00	30	228.31	130
THIGH MEAT		R	90.83	126	90.50	206
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	95.00	28		
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		R	117.00	40	117.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	182.00	40	182.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	81.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	217.00		217.00	10	217.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	41		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-31.00		29.40	100	26.43	786
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	51.00		51.00	80	50.30	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	52.00-53.00		52.50	208	52.50	208
TAILS		R	25.86	728	25.89	768
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	88.00		88.00	240	88.00	240

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