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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to firm. No trading was reported. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were short to light and held with confidence. Parts and meats market tone was steady to fully steady. Trading was slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were short to adequate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was moderate, some sales of tom drums reported sold to Asia for a premium due to specific label. Demand was light to moderate, instance good. 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) APRIL 26, 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/	74-76	-	-	-	80.00	40	JUL	-	-
					80.50	80	AUG	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	74-76	-	-	-	80.00	40	JUL	-	-
					80.50	80	AUG	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 27, 2007	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	75.20 **	75.00 **	70.33
CENTRAL REGION	75.20 **	73.00	69.00
WESTERN REGION	75.20 **	75.00 **	69.60 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	75.20 **	75.00 **	70.50
CENTRAL REGION	74.00	73.00	69.80 **
WESTERN REGION	75.20 **	75.00 **	69.60 **

\*\*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#	74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-77

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 30-APR-2007

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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8-16 lbs. 89.72	234,000
16-24 lbs. 92.00	20,000

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	89.72	234,000
16-24 lbs.	92.00	20,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

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

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**Total Volume: 269,000**  
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 21-Apr-2007 (Preliminary)

	<u>YOUNG</u>			<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>Pct Chg</u>	<u>Avg Live</u>	<u>Banded</u>		
<u>-Thousand Head-</u>	<u>Prev wk</u>	<u>wt</u>	<u>-Thousand Head-</u>	<u>Live wt</u>	
North East	754	0	23.67	(A) 754	23.67
South Atlantic	671	7	31.36	(A) 671	31.36
North Central	2,087	3	33.51	(A) 2,087	33.51
South Central	844	5	19.39	(A) 844	19.39
West	292	-13	27.58	(A) 292	27.58
U.S. total	4,648(B)	3	28.66	0 4,648	28.66
To-date					
2007	70,005(B)		70		70,075
To-date					
2006	68,393(B)		91		68,484

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 12,000; for the current year to date 225,000; for last year to date 386,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March	463,767*
April 1 - 21, 2007	304,318*
To date 2007	1,573,273*
To date 2006	1,574,488*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 21-Apr-2007

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>		
	<u>Thousands</u>			<u>TURKEYS</u>
Head	2,039	2,597	12	0 4,648
Avg Wt	16.80	37.98	26.73	0.00 28.66
Last week	1,983	2,524	24	15 4,546
Same wk yr ago	2,043	2,469	57	2 4,571
Avg Wt	17.40	38.51	32.95	40.20 29.01
To-date/2007	29,686	40,094	225	70 70,075
To-date/2006	28,730	39,277	386	91 68,484

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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 26 APRIL 2007.

The market tone on tom drums was steady at best, tom wings mostly steady, and tom necks steady to firm. Demand moderate to good on tom necks, balance light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom drums adequate to fully adequate and frozen light to adequate, tom wings light to adequate and tom necks short of buyers' needs. The demand on hot dogs and sausages for the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday weekend has been moderate to mostly good which has resulted in a strong need for grinding ingredients including necks and other items. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow. Fresh scapula traded at 122-124 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/	149.00-158.00		151.81	16
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	117.00	11
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	49.52	92
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	48.00		48.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	40.00		40.00	7
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	41.00		41.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	52.86	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	69.31	13
NECKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	5
NECKS, HEN	25.50		25.50	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	230.00-232.00		231.44	720
THIGH MEAT		F	90.00	8
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00		96.00	16
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	117.00		117.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	175.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	219.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	218.00		218.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	80.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	32.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	40.33	132
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	49.25	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	39.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	53.00	60
TAILS		W	27.00	42
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	26.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	87.00	278

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 fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady with some spot premiums noted for immediate needs, fresh destrapped tenderloins steady to fully steady, balance of white meat steady to instances firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to mostly adequate, fresh destrapped tenderloins light and spotty, balance of white meat short to light with interest on frozen scapula going unfilled. The market tone on rib breasts at least steady for light to moderate demand. Offerings light and spotty and held with confidence. Trading was active on fresh tom drums and fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments and tom drums for export, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: hearts 26, tom defatted gizzards 73, Grade A non-basted breasts - 8-10 lb. 135, 12-14 lb. 193, fresh wing meat with skin 86, scapula 119-128 mostly 119 cents delivered. For export: defatted gizzards - mixed 60.50, tom 70.50, fresh thigh meat 96 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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	151.81	16	150.67	27
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	117.00	11	117.00	11
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	50.00		50.00	42	49.67	134
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	46.00-50.00		47.40	400	47.68	818
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	41.00-42.00		41.63	32	41.73	44
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	39.00-42.00		39.76	119	39.77	126
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	40.00-41.00		40.71	28	40.78	37
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	52.00		52.00	31	52.00	31
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	69.31	13		
NECKS, TOM	30.00-32.00		31.42	84	30.26	169
NECKS, HEN	25.00		25.00	8	25.98	29
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	230.00-244.00		232.67	480	231.94	1,240
THIGH MEAT		F	90.00	8		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00-98.00		97.00	40	96.71	56
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	130.00		130.00	40	123.50	80
TENDERLOINS		F	175.00	4		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	80.00-81.00		80.27	55	80.16	95
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	218.00		218.00	10	218.00	90
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	32.00	20	32.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	37.00-41.00		37.56	212	38.62	344
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	49.00-56.00		53.87	564	53.30	644
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	39.00-44.00		39.53	300	39.53	300
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	51.00-53.00		52.33	312	50.85	580
TAILS	25.50		25.50	162	26.00	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	26.00	160	26.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	88.00-89.00		88.67	240	87.77	518

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