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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole turkeys was steady to instances firm. Demand light for current needs, light to moderate for November holiday needs. Trading was active for current and deferred shipments. Offerings light to adequate and held with confidence. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts, parts and meat items was mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings mixed with some held with more confidence than others.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow. Demand light to moderate. Continued container problems were noted at some ports has delayed product destined for some countries while others note the Lent season has affected interest from other countries.

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 04, 2008**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-79	78-79	78.50	320	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	77-79	78-79	78.50	320	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	79-83.25	83.25	83.25	1600	83.25	1600	APR	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	79-80	-	-	-	88.50	360	AUG-SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	79-83.25	83.25	83.25	800	83.25	800	APR	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	79-80	-	-	-	88.50	360	AUG-SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION	79-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 04 MARCH 2008.

The market tone on parts and meats was mostly steady, tom necks and fresh tom drums steady to barely steady, instances weak. Demand light to moderate. Export demand light to moderate, instances good. Trading was slow to moderate. Offerings light to adequate. Export: tom necks 33-39 cents.

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/		R	160.33	15
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	53.00		53.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	50.00		50.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	52.00		52.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	49.00-52.00		50.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	47.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	58.85	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	75.00	42
NECKS, TOM	40.00-41.00		40.50	40
NECKS, HEN		M	41.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	168.00		168.00	20
THIGH MEAT		W	98.00	10
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	96.00	32
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	95.11	18
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	74.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	167.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	169.82	55
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	80
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	52.75	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	47.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	61.00	104
TAILS		F	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	99.00	156

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.

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	113-141
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	113-141
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	113-141
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	113-141
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	113-145

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-119
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	78-79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	78-79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-79

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The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was cautiously steady to steady, balance of white meat mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to fully adequate with some considering it a struggle to move resulting in freezing of excess inventories, balance of white meat light to adequate. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady for the light demand for current shipments. Offerings light to adequate. The market tone on fresh tom drums was steady to barely steady, tom necks steady to instances weak, frozen tom drums and tom 2-joint wings steady, and tom full-cut wings steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of frozen tom drums adequate, fresh tom drums adequate to fully adequate, tom necks adequate to ample, tom 2-joint wings light to adequate and tom full-cut wings light. Trading slow due in part to the Lent season both into domestic and some export destinations and also container issues at some ports.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	130.00		130.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	160.33	15
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	53.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	50.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	52.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	50.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	47.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	60.00		60.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	72.00		72.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	40.50	40
NECKS, HEN		M	41.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	178.00		178.00	40
THIGH MEAT		W	98.00	10
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	96.00	32
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	74.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	167.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	169.82	55
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		T	18.00	80

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	52.75	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	51.00		51.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	61.00	104
TAILS		F	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	99.00	156

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