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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady to firm. Light to moderate trading was reported for deferred shipments of hens and toms. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred arrivals. Bulk parts and meats market tone was mostly steady. Inquiry was light for domestic and light to moderate on export shipments. Offerings were light to adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, thigh meat and wings (full-cut and two joint), balance was slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were light 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)

for April 03, 2008

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOL (000)	WTD AVG	VOL (000)	DEL PER	VOL (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	83-86	86	86.00	35	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	83-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	83-86	86	86.00	10	-	-	-	40	APR
CENTRAL REGION	83-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	83-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	83-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-86	-	-	-	99.00	40	SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	83-86	-	-	-	98.14	470	OCT	-	-
					102.00	200	NOV		
					105.00	200	DEC		
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	83-86	-	-	-	98.25	400	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-86	-	-	-	102.00	200	NOV	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	83-86	-	-	-	105.00	200	DEC	-	-

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, DENTS PER LB, DELIVERED, (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

W/E April 04, 2008	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MARCH	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	86.00	83.00 **	73.40**	EASTERN REGION	82.20	76.40	71.66
CENTRAL REGION	84.50	83.00 **	73.25	CENTRAL REGION	82.00	76.35	71.75
WESTERN REGION	83.80**	83.00 **	73.40**	WESTERN REGION	82.05	76.33	71.77
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	86.00	83.00 **	73.40**	EASTERN REGION	82.18	76.46	71.65
CENTRAL REGION	84.50	83.00 **	72.25	CENTRAL REGION	81.93	76.40	71.80
WESTERN REGION	83.80**	83.00 **	73.40**	WESTERN REGION	82.05	76.33	71.77

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	125-152
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	123-152
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	123-152
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	123-152
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	123-152

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-119
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	82-83

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 07-APR-2008

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	91.58	72,000
16-24 lbs.	91.53	65,200
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	5,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000
Total Volume:		147, 200

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 29-MAR-2008 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Banded	Total turkeys	Avg Live wt
	Pct Chg	Avg	Live wt			
	Prev wk	Live wt	Prev wk	Live wt	Prev wk	Live wt
North East	791	24	25.10	(A)	794	25.10
South Atlantic	623	-12	32.70	(A)	626	32.70
North Central	2,120	4	34.54	(A)	2,123	34.54
South Central	787	11	18.55	(A)	790	18.55
West	291	4	24.90	(A)	293	24.90
U.S. total	4,612 (B)	6	29.33	14	4,626	29.33
To-date						
2008	60,193 (B)			122	60,315	
To-date						
2007	56,670 (B)			52	56,722	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date 201,000; for last year to date 178,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

February	477,748*
March 1 - 29, 2008	433,926*

To date 2008	1,425,297*
To date 2007	1,328,148*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 29-MAR-2008 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Hens	Toms			
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,939	2,660	13	14	4,626
Avg Wt	16.18	38.94	26.00	26.72	29.33
Last week	1,809	2,547	11	3	4,370
Same wk yr ago	1,915	2,721	4	5	4,645
Avg Wt	16.43	37.29	27.19	37.99	28.68
To-date/2008	24,330	35,662	201	122	60,315
To-date/2007	23,799	32,693	178	52	56,722

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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 03 APRIL 2008.

The market tone tom bulk parts was generally steady. Demand light to moderate with some noting increased interest from Asia on necks and from Africa on wings. Offerings generally adequate with instances of increased confidence noted on tom necks. Demand on 4-8 lb. breasts was light to moderate with some increased inquiry noted on Grade As. Trading slow to moderate, best into export channels. For domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 88 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 39.50, fresh tom drums 47.50, frozen hen drums 48 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	132.50	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00-162.00		158.36	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	125.00		125.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	49.00		49.00	18
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	47.50-49.00		48.50	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	48.00		48.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	50.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	48.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	59.00		59.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	73.00		73.00	40
NECKS, TOM	38.00-38.50		38.17	120
NECKS, HEN		F	38.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	174.00-176.00		174.67	120
THIGH MEAT		W	98.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	98.00-101.00		99.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	113.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT		W	100.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	74.00		74.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	167.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	172.50	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	177.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00-23.00		22.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	24.00-25.00		24.25	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-51.00		50.13	310
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	50.31	390
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	61.00-64.00		62.50	216
TAILS		W	28.00	54
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	97.33	242

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 white meat was mostly steady. Demand light to moderate with strongest demand noted on breast trim, wing meat and scapula. However, even though demand may be disappointing on tom breast meat and tenderloins some processors are indicating improved internal further processed demand. Offerings light to fully adequate, mostly adequate. The market tone on tom bulk parts and thigh meat was steady to fully steady with drums, wings and thigh meat strongest. Demand was light to instances good with improved interest noted mostly into export channels. Export inquiry was noted from Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Mexico and Russia. Offerings of fresh tom drums were becoming less available in partial response to the increased export interest and were mostly adequate, frozen tom drums and wings light to adequate with some being held with increased confidence, tom necks adequate, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey light at best with offers noted at higher trending prices. For domestic: tails 27, plant grade breasts - basted 10-14 lb. 165, non-basted 14-18 lb. 165, cents delivered.

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					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	132.50	160	132.50	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.36	11	158.36	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	125.00	80	125.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	49.00	18	49.50	24
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	47.00-49.00		47.63	640	47.58	1,200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	48.00	120	48.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.00		48.00	20	48.46	26
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	48.00	20	48.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	59.00	80	58.80	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	73.00	40	76.16	95
NECKS, TOM	37.00		37.00	20	38.02	307
NECKS, HEN		F	38.00	12		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	175.00-176.00		175.08	65	175.13	345
THIGH MEAT		W	98.00	40	98.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	99.50	80	99.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	113.67	120	113.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT		W	100.00	40	100.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	74.00	40	74.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	167.00	5		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	172.50	60		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	177.00	40	177.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.33	120	22.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	24.00-25.50		24.50	120	23.89	470

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-53.00		51.61	810	50.69	1,542
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	51.00		51.00	80	50.07	550
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	62.00		62.00	112	62.33	328
TAILS		W	28.00	54	27.79	94
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	24.00	40	24.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	97.00-98.00		97.60	272	97.60	272

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