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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. Limited sales reported on hens for prompt delivery. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred shipments. Offerings are light and held with confidence. The market tone on bulk parts was steady to instances firm, hen parts and meats steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were light to adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. Demand was mixed, light to good. 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) **APRIL 17, 2008**

	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/	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	85-87	-	-	-	94.50	100	SEP	-	-
					95.50	100	OCT		
					97.50	40	NOV		
WESTERN REGION 5/	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	85-87	-	-	-	94.50	100	SEP	-	-
					95.50	100	OCT		
WESTERN REGION	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	85-87	87	87.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 APRIL 18, 2008	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	87.00	86.00	75.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	85.60 **	85.00	73.00
WESTERN REGION	85.60 **	84.90 **	75.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	85.60 **	84.90 **	75.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	85.60 **	84.90 **	73.00
WESTERN REGION	85.60 **	84.90 **	75.00 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
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**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-119
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	84-85

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 21-APR-2008

<u>Price (cents/lb.)</u>	<u>Volume (lbs.)</u>
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE	
8-16 lbs. 93.08	131,000
16-24 lbs. 92.86	70,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED	
8-16 lbs. --	10,000
16-24 lbs. --	10,000
Total Volume:	221,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 12-APR-2008 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Banded	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg	Live wt		Avg	Live wt
	Prev wk					
North East	785	-3	24.83	(A)	785	24.83
South Atlantic	657	-5	32.53	(A)	657	32.53
North Central	2,082	3	34.99	(A)	2,082	34.99
South Central	786	-3	18.98	(A)	786	18.98
West	256	-6	26.66	(A)	256	26.66
U.S. total	4,566 (B)	-1	29.67	0	4,566	29.67
To-date						
2008	69,365 (B)			147	69,512	
To-date						
2007	65,357 (B)			70	65,427	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 36,000; for the current year to date 274,000; for last year to date 213,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March 455,792*
April 1 - 12, 2008 195,831*

To date 2008 1,642,994*
To date 2007 1,525,877*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 12-APR-2008 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Hens	Toms			
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,872	2,658	36	0	4,566
Avg Wt	16.43	39.03	26.66	0.00	29.67
Last week	1,923	2,646	37	25	4,631
Same wk yr ago	1,983	2,524	24	15	4,546
Avg Wt	16.64	37.61	25.80	31.11	28.38
To-date/2008	28,125	40,966	274	147	69,512
To-date/2007	27,647	37,497	213	70	65,427

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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 17 APRIL 2008.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light and held with confidence. The market tone on hen bulk parts was steady. Demand was light. Offerings were moderate. White meat not well tested, steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies of bulk parts and meats was mixed, ranging from light to adequate.

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/	156.00-158.00		157.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	129.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	50.00		50.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	49.00		49.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	49.00		49.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	50.00		50.00	53
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	47.00		47.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	60.00		60.00	25
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	73.00	10
NECKS, TOM	40.00-41.00		40.31	65
NECKS, HEN	39.00		39.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	174.00-176.00		174.86	35
THIGH MEAT		W	99.46	52
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	103.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		T	100.50	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS		W	167.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	175.60	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00-26.00		25.50	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	28.00		28.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-54.00		51.61	134
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	52.00		52.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	64.00	324
TAILS		W	30.70	94
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	100.33	486

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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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	132.00		132.00	15	132.00	15
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	159.00		159.00	5	157.67	15
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	50.00-52.00		50.88	32	50.20	286
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	48.00-50.00		49.00	200	48.69	640
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	49.00		49.00	18	49.11	178
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	49.00-51.00		50.45	165	50.20	293
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	47.00		47.00	20	47.00	135
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	57.00-60.00		57.75	236	58.32	315
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	73.00	10	73.00	10
NECKS, TOM	38.00-41.00		39.09	77	39.36	422
NECKS, HEN	39.00		39.00	5	38.24	105
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	167.00-170.00		167.86	280	167.86	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	174.00-177.00		175.41	85	175.19	160
THIGH MEAT	99.00		99.00	14	100.53	120
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	99.00-104.00		101.48	54	102.13	94
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	99.00-101.00		99.56	36	100.28	156
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	74.00		74.00	30	74.00	30
TENDERLOINS		W	167.00	12	167.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	174.00-176.00		175.14	70	175.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	25.50	240	25.50	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00-32.00		27.59	554	27.45	820
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	51.61	134	54.94	350
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	52.00	54	52.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	64.00	324	64.00	324
TAILS		W	30.70	94	29.79	202
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00-27.00		24.87	94	24.87	94
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	98.00-99.00		98.67	120	100.00	606

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