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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. Trading was reported for immediate and out front shipments. Inquiry was light to moderate. Offerings continue to be limited and held for full market value. The market tone on tom bulk parts was fully steady to firm with hen parts steady to barely steady. Demand ranged from light to good. Offerings are light. The market tone on white meat was steady, instances barely steady. Offerings were light to adequate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, full-cut wings and two-joint wings, balance slow. Demand was moderate. Offerings were short to barely 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 24, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	86-89	86.25	86.25	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	86-89	-	-	-	96.00	80	JUL	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	86-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	86-89	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	APR
CENTRAL REGION	86-89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	86-91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	86-89	-	-	-	101.00	40	SEP	3200	NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	86-89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	86-92	-	-	-	103.00	40	SEP	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	86-89	-	-	-	-	-	-	1400	NOV
CENTRAL REGION	86-89	86	86.00	12	-	-	-	25	APR
WESTERN REGION	86-91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 25, 2008	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	86.25	87.00	75.20 **
CENTRAL REGION	87.30 **	85.60 **	75.20 **
WESTERN REGION	92.00	85.60 **	75.20 **
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	87.30 **	85.60 **	75.20 **
CENTRAL REGION	86.00	85.60 **	74.00
WESTERN REGION	91.00	85.60 **	75.20 **

\*\*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#	86-87
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	86-87
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	86-87

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 28-APR-2008

<u>Price (cents/lb.)</u>	<u>Volume (lbs.)</u>
8-16 lbs. 95.52	154,000
16-24 lbs. 93.71	70,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs. --	10,000
16-24 lbs. --	10,000
<b>Total Volume:</b>	<b>244,000</b>

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 19-APR-2008 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Banded	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg	Live wt		Avg	Live wt
	-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--	Live wt	
North East	784	0	24.70	(A)	787	24.70
South Atlantic	729	11	31.41	(A)	732	31.41
North Central	2,125	2	34.62	(A)	2,127	34.62
South Central	848	8	18.71	(A)	850	18.71
West	272	6	25.64	(A)	274	25.64
U.S. total	4,758 (B)	4	29.14	12	4,770	29.14
To-date						
2008	74,123 (B)			159	74,282	
To-date						
2007	70,005 (B)			70	70,075	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 46,000; for the current year to date 320,000; for last year to date 225,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March	455,792*
April 1 - 19, 2008	307,034*

To date 2008	1,754,197*
To date 2007	1,632,466*

\*Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 19-APR-2008 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Hens	Toms			
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,993	2,719	46	12	4,770
Avg Wt	16.20	38.70	25.24	27.46	29.14
Last week	1,872	2,658	36	0	4,566
Same wk yr ago	2,039	2,597	12	0	4,648
Avg Wt	16.80	37.98	26.73	0.00	28.66
To-date/2008	30,118	43,685	320	159	74,282
To-date/2007	29,686	40,094	225	70	70,075

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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 24 APRIL 2008.

The market tone on tom bulk parts fully steady to firm. Demand moderate to good into domestic and export channels. Offerings light and spotty and generally held with confidence. The market tone on hen bulk parts was mostly steady, except for hen 2-joint wings which were barely steady at best. Demand light. Offerings of hen 2-joint wings light to fully adequate, balance of hen bulk parts light to adequate. Trading was active on tom wings for export, balance slow to instances moderate. For domestic: bones 13.50, fresh scapula 101-104.75, Grade A 10-14 lb. breasts 150 cents delivered. For export: hearts 29, fresh tom drums 50-50.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	135.00	380
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00		158.00	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	124.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	52.50		52.50	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	50.00		50.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	50.00	32
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	50.50-52.00		51.50	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	48.00	31
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	60.00		60.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	41.00		41.00	80
NECKS, HEN		T	39.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	167.86	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		T	175.38	260
THIGH MEAT		W	102.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	101.48	54
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	101.00-102.00		101.45	22
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	75.00		75.00	10
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	172.00		172.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	25.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-33.00		30.04	216
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	50.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	52.00-52.50		52.10	196
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	63.00-64.00		63.26	420
TAILS	29.50-31.00		30.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	24.87	94
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	101.00	108

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 25 APRIL 2008.**

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to instances barely steady, balance of white meat mostly steady with some spot unsettledness noted on frozen wing meat with skin. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom breast meat and frozen wing meat with skin adequate to fully adequate, balance of white meat mostly adequate except for some spot availability noted on ground breast trim. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was at least steady, balance of rib breasts mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to adequate. Trading was active on fresh tom drums for domestic and export shipments, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh tails 28, hearts 24 shipping point and 28 delivered, fresh tom necks 38, tom defatted gizzards 89, fresh scapula 99-105, fresh breast trim 121-123, Grade A non-basted breasts - 8-10 lb. 150, 10-12 lb. 150, 12-16 lb. 185-190, 16-18 lb. 185, plant grade rib breasts - non-basted 14-16 lb. 170-175 and 16-18 lb. 175, basted 20-24 lb. 170 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 48, fresh thigh meat 99 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	132.00		132.00	40	134.71	420
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	162.00		162.00	1	158.19	21
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	124.00	80	124.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	51.00-54.00		51.76	99	52.23	199
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	48.00-52.00		49.25	640	49.40	800
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	50.00	32	50.00	32
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	51.00-54.00		52.43	101	52.07	364
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	48.00	31	48.00	31
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00-61.00		59.24	169	59.55	289
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	39.00-43.00		39.79	196	39.90	399
NECKS, HEN		T	39.00	11	39.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	167.86	280		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		T	175.38	260	175.38	260
THIGH MEAT	100.00		100.00	30	101.14	70
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	100.00-101.00		100.28	72	100.28	72
BREAST TRIM MEAT	113.00		113.00	10	113.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT	99.00-100.00		99.18	110	99.75	152
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	72.00		72.00	40	73.58	120
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	174.00		174.00	15	172.74	95
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00-28.00		27.00	80	25.67	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	27.00-31.00		28.56	284	28.81	806

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	48.00-51.00		49.40	75	50.23	155
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	51.00-54.00		52.51	318	52.35	514
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	64.00		64.00	104	63.40	524
TAILS		R	30.25	80	29.83	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	24.87	94		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	101.00	108	100.15	188

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