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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 steady to instances firm. Demand was light for current needs and light to moderate for deferred. Limited sales was reported for prompt shipments. Offerings are adequate. The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady, except for full-cut wings and thigh meat barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mixed and ranged from tight to adequate. The market tone on white meat items were barely steady to weak. Demand was limited. Offerings were adequate to burdensome.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom full-cut wings, thigh meat and tails, balance slow. Demand was light. 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) **MARCH 12, 2009**

	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	76	76.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	74-76.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	76	76.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 13, 2009**

	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/	74-77	74.5	74.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	76	76.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	74-77	74.5	74.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	74-76	75.42	69	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	74-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 MAR 13, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION		74.50	75.00 **	82.50
CENTRAL REGION		76.00	76.00	82.10 **
WESTERN REGION		75.10 **	76.00	82.10 **
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION		74.50	74.50	82.50
CENTRAL REGION		75.83	76.00	80.00
WESTERN REGION		75.10 **	76.00	82.10 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	107
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	107
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	110

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-120
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	110-120
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	74-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	74-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-82

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 16-MAR-2009

<u>Price (cents/lb.)</u>	<u>Volume (lbs.)</u>
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE	
8-16 lbs. 93.78	115,000
16-24 lbs. 91.00	80,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED	
8-16 lbs. --	10,000
16-24 lbs. --	10,000
Total Volume:	215,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 07-MAR-2009 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Banded	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg			Avg	
-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--	Live wt		
North East	644	-1	25.40	(A)	645	25.40
South Atlantic	859	-5	33.70	(A)	860	33.70
North Central	1,962	0	33.80	(A)	1,963	33.80
South Central	890	-5	17.75	(A)	890	17.75
West	254	-17	24.66	(A)	254	24.66
U.S. total	4,609 (B)	-3	29.00	3	4,612	29.00
To-date						
2009*	41,005 (B)			70	41,075	
To-date						
2008*	42,775 (B)			78	42,853	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 8,000; for the current year to date* 214,000; for last year to date* 132,000.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 07-MAR-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms			
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,970	2,631	8	3	4,612
Avg Wt	16.42	38.44	24.42	23.73	29.00
Last week	2,178	2,565	9	1	4,753
Same wk yr ago	1,822	2,876	23	6	4,727
Avg Wt	16.37	38.25	24.62	31.35	29.74
To-date/2009*	17,163	23,628	214	70	41,075
To-date/2008*	17,185	25,458	132	78	42,853
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,883	80,905	149	54	106,991
Last week	29,531	80,306	173	48	110,058
Same wk yr ago	23,861	88,006	433	144	112,444
To-date/2009*	229,336	745,023	4,380	1,634	980,373
To-date/2008*	221,678	803,947	2,607	1,722	1,029,954
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	--

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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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 12 MARCH 2009.

The market tone on white meat was steady to weak. White meat demand was light. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate, at times burdensome. Spot interest was noted on white trims. The trade sentiment on thigh meat was steady to mostly barely steady. Demand was slow to moderate. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on bulk parts and MST was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate with necks, tom drums, tom V-wings and MST in the strongest position. Offerings were short to adequate. Trading was slow to moderate. Domestic: Frozen ground turkey 10 lb. tubes 74, frozen tails 38, fresh scapula meat 118, fresh wing meat 102, fresh breast trim 108 - 114 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	99.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	179.00	6
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	95.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	59.00		59.00	7
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	61.00-62.00		61.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	55.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.00-52.00		51.43	59
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	47.00	47
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	61.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	55.00-58.00		56.97	9
NECKS, HEN		F	52.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	130.00		130.00	120
THIGH MEAT		W	100.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	102.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	104.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	116.50	15
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	89.00	80
TENDERLOINS	125.00		125.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	120.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	120.00		120.00	164
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	38.00		38.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	35.50		35.50	42
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	63.00		63.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	50.00		50.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	35.00		35.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

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 13 MARCH 2009.

The trade sentiment on white meat was steady to weak. White meat demand was light to moderate with best interest on destrapped tenders. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate, instances burdensome. The trade sentiment on thigh meat was steady to barely steady, at times weak. Demand was slow to moderate. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on bulk parts and MST was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate with offerings were short to adequate. Trading was slow to moderate. Domestic: Frozen Grade A non-basted bone-in breasts 8-10 lbs. 130, 12- 16 lbs. 140, fresh tom necks 57, fresh scapula meat 118 cents delivered. Export: fresh thigh meat 104, frozen thigh meat (Russian approved) 110 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE	WTD AVG PRICE	WTD VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00	1/	99.00	80	99.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	179.00	6	179.00	6
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	95.00	200	95.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	59.00	7	61.89	199
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	61.00-63.00		61.75	320	61.82	440
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	51.43	59	51.22	117
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	47.00	47		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	61.00	20	61.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	56.97	9	59.02	99
NECKS, HEN		F	52.00	10		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	128.00		128.00	40	127.60	200
THIGH MEAT		W	100.00	40	100.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	102.00	40		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	104.00	80	104.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT		F	116.50	15		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	89.00	80	89.00	80
TENDERLOINS		R	125.00	10	125.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	112.00		112.00	80	112.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	120.00		120.00	54	119.87	298
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	38.00	40	38.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	39.00-41.00		39.67	180	38.44	344
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	63.00	40	63.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	49.00		49.00	108	49.43	188
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	35.00		35.00	40	35.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	95.00		95.00	108	95.00	108

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