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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. Demand was light for prompt shipments and light to moderate for deferred shipments. No sales were reported. Offerings were light to adequate. The market tone on bulk parts was steady to fully steady, with tom full-cut wings steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were short to barely adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was barely steady to weak. Demand was light but movement improved on declining prices. Offerings adequate to burdensome. The market tone on MST was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings short to light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings mixed and ranged from short to ample.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 19, 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	74-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	74-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	74-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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 20, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	75.50 **	74.50	83.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	75.00 **	76.00	83.00 **
WESTERN REGION	75.50 **	75.10 **	84.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	75.50 **	74.50	81.25
CENTRAL REGION	75.00 **	75.83	83.00 **
WESTERN REGION	75.50 **	75.10 **	84.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
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

	RANGE
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 23-MAR-2009

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	90.52	105,000
16-24 lbs.	91.00	80,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000
	Total Volume:	**205,000**

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 14-MAR-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young turkeys			Old	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	Banded	--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
North East	653	1	25.26	(A)	654	25.26
South Atlantic	741	-14	37.53	(A)	742	37.53
North Central	1,983	1	34.25	(A)	1,984	34.25
South Central	762	-14	19.05	(A)	762	19.05
West	303	19	24.99	(A)	303	24.99
U.S. total	4,442 (B)	-4	30.24	3	4,445	30.24
To-date 2009*	45,447 (B)			73	45,520	
To-date 2008*	47,556 (B)			104	47,660	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 27,000; for the current year to date* 241,000; for last year to date* 170,000.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 14-MAR-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Thousands				
Head	1,743	2,672	27	3	4,445
Avg Wt	17.85	38.36	26.10	39.91	30.24
Last week	1,970	2,631	8	3	4,612
Same wk yr ago	2,028	2,715	38	26	4,807
Avg Wt	16.15	38.62	25.16	28.06	28.98
To-date/2009*	18,906	26,300	241	73	45,520
To-date/2008*	19,213	28,173	170	104	47,660
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	24,887	82,005	539	92	107,523
Last week	25,883	80,905	149	54	106,991
Same wk yr ago	26,202	83,883	731	558	111,374
To-date/2009*	254,223	827,028	4,919	1,726	1,087,896
To-date/2008*	247,880	887,830	3,338	2,280	1,141,328
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 19 MARCH 2009.

The market tone on white meat was steady to weak, tom breast meat continuing to be in the longest position. Demand was slow with offerings of white meat adequate to ample. The trade sentiment on thigh meat was barely steady to weak. Offerings were adequate to available for the light demand. The undertone on bulk parts and MST was steady to fully steady, except full-cut wings steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Trading was slow. Offerings were ranged short to adequate. For domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 103.5 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	99.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	64.00		64.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	62.00-66.00		64.05	82
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	55.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	49.00-51.00		50.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	47.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	64.00		64.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	83.00		83.00	15
NECKS, TOM	59.00		59.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		T	127.25	160
THIGH MEAT	94.00		94.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	101.00	32
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS		R	125.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	112.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	117.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	45.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	39.00		39.00	42
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	63.00	54
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	47.00	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	35.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	95.00	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 20 MARCH 2009.

The market tone on tom full-cut wings was steady to barely steady, tom necks mostly steady, tom drums and 2-joint wings steady to fully steady. Demand moderate to good on tom full-cut wings at the lower trending price levels and on tom drums, balance of tom bulk parts light to moderate. Offerings of tom full-cut wings adequate to fully adequate, tom necks and drums light to adequate, and tom 2-joint wings light at best. The market tone on non-Russian thigh meat was steady to weak, Russian thigh meat steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate with increased activity noted at the lower trending price levels. Offerings of non Russian thigh meat adequate to ample. Trading improved on most items with activity ranging light to moderate.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	99.00	80		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00		90.00	40	90.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	61.00-62.00		61.52	334	61.74	395
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	61.00		61.00	200	61.91	362
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	55.00	20	55.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	45.00-51.00		46.98	479	47.63	1,015
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	47.00	15	47.00	35
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	61.00-62.00		61.25	24	62.09	132
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	80.00-84.00		81.39	155	81.45	200
NECKS, TOM	58.00-59.00		58.57	352	58.55	407
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	123.00-125.00		123.40	100	125.77	260
THIGH MEAT	90.00		90.00	240	91.73	335
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	91.00-97.00		92.62	74	95.15	106
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	123.00		123.00	40	123.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	115.50-117.00		116.50	100	117.83	230
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	38.00-39.00		38.50	160	39.80	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	38.00-41.00		38.44	528	38.09	932
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	68.00		68.00	216	67.00	270
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	47.00-49.00		48.46	148	48.14	190
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	65.00		65.00	162	65.00	162
TAILS	33.00-35.00		34.60	202	34.60	202
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00-97.00		92.98	456	92.98	456

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