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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment foe whole body hens and toms was steady. Moderate trading was reported for deferred shipments. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate offerings. The market tone on destrapped tenderloins was fully steady, balance of white meat was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Trading was slow to fair. Offerings of white meat was adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings were short to barely adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow and centered on tom drums and tom two joint wings. Demand was light to 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 23, 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/	76-79	-	-	-	90.50	40	AUG	-	-
	-	-	-	-	92.50	40	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-78.5	78.50	78.50	60	78.50	60	MAY	-	-
					79.50	760	JUN	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12-24 LB TOMS								-	-
EASTERN REGION	76-79	-	-	-	90.50	60	AUG	-	-
	-	-	-		92.50	60	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-78.5	78.50	78.50	20	79.67	60	MAY	-	-
					79.50	240	JUN	-	-
WESTERN REGION	76-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	76-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-78.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-79	-	-	-	93.50	760	SEP	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	76-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-78.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	76-79	-	-	-	93.50	1520	SEP	-	-

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 APR 24, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	77.00	76.00 **	86.25
CENTRAL REGION	77.93	75.75 **	87.30 **
WESTERN REGION	78.00	76.00 **	92.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	77.29	76.00 **	87.30 **
CENTRAL REGION	78.50	75.00 **	86.00
WESTERN REGION	77.20 **	76.00 **	91.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	107-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-106
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	104-107
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	102-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	110-111

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#	78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-80

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 27-APR-2009

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	92.26	107,000
16-24 lbs.	92.00	40,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	5,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000
	Total Volume:	**157,000**

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 18-APR-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young turkeys			Old	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	Banded	--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
North East	668	22	25.44	(A)	669	25.44
South Atlantic	840	56	32.30	(A)	841	32.30
North Central	1,328	-31	34.35	(A)	1,328	34.35
South Central	847	31	18.55	(A)	847	18.55
West	376	-3	25.15	(A)	376	25.15
U.S. total	4,059 (B)	0	28.32	2	4,061	28.32
To-date 2009*	66,998 (B)			89	67,087	
To-date 2008*	70,465 (B)			158	70,623	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 23,000; for the current year to date* 394,000; for last year to date* 313,000.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 18-APR-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Thousands				
Head	1,757	2,279	23	2	4,061
Avg Wt	17.32	36.81	25.69	63.01	28.32
Last week	1,624	2,393	39	1	4,057
Same wk yr ago	1,993	2,719	46	12	4,770
Avg Wt	16.20	38.70	25.24	27.46	29.14
To-date/2009*	27,744	38,860	394	89	67,087
To-date/2008*	28,749	41,403	313	158	70,623
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	24,035	66,269	452	96	90,852
Last week	21,245	72,541	805	23	94,614
Same wk yr ago	25,506	83,128	888	252	109,774
To-date/2009*	370,568	1,207,238	7,924	2,236	1,587,966
To-date/2008*	371,189	1,295,209	6,222	3,431	1,676,051
Dressing %	79.0%	79.0%	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 23 APRIL 2009.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to instances firm. Demand moderate to good with grinding needs consuming most of the drums and necks and plus some wings. Offerings of tails adequate to fully adequate, balance of bulk parts short to light. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was fully steady to firm. Demand good for the limited offerings. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light to instances moderate as it continues to compete against attractive red meat prices into export channels. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Trading slow to moderate. For domestic: frozen Grade A tom WOGs 88, frozen mature thigh meat 90 cents delivered. For export: scapula 99 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTSBREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	179.00		179.00	1
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	65.00-66.50		65.70	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	62.50		62.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	64.50		64.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	51.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	50.00		50.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	70.00-82.00		76.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	92.00	12
NECKS, TOM	63.50-70.00		67.13	160
NECKS, HEN		F	53.00	19
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	127.00	280
THIGH MEAT		T	94.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	90.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	90.67	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	116.00	24
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	42.00		42.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	45.60	200
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	66.00	378
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	52.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	70.00	162
TAILS	31.00		31.00	270
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00-91.00		90.36	110

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 24 APRIL 2009.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat ranged from steady at best to fully steady, mostly steady; frozen tom breast meat steady to weak; fresh destrapped tenderloins steady to fully steady; balance of white meat steady to barely steady with frozen weakest. Demand on fresh tom breast meat light to moderate with instances noted of buyers taking additional loads above contacts, fresh destrapped tenderloins moderate to sometimes good, balance of white meat slow to instances light. Offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins light to adequate, balance of fresh white meat light to adequate, frozen white meat adequate to ample. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to instances fully steady with some sellers attempting to raise their sales prices. Demand slow for the light to adequate offerings. The market tone on institutional sized breast was barely steady at best. Demand light with some increased inquiry and trading noted. Offerings readily available. Trading slow to moderate. Imports: frozen -20% mechanically separated turkey 45 cents delivered. For domestic: plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts 99 June; Grade A breasts: non-basted 8-10 lb. 115 and 12-16 lb. 125, basted 18-20 lb. 119 and 20-24 lb. 130; plant grade basted: 18-20 lb. breasts 115 cents delivered. For export: Russian frozen thigh meat 113 cents delivered.

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/	103.00-111.00		106.33	120	106.33	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	179.00	1	179.00	1
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00		99.00	160	99.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	65.00-66.00		65.50	80	65.55	296
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	62.50-64.00		62.67	180	62.47	340
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	64.50	40	66.75	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	53.00		53.00	40	51.83	96
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	50.00	40	49.18	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	75.00		75.00	40	76.21	173
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	92.00	12	92.00	12
NECKS, TOM		R	67.13	160	67.11	246
NECKS, HEN		F	53.00	19		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	127.00	280	126.71	310
THIGH MEAT		T	94.00	40	94.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	90.00	40	93.76	170
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	90.67	120	90.67	120
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	117.00		117.00	40	117.36	264
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	43.00		43.00	80	42.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	45.60	200	44.51	390
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	70.00		70.00	108	66.89	486
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	71.00		71.00	54	71.00	54
TAILS		R	31.00	270	30.94	350
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	90.36	110	89.26	270

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