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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. Trading was slow with no confirmed sales. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred deliveries. Offerings were adequate. The market tone on bulk parts was steady to fully steady, instances firm on tom necks, frozen tom drums, two joint wings both hens and toms and mechanically separated turkey. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were short to barely adequate. White meat was steady to weak. Trading was slow and finding only light inquiry. Offerings were adequate. Thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand was light. Offerings were adequate. Retailers are very active with Easter and Passover promotions. Offers on fresh and frozen whole turkeys exceed last year's holiday week and prices are stronger this year.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate. 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)

for April 09, 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/	74-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-77.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	74-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	74-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-77.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	74-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	74-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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, DENTS PER LB, DELIVERED, (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

W/E April 10, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	76.00 **	77.07	86.00
CENTRAL REGION	75.75 **	77.50	85.00
WESTERN REGION	76.00 **	75.80 **	84.90 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	76.00 **	76.50	84.90 **
CENTRAL REGION	75.00 **	75.00 **	84.90 **
WESTERN REGION	76.00 **	75.80 **	84.90 **

*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#	95-105
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95-105
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 13-APR-2009

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE	
8-16 lbs. 88.23	65,000
16-24 lbs. 89.18	55,000
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PRICE TO BE DETERMINED	
8-16 lbs. --	5,000
16-24 lbs. --	5,000
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Total Volume:	130,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 04-APR-2009 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Banded	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg			Avg	
	Prev wk	Live wt			Live wt	
-Thousand Head-				--Thousand head--		
North East	665	0	25.54	(A)	665	25.54
South Atlantic	778	14	35.11	(A)	780	35.11
North Central	1,893	-4	34.04	(A)	1,894	34.04
South Central	800	5	17.55	(A)	801	17.55
West	393	3	23.54	(A)	394	23.54
U.S. total	4,529 (B)	2	29.16	5	4,534	29.16
To-date						
2009*	58,883 (B)			86	58,969	
To-date						
2008*	61,141 (B)			146	61,287	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 22,000; for the current year to date* 332,000; for last year to date* 231,000.

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

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 04-APR-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,873	2,634	22	5	4,534
Avg Wt	16.02	38.52	25.52	38.00	29.16
Last week	1,845	2,576	36	3	4,460
Same wk yr ago	1,923	2,646	37	25	4,631
Avg Wt	16.26	39.18	28.28	26.96	29.51
To-date/2009*	24,363	34,188	332	86	58,969
To-date/2008*	24,884	36,026	231	146	61,287

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	23,703	80,163	430	145	104,441
Last week	24,183	79,726	714	77	104,700
Same wk yr ago	24,702	81,900	800	516	107,918
To-date/2009*	325,288	1,068,428	6,667	2,117	1,402,500
To-date/2008*	321,385	1,130,125	4,600	3,179	1,459,289

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 09 APRIL 2009.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady to fully steady, at times firm. Mechanically separated turkey was fully steady to firm. Demand was slow to moderate. Offerings were mixed, short to adequate as some processors are closed for the upcoming holiday. The trade sentiment on white meat was steady to weak. Demand was mostly light. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate for current trade requirements. Domestic: fresh ground breast trim 106, drumettes 54, fresh tails 33 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	102.33	360
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.10	269
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	90.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	63.00		63.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	61.50-62.00		61.67	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	60.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	50.00		50.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	47.00		47.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	64.53	34
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	89.00		89.00	12
NECKS, TOM		W	62.62	177
NECKS, HEN		W	54.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	121.00	40
THIGH MEAT	95.00		95.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	95.00		95.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT	104.00		104.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	95.00		95.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	90.00-91.00		90.50	80
TENDERLOINS	112.00		112.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	114.00		114.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	114.00		114.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	40.00-42.00		41.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	63.00	54
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	49.00		49.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	66.00	120
TAILS	29.00		29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	95.00		95.00	216

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 10 APRIL 2009.

The market tone on tom bulk parts and mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand and offerings were light to moderate with good inquiry on hen and tom V-type wings, tom necks and MST. The trade sentiment on white meat items was mixed, steady instances weak. Demand was mostly light with offerings adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate while offerings were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 108.5 cents delivered. Export: hand cut machine defatted tom gizzards 81 FOB, machine cut and machine defatted tom gizzards 85 FOB, hand cut hand defatted tom gizzards 100.5 delivered, scapula meat 119 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/		W	102.33	360	102.33	360
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	63.00-66.00		64.71	375	64.62	495
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	61.50-62.00		61.67	120	61.94	680
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	63.50		63.50	42	61.56	94
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	51.00		51.00	40	50.82	220
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	47.00	20	47.00	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	65.00		65.00	38	65.00	38
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	89.00	12	88.29	42
NECKS, TOM	63.00		63.00	40	62.50	257
NECKS, HEN		W	54.00	10	54.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	121.00	40	120.33	120
THIGH MEAT	90.00-94.00		91.25	160	91.77	260
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	94.00		94.00	56	94.75	226
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	104.00	40	104.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	95.00-103.00		99.24	182	98.83	212
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	88.00		88.00	12	90.17	92
TENDERLOINS		R	112.00	10	112.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	114.00	20	114.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		R	114.00	40	114.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	39.00-43.00		40.73	388	40.45	628
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	61.00-65.00		64.38	256	64.14	310
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	49.00		49.00	120	49.00	174
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	66.00	120	66.00	120
TAILS	30.00-37.00		33.50	108	31.37	296
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00		90.00	108	93.50	360

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