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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for frozen hens and toms steady to fully steady, instances firm on hens. Trading was fairly good for immediate arrivals of frozen hens and toms. Sales of fresh birds taking priority due to seasonal activity. Offerings of whole birds fresh and frozen mixed, but generally light. Bulk parts and meats trading domestically slow.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand mixed. Fairly good sales centering on tom drums and frozen thigh meat noted going to Mexico. Supplies light to adequate, mostly light. Other export areas generally quiet.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 19, 2000**

	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/	77-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-80	76.5-80	78.79	280	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	72-73.5	72.42	520	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-80	77-80	78.20	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	73	73.00	40	-	-	-	80	NOV
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-76	74-75	74.98	1640	-	-	-	-	-

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 OCTOBER 20, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	77.29	78.00	80.50
CENTRAL REGION	78.17	77.30	79.01
WESTERN REGION	78.00	78.08	79.33
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	74.00	75.13 **	72.90 **
CENTRAL REGION	72.46	73.26	74.02
WESTERN REGION	74.92	73.75 **	73.57

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-82

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-104

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 23-OCT-2000

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>		<u>PRICE (000)</u>	
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	84.00	80	79.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	84.00	80	79.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

SEPTEMBER	430,654*
OCTOBER 1-14, 2000	220,320*
To date 2000	4,175,048*
To date 1999	3,968,152*

* PRELIMINARY

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 14-Oct-2000 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>		<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL TKY</u>	<u>AVG</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>				
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>---THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD---</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	854	-1	21.98	(A)	(A)	858 21.98
S ATL	937	2	26.63	(A)	(A)	941 26.63
N CENT	2,459	-1	27.70	(A)	(A)	2,463 27.70
S CENT	597	-2	18.84	(A)	(A)	601 18.84
WEST	575	-1	23.91	(A)	(A)	579 23.91
U.S.TOTAL	5,422(B)	-1	25.24	0	20	5,442 25.24
TO DATE						
2000	195,818(B)			166	1,118	197,102
TO DATE						
1999	196,894(B)			55	1,515	198,464

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 80,000 for the year 1,289,000; last year to date 626,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 14-Oct-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>			
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,187	3,155	80	20	5,442
AVG WT	15.53	31.98	24.69	26.45	25.24
LAST WEEK	2,303	3,091	72	15	5,481
YR AGO	4,739	(B)	17	77	4,833
AVG WT	25.81	(B)	25.24	26.12	25.40
TO-DATE/2000	194,695	(B)	1,289	1,118	197,102
TO-DATE/1999	196,323	(B)	626	1,515	198,464

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 OCTOBER 2000.

Trade sentiment mostly steady to fully steady on thigh meat with offerings being held with varying degrees of confidence. Demand fair to instances good with some buyer resistance noted. Drum trade sentiment steady to fully steady for the fair to good demand. Offerings spotty. Tom full-cut wing trade sentiment barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady to fully steady. Offerings tight. Neck trade sentiment steady to fully steady with instances of unsettlement noted. Most industry members find neck offerings limited. The market on frozen mechanically separated turkey was steady to firm due to exports, fresh steady at best. Trading fair on tom drums, light on the balance of items. Grade A 10-12 lb. breasts (part load) 120, plant grades (mostly part loads): 8-10 lb. 104-108, 10-12 lb. 115, 12-16 lb. 120 cents delivered. Frozen MST traded at 20 cents shipping point for December export delivery.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	110.00		110.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00		99.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	31.56	45
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	33.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.90	89
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	9
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	193.50		193.50	40
THIGH MEAT		T	68.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	65.00	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		R	111.00	40
TENDERLOINS	135.00		135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	159.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	187.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	57.00		57.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-31.50		30.55	412
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	208
TAILS	22.00		22.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00		69.00	212

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.

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Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat for the light to instances good, mostly fair demand. Offerings light to instances ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Undertone generally steady on destrapped tenderloins, scapula and wing meat steady to fully steady. Offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins light to adequate, frozen light. Scapula and wing meat offerings light. Tom 2-joint undertone barely steady at best and attempting to find a floor as a result of the increased export trading noted at the 25-26 cent price level. Trading levels on hen 2-joint wings continued to trend lower. Domestic trading light. Export trading moderately heavy on tom drums, frozen thigh meat fair, balance light. Defatted gizzards (mixed hen and tom, mostly tom) traded at 65 cents delivered port for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	110.00	200	110.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	99.00	40	99.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-30.50		30.25	28	31.05	79
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	33.00	6	33.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.50-28.00		26.46	128	26.85	246
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	27.00		27.00	12	27.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	40	27.64	88
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	53.00-58.00		55.25	160	55.25	160
NECKS, TOM	12.00-15.50		14.58	158	14.47	283
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	6	15.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	168.00-170.00		169.33	60	169.33	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	193.50-197.50		195.13	80	194.38	888
THIGH MEAT		T	68.00	40	68.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00-66.00		64.77	166	64.80	196
BREAST TRIM MEAT	125.00		125.00	20	125.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS		R	135.00	40	135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	159.00	40	159.60	100
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	187.00	20	183.33	240
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	53.00-58.00		55.60	50	55.76	250
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00-20.00		19.00	160	19.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.00		16.75	80	16.27	980
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-32.00		30.68	704	30.65	1,516
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00-25.50		25.40	520	25.57	728
TAILS	27.00		27.00	80	23.89	212
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	160	19.68	448
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00-71.00		68.73	440	68.86	888

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