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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for frozen 8-16 lbs. hens steady, instances firm; 16-24 lbs. toms remain unsettled with a weaker undertone. Limited sales reported on hens. Offerings of frozen whole birds mixed with hens the least available. Bulk parts and meats trading seasonally slow. The upcoming Thanksgiving holiday taking priority for production, shipping and delivery schedules.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading slow. Light trading taking place on thigh meat, tom drums and mechanically separated turkey going to Mexico. Balance of export areas generally inactive due to resistance to current price levels and limited availability of product. A sale of whole body hens was noted for export at 79 cents to a southeast port.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 02, 2000**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	80-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	79-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	80-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71.5-74	73-74	73.11	90	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	80-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-80	79-80	79.56	90	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	80-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71.5-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 NOVEMBER 03, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF NOVEMBER	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	80.30**	79.30**	80.43	EASTERN REGION	78.74	76.53	79.30
CENTRAL REGION	79.38	79.00	78.00	CENTRAL REGION	77.57	75.76	78.36
WESTERN REGION	80.30**	79.30**	79.11	WESTERN REGION	78.44	76.20	78.45
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	74.80**	74.70**	70.83	EASTERN REGION	74.81	73.33	73.33
CENTRAL REGION	73.11	73.23	70.89	CENTRAL REGION	73.37	72.07	72.91
WESTERN REGION	74.40**	74.80**	72.60	WESTERN REGION	74.21	72.99	73.65

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	79-81

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

	RANGE
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 06-NOV-2000**

	(8-16#)		(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	85.25	640	82.36	440
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	85.25	640	82.36	440
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		1340		900

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

SEPTEMBER	430,654*
OCTOBER 1-28, 2000	447,705*

To date 2000	4,402,432*
To date 1999	4,178,036*

\* PRELIMINARY

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 28-Oct-2000  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		FRYER	OLD	TOTAL TKY	
	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVG	RSTR	BANDED	AVG
	HEAD	PW	WT	---	THOUSAND HEAD---	WT
N EAST	1,026	13	21.50	(A)	(A)	1,027 21.50
S ATL	860	-2	26.16	(A)	(A)	861 26.16
N CENT	2,563	0	27.15	NONE	(A)	2,563 27.15
S CENT	616	-3	20.38	NONE	(A)	616 20.38
WEST	791	29	22.05	NONE	(A)	791 22.05
U.S.TOTAL	5,856(B)	4	24.61	0	2	5,858 24.61
TO DATE						
2000	209,478(B)			166	1,142	210,786
TO DATE						
1999	207,975(B)			55	1,596	209,626

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 81,000 for the year 1,438,000; last year to date 653,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 28-Oct-2000**

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,719	3,056	81	2	5,858
AVG WT	16.51	31.83	24.48	23.04	24.61
LAST WEEK	2,566	2,971	68	22	5,627
YR AGO	5,685	(B)	18	46	5,749
AVG WT	24.98	(B)	24.89	25.33	24.98
TO-DATE/2000	208,206	(B)	1,438	1,142	210,786
TO-DATE/1999	207,377	(B)	653	1,596	209,626

(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 2 NOVEMBER 2000.

Fresh tom breast meat trade sentiment steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins. Offerings of frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins light to fully adequate, mostly adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady on frozen 4-8 lb. breasts with only light interest and trading noted. Offerings of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts light to adequate, Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts uneven with private labels the least available. Domestic demand and trading light. Export inquiry slow to fair for Mexico and centered on dark meat items. Trading centered on light volumes of frozen thigh meat, tom drums and frozen mechanically separated turkey for export. Wing meat with skin (1 load) 59

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	106.00-110.00		106.92	52
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00		99.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	31.00	10
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00		28.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	25.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	53.00	40
NECKS, TOM	19.50		19.50	80
NECKS, HEN		R	15.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00-170.00		167.50	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	183.00	40
THIGH MEAT		R	71.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	66.67	150
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.00	20
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	152.00		152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	182.33	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-29.50		28.50	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	22
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	22.00		22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00-22.75		22.44	292
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-74.00		72.60	200

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 AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 3 NOVEMBER 2000.

Trade sentiment mixed on tom full-cut wings with some buyers noting offering prices at 23-25 cents delivered West Coast and others not seeing the weakness in the Midwest and East. Tom drum trade sentiment steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Demand on tom drums light to fair for the mostly adequate to fully adequate supplies. Offerings of mature hen drums exceed demand, young hen drums light to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to firm on tom necks for the limited offerings. Frozen thigh meat trade sentiment steady to firm for slow to moderate demand. Domestic trading centered on moderately light volumes of fresh tom breast meat at steady to lower trending price levels and on fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey. Export trading light and centered on tom drums.

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/	110.00		110.00	160	109.17	226
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	99.00	80	99.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	40	29.40	109
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	31.00	10	31.00	10
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-29.00		26.46	63	26.83	115
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	25.00	15	25.36	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	80	26.22	204
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	18.00-20.00		19.00	40	18.86	197
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	167.50	80	167.50	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	170.00-185.00		178.92	395	179.77	635
THIGH MEAT	74.00		74.00	3	74.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	68.00-73.00		69.94	188	69.94	188
BREAST TRIM MEAT	117.00		117.00	80	117.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	112.00		112.00	30	112.00	30
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	20	135.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	152.00	40	153.33	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	182.33	120	181.80	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	59.00-61.00		59.13	155	59.13	155
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-16.00		15.88	340	16.21	1,140
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.50-28.50		28.00	224	28.22	544
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	25.00	22	26.29	62
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	104	26.00	104
TAILS		R	22.00	40	22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	104	22.04	604
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	74.00		74.00	160	73.18	440

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