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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for frozen hens steady to firm; toms undertone weak. Light sales reported in the Midwest on packer labeled hens and toms. Supplies of frozen birds mixed, but generally available for fill in basis. Parts and meats trading limited. Offerings generally well balanced and held with confidence.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand slowed by the upcoming holiday and generally light. Some buyers inactive while waiting to see if new permits are forthcoming from Mexico and some finishing up with prior commitments. Most buyers taking a wait and see attitude to watch for further developments in the market. Trading centered on small volumes of frozen thigh meat and tom drums.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 14, 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/	81-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-74	74	74.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	81-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-82	80-81	80.67	360	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-74	72-73	72.38	320	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 NOVEMBER 2000.

Undertone unsettled on 4-8 lb. breasts with some industry members indicating strength, yet, others report packer label 10% basted 4-8 lb. breast trading at lower trending price levels. Offerings of private label 4-8 lb. breasts light at best as processors concentrate on bagging whole hens for Thanksgiving Holiday needs, packer label 4-8 lb. breasts uneven and ranged light to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on tom drums, however, some processors have showed signs of increased confidence as they indicate a more active export inquiry. Offerings adequate to instances ample. Wing trade sentiment steady to barely steady, necks steady to fully steady. Offerings of full-cut wings light to adequate in the Midwest and East, fully adequate to ample in the West. Neck offerings light. Grade a 10-12 lb. breasts (part Load) 115, plant grade breasts: 16-18 lb. (1 load) 115, 18-20 lb. (part loads): 120-128 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	106.50		106.50	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	99.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	30.50	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	27.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.39	23
NECKS, HEN		F	16.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	173.00		173.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	170.00		170.00	80
THIGH MEAT		M	70.23	26
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	69.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.00-118.00		116.50	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	113.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	153.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	167.75	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	61.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	25.00		25.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	16.31	900
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	27.31	520
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	26.00	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.00		72.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):
M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

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#	85-86
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	109-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	104-129

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 NOVEMBER 2000.

Undertone about steady on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Some cautiousness noted by some industry members as they start watching for possible market ramifications due to the upcoming holiday. Demand light. Offerings varied by plant and day of shipment. Export inquiry light to fair. Some export buyers inactive while they wait for new permits from Mexico, while others use existing permits and continue to buy. A few exporters are taking a wait and see position as they watch for further market developments. Offerings of frozen thigh meat light to fully adequate, mostly light to adequate with some spot availability noted at slightly lower price levels. Trading centered on light volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat for export. Frozen breeder thigh meat traded at 65 cents delivered domestic.

<u>DOMESTIC TRADING</u>	<u>PRICE RANGE</u>	<u>L.S.T. CODE 1/</u>	<u>WTD AVG PRICE</u>	<u>VOLUME (000)</u>
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THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	69.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	116.50	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	113.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	153.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	169.00		169.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	61.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	25.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	16.31	900

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-30.00		27.27	328
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	26.00	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	21.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-71.00		70.80	200

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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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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 11/15/00

<u>POULTRY HEALTH BOARD</u>		<u>ACCUMULATED</u>	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
2000-2001	5849	128,806	129,056
1999-2000	-	145,111	145,461