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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady to 3 cents lower with a persistent undertone of weakness. No sales reported at this time as most processors and buyers out in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Parts and meats trading limited with some sales noted for export.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading inactive. Limited trading centered on frozen thigh meat and frozen mechanically separated turkey going to Mexico. Inquiry from Asia noted on tom 2-joint wings. Balance of items slow.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 24, 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/	73-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 24, 2000

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	73.30	81.30**	78.00**
CENTRAL REGION	76.25	80.44	78.00
WESTERN REGION	79.25**	81.32	79.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.50	74.00	73.50**
CENTRAL REGION	71.50	72.00	73.50**
WESTERN REGION	71.88**	73.00	74.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	86-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	79-83

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
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

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 27-NOV-2000**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>
	<u>HENS LBS</u>	<u>TOMS LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>

SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)	

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)****SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

OCTOBER	496,748*
NOVEMBER 1-18, 2000	316,848*

To date 2000	4,768,324*
To date 1999	4,531,360*

* PRELIMINARY

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 18-Nov-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)**

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER RSTR	OLD BANDED	TOTAL TKY	
	THOUSAND HEAD	% CHG PW	AVG WT			THOUSAND HEAD	AVG WT
N EAST	983	-8	20.55	NONE	(A)	983	20.55
S ATL	908	-10	27.14	NONE	(A)	908	27.14
N CENT	2,493	-6	27.43	NONE	(A)	2,493	27.43
S CENT	591	-21	19.00	NONE	(A)	591	19.00
WEST	836	11	23.97	NONE	(A)	836	23.97
U.S.TOTAL	5,811(B)	-7	24.87	0	0	5,811	24.87
TO DATE							
2000	228,132(B)			166	1,178	229,476	
TO DATE							
1999	226,602(B)			55	1,645	228,302	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 33,000 for the year 1,533,000; last year to date 696,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 18-Nov-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS			
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	2,678	3,100	33	0	5,811
AVG WT	15.78	32.73	23.91	0.00	24.87
LAST WEEK	3,144	3,453	17	0	6,614
YR AGO	6,801	(C)	14	30	6,845
AVG WT	25.28	(C)	24.79	26.47	25.28
TO-DATE/2000	226,765	(C)	1,533	1,178	229,476
TO-DATE/1999	225,961	(C)	696	1,645	228,302

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

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

