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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Market steady to weak. Activity on frozen turkeys centered on spot loads of private label hens and packer label toms. Ten loads of fresh hens and five loads of fresh toms moved in the Central region at open prices. Weighted average prices for current week trading were slightly lower on whole body turkeys except hens in the East were slightly higher, when compared to the previous week's averages. Trading on 4-7 lb. plant grade breasts were at lower prices.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was most active on fresh and frozen tom drums and tails to various destinations. Export demand was fair and typical for late year activity.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 07, 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/	74-78	76.25	76.25	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-75	73-74.75	74.50	140	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-68	67.25	67.25	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-76	74-76	75.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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EASTERN REGION 3/	65-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-68	65	65.00	40	-	-	-	-	-

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 DECEMBER 08, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	76.17	75.60	76.06
CENTRAL REGION	74.58	74.79	74.41
WESTERN REGION	74.70**	76.60**	76.50**

16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	67.75	68.00	66.85
CENTRAL REGION	65.64	67.94	68.09
WESTERN REGION	65.00	68.70**	70.00

**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#	81-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-83

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

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 11-DEC-2000

	(8-16#)		(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	86.24	3624	78.64	2560
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	86.24	3624	78.64	2560
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		540		660

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER	472,397*
DECEMBER 1-2, 2000	22,892*

To date 2000	4,946,764*
To date 1999	4,784,611*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 02-Dec-2000 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL TKY	AVG			
	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVG					RSTR	BANDED	WT
	HEAD	PW	WT							
N EAST	862	85	21.74	(A)	(A)	865	21.74			
S ATL	932	125	27.34	(A)	(A)	935	27.34			
N CENT	2,509	75	28.52	(A)	(A)	2,512	28.52			
S CENT	488	82	22.86	(A)	(A)	490	22.86			
WEST	705	93	21.33	(A)	(A)	707	21.33			
U.S.TOTAL	5,496(B)	86	25.97	0	13	5,509	25.97			
TO DATE										
2000	236,581(B)			166	1,202	237,949				
TO DATE										
1999	235,199(B)			55	1,766	237,020				

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 68,000 ; for the year 1,642,000; last year to date 731,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 02-Dec-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS				BREEDERS
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	2,415	3,014	68	13	5,510	
AVG WT	15.72	34.20	24.84	27.87	25.97	
LAST WEEK	1,133	1,778	41	11	2,963	
YR AGO	5,273	(B)	14	75	5,362	
AVG WT	24.81	(B)	27.14	26.29	24.84	
TO-DATE/2000	235,105	(B)	1,642	1,202	237,949	
TO-DATE/1999	234,523	(B)	731	1,766	237,020	

(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.

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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 7 DECEMBER 2000.

Domestic trading generally slow, demand light to moderate. Buyers remain cautious on parts and meats for domestic usage. Trade sentiment for parts and meats generally steady to barely steady with some exceptions noted. Fairly active movement for select items to go export. Offerings of parts and meats for both domestic and export adequate for current needs.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	100.00		100.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	360
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	26.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	25.31	127
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	24.75	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	25.55	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		W	21.64	22
NECKS, HEN		W	17.00	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	154.89	360
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	168.68	182
THIGH MEAT		T	73.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	72.00	28
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	126.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.33	120
TENDERLOINS	138.00		138.00	8
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	170.56	94
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	170.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	59.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00-26.00		24.41	420
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	23.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.50		25.50	468
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	25.50		25.50	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	73.00-75.00		74.65	372

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 fully steady on necks, tails and tom 2-joint wings with the balance steady to barely steady. Undertone on thigh meat mixed and tom breast meat ranged steady to weak. Demand ranged light to good, mostly fair for exports. Domestic demand was slow to moderate. Trading centered on light volumes of bulk parts for export and on fresh tom breast meat for domestic. Some fresh whole tenderloins traded at 140 cents delivered domestic. Frozen 15-20% skin added -60 days mechanically separated turkey traded at 20 cents delivered and fresh tom drums at 24.50 cents delivered for export. Offerings of necks, tails and tom 2-joint wings light at best, balance of bulk parts adequate to instances ample. Thigh meat and tom breast meat offerings light to fully adequate.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	100.00	40	100.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	360	154.00	360
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	80	95.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00-26.50		26.07	94	25.56	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00		25.00	40	25.27	55
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	25.31	127	25.27	147
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.50		23.50	14	24.32	119
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	25.55	11		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	6	24.54	61
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	21.50		21.50	14	21.98	106
NECKS, HEN		W	17.00	7	16.15	47
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	154.89	360	154.93	560
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	163.50-169.00		165.41	292	167.36	674
THIGH MEAT		T	73.00	2	73.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	70.00-71.00		70.50	80	70.89	108
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	126.00	40	126.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.33	120		
TENDERLOINS		R	138.00	8	135.86	28
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		**F	150.00	440**		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	161.00		161.00	40	167.71	134
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	58.00-59.00		58.50	80	58.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	21.00	40	21.54	142
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-21.00		19.86	140	18.94	1,060
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.63	284	24.66	1,120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00		19.00	208	19.80	260
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.50	468	25.27	676
TAILS	21.00-22.00		21.64	224	21.64	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	156	24.91	564
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	74.00		74.00	80	73.91	852

****CORRECTION ON 12/06/2000: Frozen destrapped trading should have been *fresh*

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