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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment barely steady to weak on hens and consumer sized toms. Demand stalled due to the holiday schedules. Some processors were more willing to negotiate to clear inventories. Bulk part trading was mostly less than truck lot volumes. Activity on bulk meat was light.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Interest in thigh meat to the border is strong for prompt shipments. Spot interest on wings for export with light trading.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 21, 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/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 22, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.50	72.41	73.00
CENTRAL REGION	65.70**	73.13	68.88**
WESTERN REGION	67.70**	76.00	70.25**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.10**	65.00	65.00
CENTRAL REGION	63.00**	64.60**	63.50**
WESTERN REGION	64.10**	68.00	65.00**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
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**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-129

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 25-DEC-2000**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	75.50	40	69.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	75.50	40	69.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

NOVEMBER 472,397\*  
DECEMBER 1-16, 2000 238,589\*

To date 2000 5,162,462\*  
To date 1999 4,896,580\*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 16-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				---THOUSAND HEAD---	WT
N EAST	840	-10	21.41	(A)	(A)	845 21.41		
S ATL	923	2	27.13	(A)	(A)	928 27.13		
N CENT	2,241	-12	28.70	(A)	(A)	2,247 28.70		
S CENT	386	-17	23.15	(A)	(A)	391 23.15		
WEST	598	-7	22.01	(A)	(A)	603 22.01		
U.S.TOTAL	4,988(B)	-9	25.95	0	26	5,014 25.95		
TO DATE								
2000	247,055(B)			166	1,245	248,466		
TO DATE								
1999	243,712(B)			55	1,857	245,624		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 66,000; for the year 1,757,000; last year to date 740,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-Dec-2000**

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS				BREEDERS
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	2,124	2,798	66	26	5,014	
AVG WT	14.91	34.33	25.88	28.28	25.96	
LAST WEEK	2,556	2,881	49	17	5,503	
YEAR AGO	3,953	(B)	9	44	4,006	
AVG WT	26.37	(B)	26.00	26.34	26.37	
TO-DATE/2000	245,464	(B)	1,757	1,245	248,466	
TO-DATE/1999	243,027	(B)	740	1,857	245,624	

(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 21 DECEMBER 2000.

Light to moderate trading taking place for the pre-holiday period. Winter weather conditions in the Midwest and the upcoming holidays deterring product movement. Parts demand for domestic and export generally slow, however meats trading moderate for prompt shipments at generally steady price levels. Buyers taking a wait and see attitude toward the market as most unable or unwilling to get product delivered. Frozen tom breast meat (7 loads) 145 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	96.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-25.00		22.46	54
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	23.18	34
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	20.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-24.00		22.53	57
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	27.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	43.00	12
NECKS, TOM	22.00-24.00		22.98	191
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	147.00-150.00		148.71	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.00		155.00	160
THIGH MEAT	78.00		78.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	71.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	113.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	145.00		145.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	156.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	57.00-58.00		57.50	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	19.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	23.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.50	312
TAILS		W	19.00	312
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	22.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	76.50-78.00		77.79	280

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 22 DECEMBER 2000.

Undertone about steady on fresh tom breast meat for prompt shipments with some expressing confidence in the market for product shipped during next week's holiday processing schedules. Inquiry slow to fair on fresh tom breast meat for next week's shipments for the light offerings. Domestic trading light on all items. Export inquiry for ranged light to fair for delivery by year end to Mexico. Offerings for export were light for prompt deliveries, light to adequate for January 2001. Some industry members are starting to express concerns about being able satisfy buyer interest and meet existing commitments for product delivered export by year-end due to developing transportation issues.

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/	100.00		100.00	40	100.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	10	154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.50		24.50	20	23.01	74
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	23.18	34		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	40	22.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.50		22.50	20	22.52	77
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	40	27.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	38.00-40.00		39.00	80	39.52	92
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	80	22.66	283
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	10	16.00	22
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	148.71	280	148.71	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.00-157.00		155.93	142	150.34	1,782
THIGH MEAT		R	78.00	3	78.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	71.00		71.00	40	71.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	120.00	40	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	113.00	20	113.00	20
TENDERLOINS	138.00		138.00	10	138.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	145.00	40	145.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	156.00	40	155.25	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	57.50	50	58.14	110
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	25.00		25.00	20	21.00	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00-20.00		19.35	86	19.13	1,166
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	80	24.89	304
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00-23.00		21.82	132	22.26	212
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.50	312		
TAILS		W	19.00	312	19.00	312
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00		23.00	40	22.33	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.00-78.00		75.71	280	76.83	800

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