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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms barely steady to weak. Demand light as most have needs filled at this time. Holiday schedules are in effect and restricting availability of product. Transportation problems plague many due to ice and snow in the South and Midwest. Parts and meats trading was slow.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

No trading reported as most observing the holidays. Some interest noted going to Mexico to fill permits before the first of the year.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| | RANGE |
|------------------------------|--------|
| 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 |

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| | RANGE |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28# | 74-88 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP | 83-94 |
| BREASTS 10-12# | 140-143 |
| COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP | |

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

| | RANGE |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 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 |

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

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

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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 26 DECEMBER 2000.

Domestic trading generally slow. Some plants are working reduced holiday and weather related work schedules. Many reporting shipping difficulties due to ice and snow. Demand light to moderate with fresh tom breast meat finding some interest for next week's light offerings. Export inquiry mixed and in a full range with most interest noted for delivery by the end of the year to Mexico. Some buyers trying to fill remaining permits going to Mexico. Export offerings light for immediate shipments, adequate for out front arrivals.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | F | 100.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/ | | R | 154.00 | 10 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | | F | 24.50 | 20 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | 21.00 | | 21.00 | 90 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | | F | 22.50 | 20 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | 22.00 | | 22.00 | 38 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | F | 27.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | | F | 39.00 | 80 |
| NECKS, TOM | | F | 22.00 | 80 |
| NECKS, HEN | | F | 16.00 | 10 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | R | 148.71 | 280 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ | | F | 155.93 | 142 |
| THIGH MEAT | | R | 78.00 | 3 |
| THIGH MEAT—FRESH | | F | 71.00 | 40 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | | | |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | T | 113.00 | 20 |
| TENDERLOINS | | F | 138.00 | 10 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | R | 145.00 | 40 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH | | W | 156.00 | 40 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | R | 57.50 | 50 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | F | 25.00 | 20 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/ | | F | 19.35 | 86 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | | F | 24.00 | 80 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | F | 21.82 | 132 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | | | |
| TAILS | | W | 19.00 | 312 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | F | 23.00 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | | F | 75.71 | 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.