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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on consumer sized toms, fully steady to firm on hens. Frozen tom demand was light to good, mostly light to fair. Frozen hen demand was fair to good, best on 8-12 lb. sizes. Fresh demand and trading was good for November. Frozen trading was active in the West on hens and toms, balance light. Frozen packer label hen offerings were short on 8-12 lb. sizes and light at best on 12-16 sizes. Frozen packer label toms were short on 16-20 lb. sizes and short to instances adequate on 20-24 lb. weights. Bulk parts, meat, and rib breast activity was light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of tom drums at lower trending price levels, balance light. Some decreased confidence was noted in the high meat market as a result of increased offerings.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 18, 2001**

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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/	71-76	73-74	73.22	180	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-76	73	73.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-74	72.5-73.5	72.94	79	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-69	68	68.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-70	68	68.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-76	72	72.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	72-73	72.90	400	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-69	68-69	68.22	180	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	67-68	67.67	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-69	68-69	68.06	940	-	-	-	-	-

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 OCT19, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	73.13	71.26	77.29
CENTRAL REGION	72.17	70.00	78.17
WESTERN REGION	72.68	73.67	78.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	68.20	68.25	74.00
CENTRAL REGION	67.75	66.00	72.46
WESTERN REGION	68.05	69.39	74.92

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-77

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 22-OCT-2001**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	83.24	270	75.57	42
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	83.24	270	75.57	42
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

SEPTEMBER 443,054*
OCTOBER 1-13, 2001 214,596*

To date 2001 4,085,757*
To date 2000 4,175,048*

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 13-Oct-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)**

	<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	885	3	21.94	(A)	886 21.94
SATL	847	-11	28.75	(A)	848 28.75
N CENT	2,398	0	28.60	(A)	2,400 28.60
S CENT	404	5	21.31	(A)	405 21.31
WEST	553	2	24.63	(A)	554 24.63
U.S.TOTAL	5,087(B)	-1	26.46	6	5,093 26.46
TO DATE					
2001	196,684(B)				445 197,129
TO DATE					
2000	197,802(B)				1,134 198,936

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 48,000; for the year 1,840,000; last year to date 1,247,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 13-Oct-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	1,952	3,087	48	6	5,093
AVG WT	15.69	33.30	24.44	35.34	26.46
LAST WEEK	2,052	3,010	81	10	5,153
SAME WK YR AGO	2,187	3,155	80	20	5,442
AVG WT	15.53	31.98	24.69	26.45	25.24
TO-DATE/2001	82,063	112,781	1,840	445	197,129
TO-DATE/2000	196,555(A)		1,247	1,134	198,936

(A) 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 18 OCTOBER 2001.

Undertone on tom drums was steady to barely steady; hen drums steady to fully steady; full-cut wings fully steady; tails, hen and tom necks steady; tom 2-joint wings barely steady and hen 2-joint wings steady. Bulk parts demand was light to instances fair with the best interest noted on full-cut wings. Offerings of full-cut wings were limited due in part to the strong wing meat demand, necks were light and spotty, hen drums light, tom drums mostly adequate to fully adequate, 2-joint wings at least adequate, necks and tails were adequate. Undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was fully steady. Demand on 4-8 lb. breasts was moderate for the limited offerings. Trading centered on a fair volume of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Plant grade basted 14-16 lb. breasts traded at 112 cents delivered domestic and scapula at 132 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	97.50	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	136.00-154.00		139.91	92
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00-99.00		96.20	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	37.00-39.00		38.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	36.00-37.00		36.33	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	39.00		39.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	36.22	115
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	50.00	20
NECKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	160
NECKS, HEN		W	30.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	140.00-145.00		142.27	440
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	158.50		158.50	40
THIGH MEAT		W	70.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	68.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	125.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT	130.00		130.00	20
TENDERLOINS		R	141.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	140.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	154.67	240
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	80.00		80.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.80	1,220
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00		37.00	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00		32.00	52
TAILS	27.00		27.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.00-70.00		69.00	156

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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The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to sometimes weak, frozen tom breast meat barely steady at best, destrapped tenderloins steady to instances weak, balance of white meat items firm. Demand on tom breast meat was light to fair, best on frozen at the lower trending price levels. Destrapped tenderloin demand was light, fair on the balance of white meat items. Offerings of tom breast meat were available with fresh held with less confidence than frozen. Destrapped tenderloin offerings were held with varied degrees of confidence and trims were tight. The undertone on tom drums showed signs of weakening with trading reported at lower trending price levels. Offerings of tom drums varied with some held with more confidence than others. Some decreased confidence was noted in the thigh meat market as a result of increased offerings.

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/		T	97.50	400	97.50	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	139.91	92	139.91	92
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	40	96.00	480
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	36.00-37.00		36.50	40	38.00	140
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	36.00-39.00		38.40	100	38.56	500
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	36.33	120	36.00	180
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	39.00	40	37.43	140
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	20	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	36.22	115		
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	50.00	20	50.00	20
NECKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	60	38.18	340
NECKS, HEN		W	30.00	10	30.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	140.00		140.00	200	142.05	880
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	158.50-160.00		159.00	60	159.83	120
THIGH MEAT		W	70.00	40	70.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH						
BREAST TRIM MEAT	130.00		130.00	40	130.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	130.00	20	130.00	20
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	140.00	40	142.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	152.00-155.00		154.00	60	154.53	300
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	79.00		79.00	5	79.32	125
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	180	16.00	180
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	68	16.76	1,288
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	35.00-38.00		36.30	648	36.61	952
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	32.00	52	32.00	52
TAILS		R	27.00	200	27.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	40	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00		67.00	80	68.32	540

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