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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on fresh and frozen whole turkeys was mixed and ranges from steady to firm. Hens in the best position while heavy toms 20 lb. and up available. Availability of offerings mixed by regions. Limited sales reported on frozen, while fresh hens and toms continue to find good interest for the upcoming holiday. Bulk parts and meats was seasonally slow.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings for Asia, and 10 loads fresh tom drums 33-35, mostly 33 delivered. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of items for export were generally slow.

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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-75	74.75	74.67	60	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	73	73.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-69	66.5	66.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-70	69	69.00	280	-	-	-	-	-

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 NOV 02, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS							
EASTERN REGION	73.60**	74.31	80.30**	EASTERN REGION	72.86	68.81	78.74
CENTRAL REGION	74.67	72.46	79.38	CENTRAL REGION	72.05	67.74	77.57
WESTERN REGION	72.53	74.00	80.30**	WESTERN REGION	72.24	68.56	78.44
16-24 LB TOMS							
EASTERN REGION	69.00**	68.53	74.80**	EASTERN REGION	67.84	64.61	74.81
CENTRAL REGION	66.50	68.25	73.11	CENTRAL REGION	67.36	63.72	73.37
WESTERN REGION	68.19	68.80**	74.40**	WESTERN REGION	67.85	64.36	74.21

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	76-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	75-78

**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 05-NOV-2001**

	<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)	87.48	464	81.33	120
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	87.48	464	81.33	120
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		680		200

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

SEPTEMBER	443,054*
OCTOBER 1-27, 2001	435,138*
To date 2001	4,306,299*
To date 2000	4,402,432*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 27-Oct-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----			TOTAL TURKEYS	
	<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	1,002	6	22.02	(A) 1,005	22.02
SATL	871	4	27.27	(A) 874	27.27
N CENT	2,414	1	28.29	(A) 2,417	28.29
S CENT	415	-4	21.36	(A) 417	21.36
WEST	570	3	24.77	(A) 573	24.77
U.S.TOTAL	5,272(A)	2	26.01	14 5,286	26.01
TO DATE					
2001	207,108(A)			506 207,614	
TO DATE					
2000	209,263(A)			1,158 210,421	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 89,000; for the year 1,979,000; last year to date 1,396,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,226	2,957	89	14	5,286
AVG WT	16.03	33.57	24.01	31.01	26.01
LAST WEEK	2,089	3,013	50	47	5,199
SAME WK YR AGO	2,719	3,056	81	2	5,858
AVG WT	16.51	31.83	24.48	23.04	24.61
TO-DATE/2001	86,378	118,751	1,979	506	207,614
TO-DATE/2000	207,867(A)		1,396	1,158	210,421

(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 1 NOVEMBER 2001.

Domestic demand was seasonally slowing on bulk parts as interest turns towards whole turkeys for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. Increased demand was being noted on 4-8 lb. breasts for the upcoming November holiday. Domestic trading centered on a fair volume of fresh 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Offerings of frozen 4-8 lb. breasts were very limited. Export demand ranged slow to moderate and was the strongest on frozen thigh meat for November shipments. Trading light and centered on tom drums at steady to lower trending price levels. Offerings of thigh meat were generally held with confidence, full-cut wings light at best, tom 2-joint wings and drums adequate to ample, and mechanically separated turkey adequate to burdensome.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	103.13	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	125.00-154.00		128.74	380
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	97.00		97.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	35.00-37.00		35.70	23
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	38.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.19	31
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	36.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	33.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	49.00	29
NECKS, TOM	39.00-40.00		39.21	57
NECKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	140.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	149.67	120
THIGH MEAT		W	71.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	71.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	130.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	130.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	148.31	58
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	82.00		82.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	15.40	400
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	33.00-35.00		34.00	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	38.00		38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.00	104
TAILS		R	28.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.00		72.00	160

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 2 NOVEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins steady to weak with fresh tom breast meat the weakest. Demand light to instances fair with lower buyer bids noted. The trade sentiment was at least steady on wing meat with skin, steady with some cautiousness noted on breast trim and scapula. Demand light to fair for the light to adequate offerings. Bulk parts demand continued slow for domestic shipments. However, export interest was improved on tom drums with increased interest being noted from South Korea. Increased activity was also noted on tom 2-joint wings for China. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of frozen destrapped tenderloins and plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts. Export trading was light to fair and centered on frozen thigh meat and tom 2-joint wings. Tom hand defatted gizzards traded a 38, frozen breeder thigh meat 66, and plant grade basted 18-20 lb. breasts 105 cents delivered domestic. For export: livers 21, fresh tom drums (10 loads) 33-35 mostly 33 cents delivered.

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/		F	103.13	80		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	128.74	380	128.74	380
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	97.00-99.00		97.80	200	97.78	205
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	34.00-36.00		34.52	23	35.71	91
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	34.00-35.00		34.50	160	34.50	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	33.00		33.00	12	35.14	21
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.00-38.00		36.75	80	37.59	178
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	55	35.00	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00		32.00	7	32.00	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	49.00-50.00		49.82	49	49.82	49
NECKS, TOM	37.00-39.00		37.92	37	37.94	178
NECKS, HEN	29.00-31.00		30.00	57	30.00	77
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	140.00		140.00	40	140.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	149.67	120	149.67	120
THIGH MEAT	71.00		71.00	80	70.52	162
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	69.00		69.00	26	70.21	66
BREAST TRIM MEAT	129.00-130.00		129.50	80	129.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT	127.00-130.00		129.35	46	129.65	86
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	135.00-138.00		135.42	380	135.38	420
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	148.00-150.00		148.80	50	148.73	188
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	81.00-83.00		82.00	80	81.40	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-16.00		14.43	140	14.88	196
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-16.00		15.33	60	15.39	460
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	34.00-36.00		34.74	248	35.22	1,112
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	38.00	40	38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00-29.50		29.33	312	29.25	416
TAILS	27.00		27.00	120	27.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-16.50		16.07	280	15.46	752
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-72.00		70.98	408	70.92	1,752

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