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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on fresh and frozen whole turkeys was mixed, generally steady. Light trading of frozen hens and toms reported for immediate shipments. Fresh whole birds continue to find fairly good movement for the upcoming holidays. Demand for parts and meats light except for tom drums for export. Most buyers cautious toward the market. Trading slow and selective.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums for Mexico and Asia, balance of items light. Demand mixed with most buying interest being stimulated from steady to lower price levels. Supplies mixed ranging from closely balanced to ample availability.

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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/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-75	74	74.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	74	74.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	68-70	68	68.00	720	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	67-70	68	68.00	120	-	-	-	-	-

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 14 NOVEMBER 2001.

Undertone on tom drums was steady to instances weak, tom 2-joint wings barely steady at best, tom full-cut wings and necks about steady. The market continued active on tom drums for export at the steady to lower trending price levels for Mexico and Asia, mostly Asia shipments. Activity on the balance of bulk parts for domestic and export shipments was light. Tom offerings were adequate to burdensome on drums, wings fully adequate, balance light with full-cut wings more available than previous weeks. Frozen thigh meat sellers remained confident with offerings held with confidence. Inquiry light to fair. Some buyer cautiousness was noted for Mexico as a result of border crossing changes expected to take effect in mid-December. Domestic trading light. Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts traded at lighter prices for Thanksgiving fill-in needs and plant grade non-basted 10-12 lb. breasts traded at 117 cents delivered. Export trading centered on fair volumes of frozen thigh meat, tom drums and mechanically separated turkey.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	106.00-108.00		106.67	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	140.78	908
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	98.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	32.26	108
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	34.00		34.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00-39.00		37.67	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	49.00		49.00	40
NECKS, TOM	37.00		37.00	20
NECKS, HEN		T	31.35	31
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	136.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	145.50	40
THIGH MEAT		F	73.50	48
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	72.00		72.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	129.00		129.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	127.00-128.00		127.50	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	132.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	135.00		135.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	82.00		82.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00-32.00		30.50	468
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	38.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.00	104
TAILS	29.00		29.00	56
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-14.50		13.63	448
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	71.00-72.50		72.10	412

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.

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79-79
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

	RANGE
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