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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Fresh whole turkey trade sentiment steady. Frozen whole turkey trade sentiment was steady on hens, steady to barely steady on consumer sized toms. Thanksgiving fill-in demand and trading light to instances fair. Some interest was noted on market trends for December shipments. Fresh offerings light and frozen whole turkeys were uneven, ranging from short to at least adequate with toms the most readily available. Bulk meat trading was heavy on frozen destrapped tenderloins at lower trending prices. Bulk parts trading was light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was the most active on tom drums for export at steady to barely steady price levels, balance light. Frozen commodity hens traded at 72.50 cents delivered export for mid-December shipments. Offerings of frozen thigh meat were generally held with confidence.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 15, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	NOV
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-69	66	66.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-70	68-69	68.25	480	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-69	67	67.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-70	68	68.00	31	-	-	-	-	-

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 16, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	74.00**	73.00	81.30**
CENTRAL REGION	74.00	74.50	80.44
WESTERN REGION	74.00	74.96	81.32
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	68.09	69.00**	74.00
CENTRAL REGION	66.57	67.74	72.00
WESTERN REGION	68.00	67.15	73.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

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#	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

	<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 19-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)	86.50	2400	82.74	2960
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	86.50	2400	82.74	2960
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

OCTOBER	507,594*
NOVEMBER 1-10, 2001	166,781*
To date 2001	4,545,536*
To date 2000	4,652,704*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 10-Nov-2001 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>OLD BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>THOUSAND HEAD</u>	<u>PCT CHG PW</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>		<u>THOUSAND HEAD</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>
N EAST	1,023	0	21.11	(A)	1,024	21.11
SATL	1,044	2	25.09	(A)	1,045	25.09
N CENT	2,680	-1	27.99	(A)	2,681	27.99
S CENT	533	8	20.63	(A)	534	20.63
WEST	607	0	23.35	(A)	607	23.35
U.S.TOTAL	5,887(B)	0	25.14	4	5,891	25.14

TO DATE
 2001 218,856(B) 530 219,386
 TO DATE
 2000 222,106(B) 1,194 223,300
 (A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 30,000; for the year 2,069,000; last year to date 1,458,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 10-Nov-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG BREEDERS</u>		<u>OLD TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>THOUSANDS</u>		
HEAD	2,705	3,152	30	4	5,891
AVG WT	16.04	32.94	24.68	25.96	25.14
LAST WEEK	2,513	3,288	60	20	5,881
SAME WK YR AGO	3,144	3,453	17	0	6,614
AVG WT	15.98	31.53	23.85	0.00	24.12
TO-DATE/2001	91,596	125,191	2,069	530	219,386
TO-DATE/2000	220,648(A)		1,458	1,194	223,300

(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 15 NOVEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to weak. Demand and trading seasonally light for preholiday needs. Offerings available with some fresh tom breast meat offered at lower trending price levels. Wing meat with skin undertone was steady, breast trim and scapula steady to barely steady. Demand was fair on wing meat, light on breast trim and scapula. Wing meat offerings were light, balance light to adequate. Mechanically separated turkey undertone was barely steady at best. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey for current domestic shipments, balance of domestic and export trading light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	106.67	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	98.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	32.26	108
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	34.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.50		38.50	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00-31.50		31.19	32
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	49.00	40
NECKS, TOM	38.00		38.00	20
NECKS, HEN	29.50		29.50	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	136.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.50-147.00		145.78	180
THIGH MEAT		F	73.50	48
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	72.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	127.00		127.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT	129.00		129.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	132.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	135.00-136.00		135.55	44
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	82.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00		12.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-16.00		14.80	600
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.50-30.00		28.19	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	38.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.00	104
TAILS	32.00		32.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00		12.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	73.00		73.00	80

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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Bulk parts undertone was steady to instances weak on tom drums, wings and necks mostly steady. Domestic demand was light on bulk parts, light to fair on fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey, almost non existent on fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Increased market activity was noted frozen destrapped tenderloins at lower trending price levels. Offerings of bulk parts were generally available. White meat offerings were available with wing meat with skin being held with the most confidence. Export demand and trading was active on tom drums at steady to barely steady prices, light on the balance of items.

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/	107.00		107.00	40	106.75	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	40	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	98.00	40	98.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	32.50		32.50	20	32.30	128
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	34.00	40	34.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	20	30.62	106
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	38.50	12	38.06	227
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	20	35.00	72
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	20	31.07	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	49.00		49.00	40	49.00	80
NECKS, TOM	37.00-38.00		37.50	40	36.80	224
NECKS, HEN		R	29.50	12	30.84	43
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	136.00	80	136.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00-145.00		144.00	80	145.27	300
THIGH MEAT		F	73.50	48		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	72.00	40	71.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	127.00	120	127.50	160
SCAPULA MEAT		R	129.00	40	128.00	120
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	121.00-130.00		124.54	1,040	124.54	1,040
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	135.55	44	135.29	84
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	82.00	40	82.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	12.00	80	12.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00		14.00	40	15.00	760
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-32.00		30.78	740	30.86	1,872
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	38.00	120	38.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	104	29.00	104
TAILS		R	32.00	40	29.29	136
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	104	13.51	764
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	71.00-73.00		72.14	276	72.09	848

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