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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Spot loads of hens and toms traded at steady levels. Demand was light. Offerings on hens ranged from adequate to tight. Toms were more than adequate. The market tone was steady on hens, barely steady on toms. There was some improved demand on breast meat and destrapped tenders due to longer processing schedules this week.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a fair volume of fresh thigh meat at open prices for December shipment and light volumes of frozen thigh meat and tails for current shipment.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 27, 2001**

| | 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/ | 72-74 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 71-73 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 72-74 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 66 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 64-66 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 66 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 72-74 | 74 | 74.00 | 26 | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 71-74 | 74 | 74.00 | 80 | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 72-74 | 74 | 74.00 | 140 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 65 | 65 | 65.00 | 26 | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 64-65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 65 | 65 | 65.00 | 40 | - | - | - | - | - |

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 NOVEMBER 2001.

Domestic demand and trading was light as some industry members take a wait and see position while they watch for further market developments coming off the long holiday weekend. Export demand and trading was light and centered on tom drums and frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey. Export offerings ranged from thigh meat being held with the most confidence to tom drums continuing being readily available. Some fresh thigh meat sold at 73 cents delivered export.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | | | |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/ | | | | |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | T | 98.00 | 80 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | | W | 30.86 | 211 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | | T | 30.38 | 52 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | | W | 38.26 | 54 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | T | 35.00 | 20 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 30.50 | | 30.50 | 13 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | 50.00 | | 50.00 | 12 |
| NECKS, TOM | | W | 38.54 | 87 |
| NECKS, HEN | | T | 30.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | W | 135.00 | 240 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ | | F | 146.00 | 120 |
| THIGH MEAT | | | | |
| THIGH MEAT—FRESH | | W | 73.00 | 20 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | | | |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | W | 125.00 | 80 |
| TENDERLOINS | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | W | 119.20 | 400 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH | | W | 132.91 | 44 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | 82.00 | | 82.00 | 80 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | W | 13.00 | 120 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/ | | M | 14.61 | 148 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 29.00-30.50 | | 29.42 | 144 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | W | 39.00 | 80 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | F | 28.50 | 104 |
| TAILS | | | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | 14.00-15.00 | | 14.80 | 200 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | | W | 75.22 | 360 |

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 |
| 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 |

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 NOVEMBER 2001.

The undertone on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady at best. Instances of increased confidence was noted on fresh tom breast meat as a result of improved interest noted from further processors for prompt shipments. Some further processors were noted working extended processing schedules due to the previous long holiday weekend. Trade sentiment on wing meat with skin, breast trim and scapula were steady to barely steady with wing meat in the strongest position. Demand light on trims with some buyer cautiousness noted while they watch for further market developments. Domestic trading centered on a fairly light volume of frozen destrapped tenderloins. Export demand ranged slow to fair, best on dark meat items. Trading centered on a light volume of frozen thigh meat.

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| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/ | | | | |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 32.00 | | 32.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | 30.50 | | 30.50 | 40 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 36.50-38.00 | | 37.25 | 80 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | 34.00 | | 34.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | T | 30.50 | 13 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | | T | 50.00 | 12 |
| NECKS, TOM | 37.00-39.00 | | 38.38 | 58 |
| NECKS, HEN | | | | |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | 135.00 | | 135.00 | 120 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ | 146.00 | | 146.00 | 80 |
| THIGH MEAT | 75.00 | | 75.00 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT—FRESH | | W | 73.00 | 20 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | | | |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | W | 125.00 | 80 |
| TENDERLOINS | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | 119.00-122.00 | | 120.38 | 320 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH | | W | 132.91 | 44 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | 82.00 | | 82.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | W | 13.00 | 120 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/ | 17.00 | | 17.00 | 40 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | | T | 29.42 | 144 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | W | 39.00 | 80 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | F | 28.50 | 104 |
| TAILS | 28.00 | | 28.00 | 121 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | T | 14.80 | 200 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 75.50-76.00 | | 75.64 | 280 |

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 11/28/01

| SEASON | ACCUMULATED | | |
|-------------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| | HEAVY | HEAVY | ALL |
| JULY 1 TO JUNE 30 | WHITE | WHITES | BREEDS |
| 2001-2002 | 0 | 176,062 | 176,062 |
| 2000-2001 | 1,207 | 142,353 | 142,603 |

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