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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens generally steady, 16-24 lb. toms barely steady to weak. Light trading on hens and toms for prompt shipments. Fresh hens moved at 81 cents Midwest. Demand was slow. Supplies of hens ranged from adequate to tight, toms were more than adequate. Parts and meats trading mixed. Demand seasonally slow but starting to show signs of improvement.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow. Sales centered on light volumes of frozen tom drums, balance of items slow. Most interest noted from Mexico.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) NOVEMBER 29, 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/	71-74	74	74.00	10	-	-	-	40	DEC
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	DEC
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	72	72.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-74.5	74.5	74.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	74	74.00	21	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	64-65	65	65.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

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 30, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF NOVEMBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	72.79	73.33	75.60	EASTERN REGION	73.48	72.86	79.58
CENTRAL REGION	74.15	74.00	74.79	CENTRAL REGION	73.73	72.05	78.54
WESTERN REGION	74.00	73.94	76.60**	WESTERN REGION	73.78	72.24	80.08
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00	68.00	68.00	EASTERN REGION	67.65	67.84	72.88
CENTRAL REGION	64.60**	67.64	67.94	CENTRAL REGION	66.45	67.36	71.68
WESTERN REGION	65.00	67.50	68.70**	WESTERN REGION	67.53	67.85	72.23

**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 03-DEC-2001**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	85.38	320	75.00	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	85.38	320	75.00	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

OCTOBER	507,593*
NOVEMBER 1-24, 2001	343,231*
To date 2001	4,721,986*
To date 2000	4,832,305*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			TOTAL TURKEYS	
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	465	-51	22.03	(A)	465 22.03
SATL	465	-49	29.24	(A)	466 29.24
N CENT	1,394	-45	29.87	(A)	1,395 29.87
S CENT	222	-53	23.33	(A)	221 23.33
WEST	282	-61	23.57	(A)	282 23.57
U.S.TOTAL	2,828(B)	-49	27.33	2	2,830 27.33
TO DATE					
2001	227,249(B)			538	227,787
TO DATE					
2000	230,869(B)			1,205	232,074

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 28,000; for the year 2,136,000; last year to date 1,532,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,131	1,669	28	2	2,830
AVG WT	15.59	35.35	24.17	24.95	27.33
LAST WEEK	2,376	3,150	39	6	5,571
SAME WK YR AGO	1,133	1,778	41	11	2,963
AVG WT	15.25	34.53	23.80	27.88	26.98
TO-DATE/2001	95,103	130,010	2,136	538	227,787
TO-DATE/2000	229,337(A)		1,532	1,205	232,074

(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 29 NOVEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to instances weak on drums, steady to barely steady on wings and necks. Hen bulk parts trade sentiment was about steady. Domestic demand on bulk parts was slow. Export demand was light to fair, best on tom drums. Offerings of hen bulk parts were uneven and ranged light to adequate with hen 2-joint wings the most available. Offerings of tom bulk parts were adequate to instances ample with tom drums the most readily available. Trade sentiment on frozen 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to barely steady with offerings noted at lower trending price levels. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of tom breast meat at steady to lower trending prices. Export trading centered on light volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat for Mexico.

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/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	32.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	30.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00		37.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	34.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.50		30.50	13
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	49.00-50.00		49.25	16
NECKS, TOM		W	38.38	58
NECKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	132.00-135.00		132.60	100
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	135.00-146.00		140.43	280
THIGH MEAT		W	75.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	120.38	320
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	132.00		132.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	82.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	17.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.50-29.00		28.63	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.50	104
TAILS		W	28.00	121
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00-15.00		14.83	240
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	75.50-77.00		76.63	320

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 tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances weak. Demand was slow to instances fair. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat continued to exceed buyer interest. Some year long fresh tom breast meat contracts were noted for 2002 with price floors of 142-161 and ceilings of 181-182 cents. The undertone on wing meat with skin was steady at best, breast trim and scapula steady to barely steady for the light to adequate offerings. The trade undertone was mostly steady on tom drums at the 29 cent delivered price level for domestic and export shipments. The thigh meat market was strong on frozen, steady to fully steady on fresh. Offerings of frozen thigh meat were tight and held with confidence, fresh light to adequate. Domestic trading was light on all items. Plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts traded at 93 cents delivered January. Export demand was slow to moderate, best on tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Trading light.

TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	DOMESTIC WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	120	29.75	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	20	30.67	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00		37.00	40	37.13	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	20	34.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.50	13	30.50	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00		50.00	20	49.75	48
NECKS, TOM	37.00		37.00	69	37.63	127
NECKS, HEN		R	30.00	3	30.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	132.60	100	133.91	220
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00-146.00		144.44	180	142.59	540
THIGH MEAT		W	75.00	40	75.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	71.00-72.00		71.50	80	71.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	124.00		124.00	40	124.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	127.00		127.00	40	127.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	120.38	320	120.38	320
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	132.00	24	132.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	81.00		81.00	120	81.50	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-15.00		14.59	102	14.93	290
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-30.00		29.54	260	29.11	724
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.50	104		
TAILS	28.00		28.00	40	28.00	161
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	40	14.75	480
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	75.00		75.00	160	75.92	760

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