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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms barely steady to weak. Demand and trading very light. Offerings of whole birds more than adequate. Parts and meats trading seasonally slow. Demand limited.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was in a full range and centered on moderate to heavy volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Demand was active on thigh meat for Mexico and increased interest was noted on tom drums for Russia.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) DECEMBER 13, 2001

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-71.5	71.5	71.50	14	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-61.5	61.5	61.50	28	-	-	-	-	-

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 DEC 14, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.00	71.13	72.41
CENTRAL REGION	69.00	69.29	73.13
WESTERN REGION	72.05	72.19	76.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.00	62.00	65.00
CENTRAL REGION	60.00	60.71	64.60 **
WESTERN REGION	62.22	61.67	68.00

**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#	70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-78

**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 17-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)	81.67	1005	74.67	300
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	81.67	1005	74.67	300
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER	448,647*
DECEMBER 1-8, 2001	214,748*
To date 2001	5,042,150*
To date 2000	5,058,327*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>---YOUNG TURKEYS---</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<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	898	1	22.51	(A)	899 22.51
SATL	943	-6	27.08	(A)	944 27.08
N CENT	2,309	5	30.23	(A)	2,311 30.23
S CENT	393	-3	23.10	(A)	394 23.10
WEST	386	5	24.02	(A)	387 24.02
U.S.TOTAL	4,929(B)	1	27.18	6	4,935 27.18
TO DATE					
2001	237,046(B)			559	237,605
TO DATE					
2000	241,852(B)			1,235	243,087

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 53,000; for the year 2,241,000; last year to date 1,649,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,086	2,790	53	6	4,935
AVG WT	15.56	35.88	26.73	38.42	27.18
LAST WEEK	2,146	2,670	52	15	4,883
SAME WK YR AGO	2,556	2,881	49	17	5,503
AVG WT	15.32	34.23	24.02	27.51	25.34
TO-DATE/2001	99,335	135,470	2,241	559	237,605
TO-DATE/2000	240,203(A)		1,649	1,235	243,087

(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 13 DECEMBER 2001.

Tom bulk parts trade sentiment was steady to instances weak with drums and tails in the steadiest position. Hen bulk parts trade sentiment ranged steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Domestic demand and trading was slow on bulk parts and most other items. Light interest was noted on 4-8 lb. breasts for January shipments and on fresh tom breast meat for prompt deliveries. Some wing meat with skin traded at 75 cents delivered January. Export demand ranged light to fair. Inquiry was noted from Mexico and Canada for prompt shipments, and from Russia for January deliveries. A part load of tom necks traded at 31 cents delivered port for 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/	129.00		129.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	30.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	28.73	74
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	37.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	30.00	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	50.00	20
NECKS, TOM	34.00		34.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	30.00	13
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	135.00		135.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00-145.00		143.83	240
THIGH MEAT		F	80.00	8
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	78.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	125.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	117.00		117.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	115.00-119.00		117.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	128.50-131.00		129.44	64
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	81.50		81.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00		14.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	196
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	36.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	27.50	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00		81.00	40

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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Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances weak. Demand light to instances fair with mixed opinions noted about market activity over the upcoming holiday weekend. Fresh offerings were available and frozen was held with varying degrees of confidence. The trade sentiment on breast trim, wing meat and scapula was barely steady at best. Demand was light for the adequate to ample offerings. The undertone on thigh meat was firm for prompt shipments, however, lower trending offering prices were noted on fresh for early 2002 shipments. Mechanically separated turkey (MST) undertone was steady for the slow to moderate demand. Domestic trading centered on a fair volume of frozen destrapped tenderloins, balance light. Fresh tom wings traded at 35, plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 103 and breeder hen breast meat 125 cents delivered. Export demand was active on thigh meat for Mexico and increased interest was noted on drums for Russia. Trading centered on fair to heavy volumes of drums and thigh meat. A fairly heavy volume of frozen 15-20% MST traded at 14 cents delivered January.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	120	128.41	131
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00-29.00		28.69	174	28.75	214
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	27.00-29.00		28.33	60	28.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	28.73	74	28.50	119
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-39.00		37.60	100	37.43	140
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	6	35.00	94
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.32	62	29.53	89
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	31.00-34.00		31.93	188	32.48	266
NECKS, HEN		T	30.00	13	30.00	13
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	135.00		135.00	40	135.00	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00-145.00		143.68	117	143.41	526
THIGH MEAT	81.00		81.00	4	81.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	78.00		78.00	20	78.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	117.00-120.00		117.64	140	120.32	220
SCAPULA MEAT	119.00		119.00	40	119.50	160
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	118.00-120.00		119.33	360	118.47	680
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	125.00		125.00	60	126.24	164
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	81.50	40	81.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-14.00		13.31	58	13.10	178
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	60	14.27	1,096
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.50-30.00		28.38	746	28.24	1,350
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	32.00-36.50		32.63	186	33.23	226
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.50		28.50	52	27.83	156
TAILS	28.00		28.00	120	28.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00-15.00		14.85	260	14.62	420
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.50-84.00		82.08	500	81.89	900

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