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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 was steady to weak. Demand slow. Trading not well tested. Supplies of frozen hens and toms were uneven, adequate to ample. Bulk parts and meat trading was seasonally slow as most processors working short holiday schedules.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a moderately heavy volumes of frozen tom drums. Demand fairly mixed but mostly for prompt shipments to Mexico. Also, increased interest noted from Russia for January deliveries.

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	66	66.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	DEC
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	69	69.00	21	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-62	62	62.00	24	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degree 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 18 DECEMBER 2001.

The trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to weak. Demand light with interest noted mostly for January shipments. Offerings were readily available. The undertone on drums was steady to instances weak with hens the softest, tom full-cut wings barely steady to weak, hen full-cut wings steady to barely steady, hen 2-joint wings barely steady at best, necks and tails were steady to barely steady. Domestic demand for bulk parts was light and trading was slow on all items. Some tails traded at 27.50 cents delivered domestic. Export interest was light to fair on bulk parts. Some interest was noted on tom 2-joint wings for prompt export shipments for pre-Chinese New Year arrival in Asia. Export trading was light on all items and centered on frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey. Hen drums traded at 25.50 cents delivered port.

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/		R	129.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	28.69	174
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	28.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	27.00		27.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00		37.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	33.00		33.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.32	62
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	32.00-33.00		32.75	36
NECKS, HEN		T	30.00	13
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	135.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	141.67	120
THIGH MEAT		F	81.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	78.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	117.64	140
SCAPULA MEAT		F	119.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	120.00		120.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	123.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	81.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.31	58
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	13.00		13.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	28.25	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	32.63	186
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.50	52
TAILS		F	28.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00		82.00	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.

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#	77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-77

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

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Trade sentiment was mixed on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Seller sentiment ranged from barely steady to fully steady for demand over the next several weeks due to the holiday processing schedules. Buyer sentiment, however, was steady to weak. Domestic demand light. Offerings were uneven and held with varying degrees of confidence. Holiday processing schedules over the next 2 weeks for producers and further processors ranged from being completely down to working 4 days with most companies working 3-4 days per week. Export interest continued to be noted for Mexico for prompt shipments and increased inquiry was noted for Russia for January deliveries. Domestic and export trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of tom drums for January export shipments, balance light. Fresh tom drums traded at 26 cents delivered.

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/19/01

SEASON	ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2001-2002	16,005	210,586	210,886
2000-2001	10,850	174,534	174,784