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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

The undertone on 8-12 lb. hens was steady to mostly fully steady, 12-16 lb. hens mixed and ranged from fully steady to barely steady at best. The undertone on frozen packer label toms was steady at best with spot discounting noted. Demand light to instances fair and consisted mostly of distributive interest. Frozen 8-12 lb. hen offerings were light and held with confidence. Frozen packer label 12-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. tom offerings were mixed with some sellers more willing to negotiate than others. Some sellers were demonstrating a willingness to offer packer label inventories outside of normal trade areas in order to move excess supplies. Trading was heavy on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts, balance of parts and meat light.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light with activity noted on frozen thigh meat 57.50 cents delivered November. Inquiry was noted from Asia, Russia, and the Carribean.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 10, 2002**

	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/	65-71	67-71	70.89	1660	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-71	66-70	68.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-59	59	59.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-58	58	58.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-71	70	70.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	58	58.00	120	-	-	-	-	-

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 OCT 11, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.69	68.67	71.26
CENTRAL REGION	68.00	70.00	70.00
WESTERN REGION	70.00	66.00	73.67
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00	57.50**	68.25
CENTRAL REGION	58.00	57.75	66.00
WESTERN REGION	58.00	58.44	69.39

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	84-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	103-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 14-OCT-2002

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	74.53	170	67.80	50
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	74.53	170	67.80	50
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

SEPTEMBER	408,908*
OCTOBER 1-5, 2002	102,252*
To date 2002	3,951,808*
To date 2001	3,977,907*

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 05-Oct-2002
(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	759	-4	22.75	(A) 763	22.75
SATL	890	8	25.30	(A) 894	25.30
N CENT	2,301	-1	30.67	(A) 2,305	30.67
S CENT	446	-10	20.50	(A) 450	20.50
WEST	311	-37	24.79	(A) 315	24.79
U.S. TOTAL	4,707(B)	-4	27.03	20 4,727	27.03

TO-DATE

2002 184,978(B) 344 185,322

TO-DATE

2001 191,597(B) 439 192,036

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 27,000; for the year 2,083,000; last year to date 1,792,00.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 05-Oct-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,597	2,969	70	25	4,661
HEAD	1,770	2,910	27	20	4,727
AVG WT	15.30	34.15	27.77	30.71	27.03
LAST WEEK	1,939	2,915	73	14	4,941
SAME WK YR AGO	2,052	3,010	81	10	5,153
AVG WT	15.48	33.03	24.69	25.67	25.90
TO-DATE/2002	73,774	109,121	2,083	344	185,322
TO-DATE/2001	80,111	109,694	1,792	439	192,036

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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 10 OCTOBER 2002.

Trade sentiment was steady to instances weak on fresh tom breast meat. However, further processed demand is mixed with some buyers needing less product to fill needs while others have increased their purchasing needs. Offerings were in a full range with some buyers continuing to note lower trending offering prices while some sellers indicate they are sold out. Demand for fresh breast trim was strong with trading noted on part loads at 90-94 cents delivered while trading on frozen from current production was noted at lower price levels. Fresh wing meat demand continued active with trading of spot and part loads noted at 54-58 with instances of increased offers noted. A part load of fresh scapula traded at 82 cents delivered. Demand was fair to good on fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST), frozen light. Offerings of fresh MST adequate, frozen light. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of fresh MST and on light to moderate volumes of white meat. Grade A: non-basted 10-14 lb. breasts 108, 14-18 lb breasts 110, fresh 12-14 lb. wogs 69 cents delivered. Export activity light with trading centered on frozen tom breast meat at 140 cents delivered.

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/		W	90.62	520
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	33
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.50-23.00		22.63	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	31.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	53.24	116
NECKS, TOM	14.00-16.00		15.63	49
NECKS, HEN		W	14.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	188.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	184.00		184.00	440
THIGH MEAT	54.00		54.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00		57.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	81.00-83.00		81.64	560
SCAPULA MEAT		M	79.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	113.00		113.00	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	139.57	23
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	51.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.36	951
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	19.15	520
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	23.78	468
TAILS		W	15.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	16.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	54.00	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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The undertone on tom bulk parts was steady to barely steady on drums, barely steady on 2-joint wings, necks steady and full cut wings steady to fully steady. The undertone on hen parts ranged from steady on drums to instances firm on 2-joints, however, some isolated unsettledness was noted on hen 2-joint wings. Demand was light to fair, best on full-cut wings and hen drums. Offerings were light to adequate on hen 2-joint wings with some increased spot availability noted, adequate to ample on tom 2-joint wings, necks and hen drums adequate, full-cut wings light and tom drums were in a full range mostly adequate to fully adequate. Rib breasts were mostly steady on 4-8 lb. sizes, steady to fully steady institutional weights. Domestic and export trading centered on a heavy volume of 4-8 plant grade breasts for domestic shipments, balance light. For domestic: tails 18-19 Grade A non-basted 16-18 lb. breasts 108, For export: tom necks 15, defatted gizzards 43-44.75, fresh thigh meat 57, frozen thigh meat 57.50 cents delivered November.

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00-92.00		90.07	1,120	90.24	1,640
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.17	12	19.87	47
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	19.00-21.00		19.45	44	19.45	44
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	100	19.84	358
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-24.00		22.19	140	22.57	640
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	20.50-22.00		21.00	60	21.09	66
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00-31.00		30.58	24	30.66	61
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	52.00-53.00		52.67	60	53.04	195
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.33	91	14.53	286
NECKS, HEN		W	14.00	9	14.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	140.00-144.00		141.77	77	147.08	87
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	180.00		180.00	80	183.65	552
THIGH MEAT	53.00-57.00		54.67	43	54.46	63
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00-64.00		60.64	50	58.96	96
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	81.64	560	81.64	560
SCAPULA MEAT		M	79.00	40	79.00	40
TENDERLOINS	118.00-120.00		118.67	30	118.67	30
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	113.00	240	113.43	280
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	139.57	23	139.57	23
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	51.00	40	51.91	46
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.00	200	19.83	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		R	17.36	951	17.35	976
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00		17.00	104	18.79	624
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	23.78	468	23.78	468
TAILS		W	15.00	160	15.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.50		16.50	208	16.50	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	54.00	80	54.00	80

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