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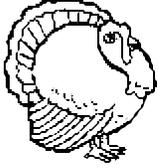
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment was strongest on 8-12 lb. hens, about steady on 12-16 lb. hens and steady at best on 16-24 lb. toms. Offerings were generally adequate. Inquiry was most active from smaller distributors buying turkeys for Thanksgiving needs. Domestic activity on bulk meats and parts was light.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading was moderate on tom drums, light on tom full cut and v-type wings. Fresh thigh meat traded at 54 delivered.

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

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/	64-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-71	65	65.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-71	63-68	66.33	120	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	54-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	57-59	57-59	57.67	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.

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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 16 OCTOBER 2002.

The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady at best with some sellers indicating a willingness to negotiate. The undertone on fresh destrapped tenderloins was about steady, frozen destrapped tenderloins steady to barely steady, breast trim steady, scapula and fresh wing meat steady to fully steady. Fresh wing meat demand was fair, light on the balance of white meat items. Tom breast meat offerings continued adequate to fully adequate, destrapped tenderloins adequate, scapula and fresh wing meat were light. Some offerings were noted on scapula and destrapped tenderloins with +6 months age. Trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums for export, light on the balance of items. Fresh wing meat traded at 60 and frozen wing meat +6 months age 45 cents delivered. Some fresh thigh meat traded at 54 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/	130.00-154.00		150.00	24
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	90.07	1,120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	19.17	12
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	19.00		19.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00-20.00		19.67	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	21.00		21.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	30.58	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	52.67	60
NECKS, TOM		F	14.33	91
NECKS, HEN		W	14.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	141.77	77
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	180.00		180.00	80
THIGH MEAT	53.00-55.00		54.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	60.64	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	81.64	560
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		F	118.67	30
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	113.00	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	51.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		R	17.36	951

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.92	520
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	208
TAILS		W	15.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	19.50	400
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00		51.00	52

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#	96
FRESH Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-73

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	84-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	103-105