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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for frozen 8-16 lb. hens was mixed with 8-12 lb. hens firm, about steady on 12-16 lb. hens. Frozen toms 16-24 lbs. steady at best. Offerings adequate for the limited demand. Most interest generated from smaller distributors for fill-in Thanksgiving needs. Bulk meats and parts trading was slow. Demand light as buyers remain cautious and selective.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading was light, movement centered on a moderate volume of frozen tom drums. Demand noted from Asia, Mexico and Russia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 17, 2002**

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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/	64-71	65-70.5	67.50	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54-59	54	54.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-71	65-67	66.10	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54-59	55-58	56.38	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 18, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER MONTH	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.00	70.69	73.13	EASTERN REGION	67.15	66.56	68.81
CENTRAL REGION	65.92	68.00	72.17	CENTRAL REGION	66.26	66.01	67.74
WESTERN REGION	66.75	70.00	72.68	WESTERN REGION	67.03	66.32	68.56
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	55.90	59.00	68.20	EASTERN REGION	58.30	59.82	64.61
CENTRAL REGION	56.00 **	58.00	67.75	CENTRAL REGION	57.45	59.25	63.72
WESTERN REGION	58.00	58.00	68.05	WESTERN REGION	58.03	59.82	64.36

**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#	72-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-73

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

	<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 21-OCT-2002**

	<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)	74.37	160	68.09	55
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	74.37	160	68.09	55
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

SEPTEMBER	408,908*
OCTOBER 1-12, 2002	207,526*
To date 2002	4,057,082*
To date 2001	4,085,757*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 12-Oct-2002
(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	778	3	22.79	(A) 763	22.79
SATL	788	-11	27.17	(A) 894	27.17
N CENT	2,261	-2	31.47	(A) 2,305	31.47
S CENT	386	-13	23.96	(A) 450	23.96
WEST	437	41	26.64	(A) 315	26.64
U.S. TOTAL	4,650(B)	-128.21	15	4,665	28.21

TO-DATE

2002 189,628(B) 359 189,987

TO-DATE

2001 196,684(B) 445 197,129

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 93,000; for the year 2,176,000; last year to date 1,840,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 12-Oct-2002

	<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	1,631	2,926	93	15	4,665
AVG WT	15.82	35.23	24.70	26.48	28.21
LAST WEEK	1,770	2,910	27	20	4,727
SAME WK YR AGO	1,952	3,087	48	6	5,093
AVG WT	15.69	33.30	24.44	35.34	26.46
TO-DATE/2002	75,405	112,047	2,176	359	189,987
TO-DATE/2001	82,063	112,781	1,840	445	197,129

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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 17 OCTOBER 2002.

The undertone was steady to barely steady on tom breast meat. Demand light to fair. Some processors were noting an increased further processed demand as buyers replenish their inventories in response to the recall. Offerings available. Tom bulk parts undertone was steady to barely steady on drums and necks, 2-joint wings barely steady, and full-cut wings steady to fully steady. Mechanically separated turkey undertone steady. Trading light with activity centered on tom drums for export. Export inquiry continued to be noted from Asia, Mexico and Russia.

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/		W	150.00	24
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	90.07	1,120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	19.17	12
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	19.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	19.67	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	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				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	142.00		142.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	176.00-178.00		177.46	149
THIGH MEAT		W	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	140.00		140.00	4
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		R	17.36	951
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.56	356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	26.00	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00		53.00	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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The undertone was steady to instances barely steady on fresh tom breast meat, frozen about steady, fresh wing meat steady with some unsettledness noted, balance steady. White meat demand was slow to moderate. Some processors were taking advantage of the spike in further processed demand and thawing more frozen tom breast meat for internal usage. Offerings of white meat were mixed, mostly light to adequate. The thigh meat undertone was mostly steady. Demand light to fair for the generally adequate offerings. The undertone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to fair with some increased activity noted into export channels. Trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums for export, balance light. For domestic: livers 12 shipping point for October-December, 19 delivered; fresh wing meat 54-59, fresh: scapula 81, breast trim 90 Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts: packer label 107, private label 123; plant grade non-basted: 10-12 lb. 103, 12-14 lb. 98-108, 14-16 lb. 105, 16-18 lb. 102-108, For export: tom necks 13, fresh tom drums 18 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WTD VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00-100.00		96.67	60	96.67	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	150.00	24	150.00	24
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	40	95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00-21.00		20.23	207	20.23	207
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	18.00-20.00		18.40	50	18.88	250
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	20	19.71	140
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-24.00		22.51	89	22.66	129
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	21.00	120	21.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00-30.00		28.37	49	28.37	49
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	52.00		52.00	20	52.00	20
NECKS, TOM	14.50-15.00		14.75	81	14.75	81
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	142.00		142.00	8	142.00	128
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.00		175.00	120	177.20	349
THIGH MEAT	54.00		54.00	40	54.00	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00-62.00		57.37	134	57.37	134
BREAST TRIM MEAT	87.00		87.00	40	87.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	81.00		81.00	4	81.00	4
TENDERLOINS	120.00		120.00	46	120.00	46
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	116.00		116.00	80	116.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	139.00		139.00	11	139.27	15
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	51.00-54.00		53.00	120	53.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/						
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	600	20.22	1,476
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	22.00	80	22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.50-24.00		23.83	156	25.07	364
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-19.00		17.68	236	18.83	676
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00		49.00	52	50.83	144

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