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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens was fully steady to firm, with 12-16 lb. hens mixed. Toms 16-24 lb. steady to barely steady. Limited sales reported of frozen for fill-in needs. Fresh remains main interest for the upcoming November holiday. Fresh sales reported for November hens at 75 cents and toms 70 cents. Fresh offerings ranged light to adequate. Frozen demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged from short to instances adequate. Weights mixed for availability. Bulk meats and parts trading slow. Demand light with most interest for export.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

No trading reported. Demand light for the adequate offerings. Most interest coming from Mexico and Asia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 22, 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/	64-71	64-70	68.29	280	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54-60	58-60	59.33	60	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 23, 2002**

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-71	69.75	69.75	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	NOV
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-58	58.00	58.00	200	-	-	-	160	NOV
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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 OCTOBER 2002.

The undertone on tom breast meat was steady to barely steady, balance of white meat mostly steady. Demand ranged light to fair. Offerings mixed. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady, institutional sizes steady to fully steady. Rib breast demand ranged from slow on 4-8 lb. sizes to instances good on 10 lb. and heavier weights. Offerings ranged light to adequate. The undertone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady with some increased confidence noted on necks and weakness on 2-joints. Demand ranged light to fair, best for export. Offerings were adequate to ample on tom 2-joints, balance adequate. Trading centered on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat for October-November export shipments, balance light. Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 99, plant grade breasts: basted 10-12 lb. 93.50, non-basted 10-14 lb. 100, 14-16 lb. 105 cents delivered domestic. For export: breeder drums 17, scapula 80 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00-99.00		97.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	150.00	24
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	20.23	207
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	18.40	50
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	20.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	58
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	21.00		21.00	21
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.37	49
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	52.00	20
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.88	107
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	142.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	175.00	80
THIGH MEAT		F	54.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	57.37	134
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	87.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	81.00	4
TENDERLOINS		F	120.00	46
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	116.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	142.00		142.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	53.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	18.00	320

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	23.83	156
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.68	236
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00-55.00		53.17	460

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#	72-73
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

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 OCTOBER 2002.

Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on fresh tom breast meat, frozen tom breast meat steady, destrapped tenderloins about steady on fresh and barely steady on frozen, balance of white meat mostly steady. Demand on fresh tom breast meat showed signs of seasonally slowing in some parts of the country resulting in some increased supplies, slow to sometimes moderate on the balance of white meat items with some buyers not as aggressive as previous weeks. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were mixed with some noting increased availability at lower trending price levels, destrapped tenderloins ranged from light to adequate on fresh to sometimes ample on frozen from current production. The balance of white meat offerings were light with some items not as tight as previous weeks. Domestic bulk parts demand was light, however, export interest was noted from Mexico and Asia. Thigh meat steady.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	95.00	40
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DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	18.40	50
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	20.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.50		22.50	40
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DESTRAPPED TENDERS	112.00		112.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	138.00		138.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	53.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	60

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 10/23/02

SEASON	POULTRY HEALTH BOARD ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2002-2003	6,049	135,591	135,891
2001-2002	8,608	138,145	138,445

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 10/16/02

SEASON	POULTRY HEALTH BOARD ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2002-2003	--	129,542	129,842
2001-2002	3,430	129,537	129,837

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