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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-12lb. hens was steady to firm, with the heavier weights 12-16 lb. hens mostly steady. Frozen toms 16-24 lb. steady to barely steady. Limited sales reported for immediate delivery. Fresh sales of hens and toms finding the most interest due to the upcoming holiday. Offerings of fresh mixed and ranged from short of needs to adequate. Demand for frozen was light to moderate. Offerings uneven. Bulk meats and parts trading light. Domestic demand slow to materialize.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on light volumes of frozen tom drums and thigh meat, balance light. Inquiry limited. Demand remains slow with most interest noted 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 24, 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	66-70	68.67	240	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-71	64-66	65.93	41.5	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54-60	58-60	58.40	100	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-58	57	57.00	31	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	64-71	65-69	66.33	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-71	65-70	67.40	100	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-71	69	69.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	54-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-59	57-59	57.98	225	-	-	-	-	-
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 25, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.33	68.00	74.31
CENTRAL REGION	66.97	65.92	72.46
WESTERN REGION	68.53	66.75	74.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.75	55.90	68.53
CENTRAL REGION	57.92	56.00**	68.25
WESTERN REGION	59.00	58.00	68.80**

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

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

	<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 28-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)	73.73	79	69.43	35
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	73.73	79	69.43	35
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		5		10

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

SEPTEMBER	408,908*
OCTOBER 1-19, 2002	312,149*
To date 2002	4,161,705*
To date 2001	4,196,298*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 19-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>		<u>WT</u>		
N EAST	791	2	22.14	(A) 796	22.14
SATL	842	7	28.24	(A) 847	28.24
N CENT	2,146	-5	31.74	(A) 2,151	31.74
S CENT	437	13	23.36	(A) 442	23.36
WEST	420	-4	24.81	(A) 425	24.81
U.S. TOTAL	4,636(B)	0	28.05	25	4,661

TO-DATE

2002 194,264(B) 384 194,648

TO-DATE

2001 201,836(B) 492 202,328

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week
70,000 for the year 2,246,000; last year to date 1,890,00.**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 19-Oct-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>		<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,597	2,969	70	25	4,661
AVG WT	15.36	34.95	24.62	29.63	28.05
LAST WEEK	1,631	2,926	93	15	4,665
SAME WK YR AGO	2,089	3,013	50	47	5,199
AVG WT	16.09	33.85	25.39	28.21	26.57
TO-DATE/2002	77,002	115,016	2,246	384	194,648
TO-DATE/2001	84,152	115,794	1,890	492	202,328

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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 24 OCTOBER 2002.

Tom breast meat undertone was steady to weak on fresh, steady to barely steady on frozen. Fresh wing meat undertone was barely steady with lower trending prices noted. Tom breast meat demand was mixed, mostly light and fresh wing meat demand was light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were adequate to instances burdensome and frozen was adequate to fully adequate. Fresh wing meat supplies ranged from light as some packers concentrate more on November holiday needs while others note trading at lower price levels. The undertone on tom necks was mixed as they showed signs of strength in the Midwest while supplies continued to be noted available in the East and West. The undertone on tom full-cut wings was mostly steady to fully steady with some spot availability noted in the West. The tom drum undertone was mostly steady. Demand was light to fair, best for exports. The undertone on tom 2-joint wings was barely steady at best for the adequate to ample offerings. Demand light. Trading centered on moderate volume of tom drums for export and MST for domestic shipments, balance light. Fresh wing meat traded at 55-60 and tails at 18 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	97.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	134.00-154.00		152.75	64
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	18.40	50
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.00-19.00		17.15	260
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	22.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	51.00		51.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	52.00	20
NECKS, TOM	13.00		13.00	240
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	142.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	163.00-175.50		168.92	380
THIGH MEAT	56.00		56.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00		57.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	87.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	81.00	4
TENDERLOINS		F	120.00	46
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	116.00		116.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	140.00-142.00		141.43	70
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	53.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		17.32	506
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.50-23.00		20.90	500
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.00		18.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	52
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-53.00		50.36	236

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 OCTOBER 2002.

Fresh tom breast meat was available at steady to weak prices, frozen was steady to barely steady. Tom drums and tom v-type wings were readily available and ranged steady to weak. Supplies of tom full cut wings were mostly balanced and steady. Frozen thigh meat was adequate to fully adequate and the undertone varied by destination. Frozen Grade A nonbasted 12-14 lb breasts were 107, plant grade nonbasted 18-20 lb breasts were 110. Spot loads of fresh thigh trim and fresh wing meat moved at 35 and 59 cents respectively. Export sales centered on light volumes of thigh meat and tom drums. Tom necks were 13 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	97.00	80	97.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	152.75	64	152.75	64
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.00	40	88.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.80	75	19.85	135
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	21.00		21.00	20	21.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	17.15	260	17.82	340
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	22.50	40	22.80	98
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	51.00	20	24.73	161
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	29.00	20	29.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	52.00	20		
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	120	13.69	467
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	142.00	8		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.00		175.00	4	170.42	504
THIGH MEAT		R	56.00	20	56.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00-58.00		56.45	168	56.56	208
BREAST TRIM MEAT	82.00		82.00	40	82.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	81.00	4		
TENDERLOINS		F	120.00	46		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	116.00	20	112.44	180
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	138.00		138.00	40	140.84	310
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	53.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	19.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		R	17.32	506	17.61	886
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	120	20.55	820
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	18.00	52	18.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.50		23.50	52	23.75	104
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.00	104	22.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	47.50-49.50		48.70	260	51.26	956

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