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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens was mixed with lighter weights steady to firm, balance steady to fully steady, toms steady to instances fully steady. Fresh and frozen demand light to moderate with more processors focusing on fresh for the upcoming major holiday. Offerings of fresh and frozen whole turkeys generally uneven. Bulk parts and meats demand was light. Trading uneven.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on frozen tom drums with the balance of export items slow. Demand remains cautious and selective.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 30, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-72	68-72	68.36	110	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-71	69-69.5	69.14	55	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-71	68	68.00	1760	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	58-62	59-62	60.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-59	58-59	58.38	65	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	57-59	59	59.00	1800	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	64-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-71	66-69	67.93	28	-	-	-	100	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-71	69	69.00	20	-	-	-	100	OCT
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	56-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	56-58	57-58	57.47	76	-	-	-	100	OCT
WESTERN REGION	57-59	59	59.00	300	-	-	-	100	OCT

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 29 OCTOBER 2002.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to weak, balance of white meat steady at best. Demand slow to instances moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat ranged adequate to instances burdensome, balance mostly adequate. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady, 10-16 lb. sizes fully steady. Offerings of institutional breasts ranged light to adequate with 10-16 lb. sizes held with the most confidence and some inquiry going unfilled on 14-16 lb. weights. The thigh meat undertone was steady to fully steady on fresh, mixed on frozen. Fresh thigh meat offerings were limited, frozen was held with varied degrees of confidence. Trading centered on moderate volumes of fresh tom breast meat and mechanically separated turkey (MST) for domestic shipments, balance light. Fresh wing meat 57, Grade A non-basted 16-18 lb. breasts 95, frozen destrapped tenderloins +10 months age 108 cents delivered domestic. Frozen MST -20% 16 cents delivered January-February export shipments.

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/		R	152.75	64
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	21.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	21.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	17.15	260
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	22.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	51.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00-30.00		27.75	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	56.00		56.00	10
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	25
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	142.00		142.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	162.00-170.00		164.00	480
THIGH MEAT	54.00		54.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	62.00		62.00	5
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	82.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	120.00		120.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	116.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	138.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.13	556
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	20.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	18.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00-25.50		25.00	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00		53.00	200

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 30 OCTOBER 2002.

The trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to fully steady with trading noted on private label Grade A's at higher trending price levels. Demand light. Offerings ranged tight to adequate with private labels the least available. Trade sentiment on tom drums was mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady, tom 2-joint wings barely steady, necks steady to barely steady and full-cut wings steady. The trade sentiment on hen drums was steady to instances barely steady, necks steady to barely steady, full-cut wings steady and 2-joint wings steady to firm. Bulk parts demand ranged from light for domestic shipments to instances good on tom drums for export. Grade A non-basted 12-16 lb. breasts traded at 108-110 and -6 months age ground breast trim 85 cents delivered domestic. For export: tom necks 14, frozen tom breast meat 140 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00-104.00		102.87	183
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	152.75	64
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	94.00-95.00		94.20	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	21.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	21.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00-21.00		19.71	140
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	22.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	51.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.75	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	52.00		52.00	20
NECKS, TOM		T	15.00	25
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	142.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	165.00		165.00	80
THIGH MEAT		T	54.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	62.00	5
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	82.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		T	120.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	116.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	138.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.50		16.50	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-25.00		20.77	1,304
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	18.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.00	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00-19.00		18.24	340
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00		54.00	120

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 10/30/02**

SEASON	ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	7,550	143,141	143,441
2001-2002	5,492	143,637	143,937