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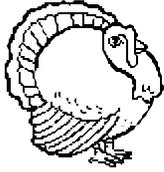
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens was mixed with lighter weights steady to firm, balance steady to fully steady, toms 16-24 lb. fully steady. Trading light to moderate with most sales taking place for prompt deliveries. Demand mixed but mostly on the slow side. Processors continue to gear up to handle the improving interest for fresh for the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings of fresh and frozen whole birds range from short to adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading for the domestic market was light. Demand remains seasonally slow.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow. Demand cautious and selective with most interest noted for tom drums.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) NOVEMBER 01, 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/	64-72	64-70	67.50	160	66.00	30	DEC	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-71	68	68.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-71	70	70.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	56-62	56-60	59.38	520	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-61	58.5	58.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	57-59	57-59	58.78	90	-	-	-	-	-

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) OCTOBER 31, 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	66	66.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-71	66-70	68.83	143	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	58-62	59	59.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-59	58-59	58.33	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	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 NOV 01, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF OCTOBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	67.72	68.33	73.60**	EASTERN REGION	67.75	67.15	72.86
CENTRAL REGION	68.58	66.97	74.67	CENTRAL REGION	67.24	66.26	72.05
WESTERN REGION	68.10	68.53	72.53	WESTERN REGION	67.93	67.03	72.24
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	59.52	58.75	69.00**	EASTERN REGION	57.73	58.30	67.84
CENTRAL REGION	58.15	57.92	66.50	CENTRAL REGION	56.98	57.45	67.36
WESTERN REGION	58.99	59.00	68.19	WESTERN REGION	58.23	58.03	67.85

\*\*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#	84-105
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 04-NOV-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)	74.27	55	68.04	28
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	74.27	55	68.04	28
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

SEPTEMBER	408,908*
OCTOBER 1-26, 2002	420,317*
To date 2002	4,269,873*
To date 2001	4,306,299*

\*PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 26-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	817	3	23.18	(A)	820	23.18
SATL	787	-7	27.40	(A)	790	27.40
N CENT	2,242	4	31.47	(A)	2,245	31.47
S CENT	511	17	23.20	(A)	514	23.20
WEST	486	16	24.51	(A)	489	24.51
U.S. TOTAL	4,843(B)	4	27.83	15	4,858	27.83
TO-DATE						
2002	199,107(B)			399	199,506	
TO-DATE						
2001	207,108(B)			506	207,614	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 59,000; for the year 2,305,000; last year to date 1,979,00.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 26-Oct-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,812	2,972	59	15	4,858
AVG WT	15.76	35.23	26.22	25.77	27.83
LAST WEEK	1,597	2,969	70	25	4,661
SAME WK YR AGO	2,226	2,957	89	14	5,286
AVG WT	16.03	33.57	24.01	31.01	26.01
TO-DATE/2002	78,814	117,988	2,305	399	199,506
TO-DATE/2001	86,378	118,751	1,979	506	207,614

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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 31 OCTOBER 2002.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to instances weak, balance of white meat mostly steady with some spot confidence noted on scapula. Demand slow to moderate with trading noted on fresh tom breast meat at lower trending price levels. Offerings mixed with fresh tom breast meat in the longest position. The trade sentiment on fresh thigh meat was steady to fully steady, frozen mostly steady with some spot softness noted. Demand ranged light to fair, best on fresh. Offerings of fresh thigh meat were light at best, frozen mixed with some held with more confidence than others. The undertone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady for current shipments, barely steady for deferred. Demand light to fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts and on a light volume of fresh tom breast meat. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of MST, balance light. Fresh wing meat traded at 55-60 cents delivered domestic. For export: frozen MST 16 delivered January-February and 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/	100.00		100.00	1,800
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	152.75	64
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	94.20	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	21.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	19.71	140
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	51.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	88
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	8
NECKS, HEN	13.00		13.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	142.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	154.00-165.00		158.07	280
THIGH MEAT		T	54.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	60.00		60.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	82.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	85.00-88.00		86.50	80
TENDERLOINS		T	120.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	116.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	140.00		140.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.50	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-22.50		20.50	130
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	18.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.00	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-19.00		18.27	572
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00		53.00	80

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 1 NOVEMBER 2002.**

Trade sentiment on tom drums was steady to fully steady, hen drums and full-cut wings steady, necks cautiously steady, tom 2-joint wings barely steady at best, and hen 2-joint wings steady to fully steady. Bulk parts demand was fair on tom drums for export, balance light. Offerings of drums were light to adequate, necks light to fully adequate mostly adequate with some spot availability of hens noted, full-cut wings light, hen 2-joint wings short to light and tom 2-joint wings available. Fresh tom breast meat demand was fair with a barely steady at best undertone noted. Domestic and export trading light. Body chopping skin 13, Grade A fresh and frozen 9-14 lb. WOGS 72, plant grade basted 18-20 lb. breasts 102 cents delivered domestic. Scapula traded at 80 cents delivered export.

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/		R	100.00	1,800	100.26	1,983
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	94.20	200	94.20	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	40	20.25	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	21.00	20		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00-20.00		19.33	120	19.54	260
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	60	22.55	220
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	20	27.74	68
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	52.00		52.00	20	53.57	138
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	20	14.70	93
NECKS, HEN		R	13.00	8	13.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	142.00	10	142.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	158.00-167.00		161.36	220	161.96	1,060
THIGH MEAT	52.50		52.50	20	53.00	30
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00-57.00		55.80	50	57.33	75
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	82.00	40		
SCAPULA MEAT	81.00		81.00	9	85.94	89
TENDERLOINS		T	120.00	40	120.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	137.00		137.00	20	139.00	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	80	17.31	676
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00		22.00	80	20.81	1,514
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.00	312	25.00	312
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	18.27	572	18.26	912
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00		53.00	60	53.26	460

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