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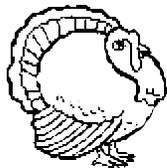
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen whole birds, hens and toms was generally steady. Some late offerings for prompt shipment, steady to weak with clean-up on the mind of the processor. Demand and trading slow. Processors continue to work on filling orders of fresh and frozen product. Trading and demand for bulk parts and meats was slow.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to moderate. Trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums, balance light. Exporters remain quiet due to upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 19, 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/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	68-72	69-70.5	69.58	720	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-72	69-70.5	69.59	1330	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-63	58-62	59.82	440	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63.5	61	61.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 19 NOVEMBER 2002.

The market undertone was steady at best on most meat and parts items, except hen 2-joint wings which were fully steady with some unsettledness noted in the West. Domestic demand and trading seasonally slow on parts and meat items as buyers concentrate on seasonal holiday items. The lack of buyer interest has caused some isolated weakness with a few sellers indicating a willingness to negotiate to move inventories. Export demand ranged slow to instances moderate, best on drums. Export trading was light and centered on frozen young hen thigh meat. For export: mature hen drums 14, +5 month age frozen tom thigh meat 50, frozen tom breast meat 135 cents delivered.

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/		M	136.00	5,000
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	27
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00-20.00		19.80	50
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	21.00		21.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	23.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	48.00	12
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.43	21
NECKS, HEN		F	13.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	140.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	150.00		150.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	53.38	78
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	54.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	113.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	138.00	6
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	51.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	18.00	6
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	17.77	444
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.25	208
TAILS	17.00		17.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.50-53.00		49.10	300

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#	96-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-86

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	119-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-129

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 NOVEMBER 2002.

Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on fresh tom breast meat, mostly steady to barely steady for the slow buyer inquiry. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Frozen tom breast meat trade sentiment was barely steady at best for the adequate to instances ample offerings. Inquiry light to moderate. The undertone on the balance of white meat items was steady at best. The thigh meat undertone was mostly steady, mechanically separated turkey (MST) steady to barely steady with spot offerings noted at lower trending price levels. Trading centered on a moderate volume of fresh MST for domestic shipments and on a fair volume of tom drums for export, balance light. Grade A 12-16 lb. breasts traded at 108 cents delivered.

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DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	19.80	50
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00		21.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	21.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	23.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	48.00	12
NECKS, TOM		T	14.43	21
NECKS, HEN		F	13.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	157.00-158.00		157.44	90
THIGH MEAT		F	53.38	78
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	54.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	87.00-91.00		88.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	113.00		113.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	138.00	6
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	51.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.50-18.00		16.71	643
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	440
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.25	208
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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 11/20/02**

SEASON	ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	9,506	165,828	16,128
2001-2002	11,199	176,062	176,362