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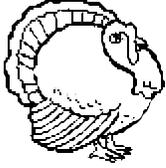
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The undertone on fresh and frozen whole turkeys was at least steady in Midwest and East, mixed in the West. Retail Thanksgiving movement, as reported by buyers, ranged from fair to good with some noting fresh demand was not as aggressive as last year and better than anticipated frozen activity. A last minute call on frozen toms before Thanksgiving had also resulted in better than anticipated movement into consumer channels. Retail whole turkey demand for the December holidays ranged light to instances good. Frozen offerings ranged from tight in the East with size availability varying by packer to mixed in the West. Bulk meat trading centered on fresh tom breast meat at steady to lower trending prices and on fresh mechanically separated turkey.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Inquiry was light to instances fair with continued buyer cautiousness noted. Interest was noted mostly from Asia, Eastern Europe and Mexico. Trading light at barely steady at best price levels.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 03, 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/	69-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-72	69	69.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	63	63.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-72	70-71	70.90	400	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-72	70	70.00	700	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-64	64	64.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59.5-64	59.5-64	61.00	60	-	-	-	515	DEC
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 3 DECEMBER 2002.

Domestic demand was light on bulk parts and meats, slow to moderate on rib breasts with best inquiry for post holiday needs on institutional sizes. Offerings of bulk parts and meats were available, rib breasts light to adequate. Export interest showed signs of improvement on drums, balance light. Trading was light on all items. Tom drummettes 20, Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 122, plant grade non-basted 10-18 lb. breasts 100 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/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.50		18.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	20.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.50		21.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	14.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	158.00		158.00	20
THIGH MEAT	54.00		54.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	83.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	75.11	90
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	105.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	135.00	12
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	48.00		48.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.27	96
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00		21.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	23.00	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	16.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	47.50	208

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#	96-99
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-99
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	61-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	63-68

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 4 DECEMBER 2002.

The trade sentiment on tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances weak, breast trim steady, barely steady on the balance of white meat items. Demand seasonally slow as the industry concentrates on Thanksgiving Holiday needs. Offerings available. Domestic bulk parts demand was light with trading centered tom full-cut wings. Offerings of bulk parts ranged from ample on tom 2-joint wings to mostly adequate on the balance of items with hen 2-joint wings held with the most confidence. Some spot weakness was noted on tom necks and tom full-cut wings. Domestic trading was light on all items. Export trading centered on a fair volume of frozen mechanically separated turkey for December shipments, balance light. Non basted rib breasts for domestic: Grade A 8-10 lb. 99 and 10-12 lb. 110, plant grade 12-14 lb. 100, and Grade A fresh 13-16 lb. WOGS traded at 75 cents delivered. Livers traded at 23.25 cents delivered export.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	20.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	14.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	153.00-157.00		155.92	520
THIGH MEAT	51.00		51.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	58.00		58.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	83.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	73.00		73.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	103.00		103.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	135.00	12
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	48.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.00		16.81	620
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.50-19.00		18.01	236
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.50		19.50	52
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.00		46.00	52

**USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS,
POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES**

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4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/04/02

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	28,772	195,600	195,600
2001-2002	15,773	191,835	192,135

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