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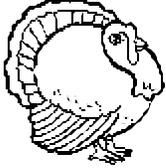
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was at least steady. Limited sales reported. Demand slow to materialize but improving for fresh as the holiday approaches. Supplies were light and mixed by weight. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Offerings adequate to long.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand was light to moderate with interest noted from Asia, Mexico and Russia. Trading was heavy on tom 2-joints wings going to Asia, balance light. Movement centered on frozen thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey going to Mexico, balance light.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 10, 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/	67-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-64	63	63.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
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CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degree 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 10 DECEMBER 2002.

Trade sentiment was barely steady at best on white meat with some sellers attempting to hold the market steady in anticipation of less production next year. Demand light with cautious buyer interest noted. Offerings available at steady to lower trending price levels. The undertone on fresh thigh meat was mostly steady with spot premiums noted on part loads. The undertone on frozen thigh meat ranged from steady to instances weak with any export strength dependant upon supplier and destination. Inquiry slow to instances moderate for the adequate to ample supplies. The undertone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady at best. Demand light. Trading moderate. Some part loads of tom full-cut wings traded at steady to fully steady price levels. Trading centered on a fair volume of fresh MST for domestic shipments, balance light. Fresh wing meat traded at 53-54, plant grade basted 16-18 lb. breasts 95, frozen tom breast meat - 9 months age 117 cents delivered domestic. Tom 2-joint wings traded at 22 cents delivered export for late January, 2003 shipments.

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/		F	135.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	90.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	4
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.18	49
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	13.50-15.00		13.72	47
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	126.00-128.00		127.74	46
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	155.00	80
THIGH MEAT	53.00		53.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	58.00-62.00		59.42	62
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	87.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		M	74.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	110.00	28
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	53.00	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.00		16.45	470
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	20.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.60	200
TAILS		M	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.50-16.00		15.64	280
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00-54.00		53.33	120

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#	99-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	99-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-73

**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

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The undertone on tom bulk parts ranged was mostly steady on full-cut wings, steady to instances weak on drums, barely steady to weak on tom 2-joint wings, necks weak. The undertone on hen bulk parts was steady to fully steady on wings with 2-joints strongest, drums mostly steady and necks barely steady at best. Domestic demand was light to instances fair, best on hen 2-joint wings with activity centered on mixed and part loads. Offerings mixed with some willing to discount product in order to move product by year end. Export demand was slow to moderate with interest noted from Asia, Mexico and Russia. Trading into export channels was heavy on tom 2-joint wings, balance light for current shipments. For domestic: plant grade non-basted 10-16 lb. breasts 100, frozen breeder tenderloins -6 months age 100 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00-100.00		98.17	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	135.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00-92.00		91.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	54
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	23.18	49
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	21.00		21.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	53.00-54.00		53.69	130
NECKS, TOM	12.50-15.00		13.44	90
NECKS, HEN	13.00		13.00	54
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	127.74	46
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	155.00	80
THIGH MEAT		T	53.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	59.42	62
BREAST TRIM MEAT	87.00		87.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT	68.50		68.50	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	100.00-108.00		100.32	250
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	53.00	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	16.45	470

## EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	17.00-19.00		17.57	728
TAILS	18.00		18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-17.00		15.68	212
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	53.33	120

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/11/02****POULTRY HEALTH BOARD**

	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
SEASON	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2002-2003	613	196,213	196,513
2001-2002	2,746	194,581	194,881