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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to weak. Inquiry was very light and seasonal. Limited offerings remain more than sufficient for current needs. Bulk parts and meats demand was slow. Trading centered on light volumes of tom drums, balance slow.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand was light to moderate. Inquiry noted from Asia, Mexico, Eastern Europe and Russia. Trading was very slow overall. A light volume of frozen thigh meat traded.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 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
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 DEC 20, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.60**	67.00	68.00
CENTRAL REGION	66.30**	66.59	66.00
WESTERN REGION	66.00**	70.00**	69.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50	61.32	58.00
CENTRAL REGION	57.00	59.27	58.00**
WESTERN REGION	60.00**	61.00	62.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
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**

	<u>RANGE</u>
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

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 23-DEC-2002

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	76.00	21	68.00	16
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	76.00	21	68.00	16
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER	460,410*
DECEMBER 1-7, 2002	113,012*
To date 2002	4,938,316*
To date 2001	4,934,776*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 14-Dec-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>LIVE</u>
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	809	-6	23.26	(A)	813 23.26
SATL	913	2	28.75	(A)	917 28.75
N CENT	2,221	-4	31.60	(A)	2,225 31.60
S CENT	423	-1	19.97	(A)	427 19.97
WEST	554	17	22.16	(A)	558 22.16
U.S. TOTAL	4,920(B)	-1	27.63	20	4,940 27.63
TO-DATE					
2002	234,313(B)			660	234,973
TO-DATE					
2001	241,844(B)			570	242,414

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 51,000; for the year 2,682,000; last year to date 2,290,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 14-Dec-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	2,089	2,780	51	20	4,940
AVG WT	15.35	36.90	26.02	25.63	27.63
LAST WEEK	2,053	2,863	58	40	5,014
SAME WK YR AGO	2,062	2,687	49	11	4,809
AVG WT	16.56	35.97	25.16	28.52	27.50
TO-DATE/2002	93,276	138,355	2,682	660	234,973
TO-DATE/2001	101,397	138,157	2,290	570	242,414

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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 19 DECEMBER 2002.

The market tone was steady to weak on white meat items. Demand was limited to light fill in volumes to cover holiday processing schedules. Parts trading centered on hen v-type wings at steady prices and tom full cut-wings at lower trending price levels. Export activity was light for prompt ship. A heavy volume of thigh meat was booked for January shipment.

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/		W	132.00	3
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.00	18
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	19.22	45
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		T	20.00	8
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	19.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.00-19.00		18.50	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	21.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	22.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	120
NECKS, TOM		T	13.00	30
NECKS, HEN		R	13.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	125.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00-145.00		143.57	56
THIGH MEAT		M	54.15	27
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	58.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	69.73	220
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	104.00		104.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00		130.00	21
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	49.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.50		15.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.02	520
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00		19.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.25		21.25	208
TAILS		W	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00		50.00	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.

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

The market tone on bulk parts was a strong steady on hen wings, barely steady on the balance of items. Domestic demand was seasonally slow on most items. Offerings ranged from light on hen 2-joint wings to available on the balance of items. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of tom drums. Most processors are working shortened holiday processing schedules next week. Export demand ranged from slow to moderate. Inquiry was noted from Mexico for prompt shipments and also from Asia, Eastern Europe and Russia. Trading into export channels light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	132.00	31	32.00	3
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00-21.00		19.65	216	19.57	261
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	20.00		20.00	36	20.00	84
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	20	18.17	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.41	90	20.22	341
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	20.00		20.00	20	20.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	22.00	5	22.67	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	54.00	120	53.93	138
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	3	13.09	33
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	125.00	12	125.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	140.00-143.00		140.23	130	141.24	186
THIGH MEAT	47.00		47.00	40	49.88	67
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	58.00	40		
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		F	69.73	220		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	103.00		103.00	2	103.95	42
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	129.00		129.00	2	129.91	23
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	49.50	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40	15.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.02	520	16.25	680
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	19.00	120	19.22	360
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	21.25	208	18.19	832
TAILS		W	17.00	120	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	40	15.75	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.00		44.00	208	46.80	1,468

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