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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. Inquiry for Thanksgiving noted. No reported sales. Trading on bulk meat and bulk parts was light. Offerings were readily available, but due to adverse weather conditions some buyers having difficulty getting product delivered.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light. Demand cautious and selective with interest noted from Mexico and Asia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 23, 2003**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 JAN 24, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00**	59.75	60.50**
CENTRAL REGION	60.50**	60.48	59.50**
WESTERN REGION	60.38**	60.50**	60.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50**	58.50**	57.50**
CENTRAL REGION	57.75**	57.99	56.63**
WESTERN REGION	58.00	57.50**	58.00**

**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#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	115-129

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 27-JAN-2003**

	<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)	67.25	32	64.00	5
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.25	32	64.00	5
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

DECEMBER	438,750*
JANUARY 1-18, 2003	248,679*
To date 2003	248,679*
To date 2002	302,474*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 18-Jan-2003
(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	804	-4	22.73	(A)	806 22.73
SATL	774	-2	32.27	(A)	776 32.27
N CENT	2,068	2	33.41	(A)	2,070 33.41
S CENT	445	2	21.88	(A)	447 21.88
WEST	376	2	23.17	(A)	377 23.17
U.S. TOTAL	4,467(B)	0	29.28	9	4,476 29.28
TO-DATE					
2003	12,196(B)			37	12,233
TO-DATE					
2002	12,123(B)			12	12,135

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 69,000; for the year 163,000; last year to date 99,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 18-Jan-2003

	<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	1,717	2,681	69	9 4,476
AVG WT	15.61	38.16	24.52	26.66 29.28
LAST WEEK	1,774	2,609	76	19 4,478
SAME WK YR AGO	1,660	2,594	32	10 4,296
AVG WT	16.31	38.28	29.15	35.99 29.71
TO-DATE/2003	4,756	7,277	163	37 12,233
TO-DATE/2002	4,762	7,262	99	12 12,135

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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 23 JANUARY 2003.

The market continued slow due in part to a major poultry convention occurring in Atlanta, Georgia. The undertone on destrapped tenderloins was steady at best with the balance of white meat items steady to instances weak. White meat offerings were available and held with varied degrees of confidence. The thigh meat market was steady to instances weak with mostly light inquiry noted. Offerings mixed, mostly adequate to ample with availability dependant upon destination. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of frozen destrapped tenderloins with -6 months age and on frozen wing meat from current production. Plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts traded at 95 cents delivered domestic. Export trading was slow and centered on drums and wings.

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	154.00	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	19.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	16.00		16.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	19.00		19.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	23.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	53.00	9
NECKS, TOM	13.00		13.00	14
NECKS, HEN		R	10.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	118.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	118.77	260
THIGH MEAT	51.00		51.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00		57.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	79.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	62.00		62.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	96.00-98.00		97.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	115.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	42.00-44.00		42.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.50		16.50	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	17.00		17.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.00		19.00	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.00	624
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	45.10	744

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.

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The domestic market was slow on most items with a steady to instances weak undertone. Trading centered on Grade A 15% 4-8 lb. breasts at lower trending price levels. Some spot shortages of product was noted in the East due to adverse winter weather conditions, otherwise, offerings of most items were available. Demand into export channels was light to fair with interest noted from Mexico and Asia.

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/	91.00		91.00	120	91.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	154.00	5	154.00	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	16.00-17.00		16.23	39	16.05	149
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	16.00-18.00		17.33	30	17.33	30
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	19.00	15		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00		17.00	98	17.17	152
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	19.00	40	19.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	23.00	8	23.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	53.00	9		
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	40	13.91	87
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BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	118.00	80		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	118.77	260	118.77	260
THIGH MEAT		R	51.00	20	51.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00-56.00		55.27	63	55.94	103
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	79.00	40		
SCAPULA MEAT		R	62.00	80	62.00	80
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	97.00	80	97.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	115.00		115.00	40	116.15	104
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	42.67	120	43.20	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	80	17.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	41	16.49	81
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.50-18.00		17.03	444	17.02	704
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	17.00	104	17.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.50		19.50	156	19.30	260
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	80	13.73	756
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	45.10	744	45.10	744

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