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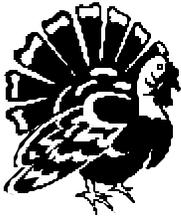
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, improved interest noted for fresh and frozen for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday period. Limited sales reported of packer label hens and toms. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Demand cautious and selective. Offerings in firm hands.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light to moderate and centered on tom drums, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Supplies limited with a firm undertone. Most interest noted from Russia, 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) **SEPTEMBER 23, 2003**

	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/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-64.5	64.5	64.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	59	59.00	60	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	60	60.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	60	60.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	62	62.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 SEPTEMBER 2003.

The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was mixed. Some processors were firm on fresh tom breast meat for prompt shipments with a few buyers paying premiums to satisfy immediate needs, yet, others note spot discounting for future deliveries. Demand slow to instances moderate, best for immediate needs. Offerings ranged from instances tight for prompt shipments to sometimes fully adequate for deferred. The trade sentiment on white trim meats and mechanically separated turkey was fully steady to firm. Demand fair to good for the limited offerings. The trade sentiment on thigh meat, tom drums and wings was steady to firm with continued buyer price resistance noted as offering prices continued to climb. Tom neck trade sentiment steady. Inquiry fair to good. Offerings of tom necks adequate, balance of tom bulk part and thigh meat limited and held with confidence. Fresh wing meat traded at 58 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	87.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	79.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	39.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	41.00		41.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	39.00		39.00	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	27.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00-45.00		41.67	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		F	17.68	249
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	123.00		123.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	176.00-179.00		177.00	60
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	92.44	36
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	71.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	67.63	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	91.00		91.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	119.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	48.00	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	21.50-28.00		23.00	140

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	41.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	28.00	224
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	31.00		31.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	93.00	280

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
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-72

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 24 SEPTEMBER 2003.**

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat. Demand slow to moderate for the mixed availability. The thigh meat undertone was steady to fully steady. Demand fair to good. Offerings light at best on thigh meat with processors adjusting schedules in order to take advantage of current market conditions. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. breasts with trading noted at higher price levels on Grade A's for October shipments. Offerings light to adequate. The undertone on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts, fair on fresh tom breast meat and on frozen tom breast meat -12 months age, balance light. For domestic: fresh wing meat 66 and frozen tom breast meat -12 months age 115 cents delivered. Frozen tom breast meat -12 months age traded at 103-107 cents shipping point.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	88.00		88.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	153.00		153.00	19
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	84.00		84.00	640
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00-42.00		41.25	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		T	41.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	39.00	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00		28.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	41.67	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	17.00-19.00	18.45	55	
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	123.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	165.00-170.00		166.09	368
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	92.44	36
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	71.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	72.00		72.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	91.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	119.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	53.00		53.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	26.00		26.00	60
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-43.00		41.67	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	28.00	224
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	23.25		23.25	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00		26.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	92.50-93.00		92.64	720

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 09/24/03**

SEASON	ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2003-2004	4,800	60,204	60,204
2002-2003	3,950	126,455	126,755

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