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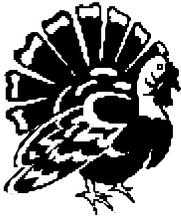
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Inquiry light to moderate for fill-in basis and also for deferred shipments for the Thanksgiving period. Light sales were reported of packer label hens and toms. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow some unsettledness noted on non-Russian product. Demand was mixed. Offerings limited and held in firm hands.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was uneven, and centered on tom drums and thigh meat going to Asia, Mexico and Russia. Demand moderate. Supplies were light.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 30, 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
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-65	62.5-63.5	62.69	53	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	61.5-62	61.63	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-64	64	64.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 30 SEPTEMBER 2003.

Fresh tom breast meat trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to firm. Demand fair to good. Offerings of hen and tom full-cut wings were short of buyers' needs, tom drums spotty, tom 2-joint wings light at best and tom necks light to adequate with some being held with increased confidence. The trade sentiment on both consumer sized and institutional breasts was steady to fully steady. Demand light to fair with supplies confidently held. Grade A non-basted 10-12 lb. breasts traded at 105 and 18-20 lb. sizes at 97-100 cents delivered domestic. Fresh tom drums traded at 42.50 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	90.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH		W	153.00	19
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	84.00	640
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	41.25	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	42.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	39.00	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.00		29.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	42.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	65.00	40
NECKS, TOM		M	18.00	20
NECKS, HEN		M	17.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	123.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	166.00	80
THIGH MEAT	93.00		93.00	8
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	95.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	84.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		W	72.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	91.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	120.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	53.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	30.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	26.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.50		41.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	30.15	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	23.25	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	33.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	92.00	260

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 1 OCTOBER 2003.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat steady to barely steady, fresh destrapped tenderloins cautiously steady. Fresh white meat trims steady to fully steady. The undertone on frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins steady at best, balance of frozen white meat steady to fully steady. The undertone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady mostly steady. Some unsettledness was noted on non-Russian approved frozen thigh meat. Demand slow to moderate. Offerings were mostly held with confidence, however, some increased spot availability was noted on both hen and tom thigh meat. The trade sentiment on mechanically separated turkey was steady to instances firm for the limited offerings. Trading was light to fair. Domestic trading centered on bulk parts and exports on dark meat items. Fresh tom drums traded at 42.50 cents delivered export.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	90.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	153.00	19
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	84.00	640
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00-43.00		42.29	28
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	42.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00-29.00		28.83	115
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00		43.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	65.00	40
NECKS, TOM	17.00-18.00		17.88	258
NECKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	165.00		165.00	80
THIGH MEAT	93.00		93.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	94.00		94.00	29
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	84.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT	79.00-80.00		79.80	100
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	120.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	53.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	30.00		30.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	26.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00-45.00		43.80	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	30.15	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	23.25	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	33.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	93.00-95.00		93.67	120

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 10/01/03

SEASON	ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2003-2004	10,000	70,204	70,204
2002-2003	3,087	129,542	129,842

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