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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 light to moderate. Trading was light for prompt and deferred arrivals. Offerings adequate to barely adequate Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Buyers cautious and selective. Supplies limited and held in firm hands.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow. Demand light to moderate with the most interest centered on tom drums, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Offerings limited.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 02, 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-64	61-64	62.67	60	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-65	63-64	63.33	60	66.00	160	NOV	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	59	59.00	12	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	62	62.00	20	62.50	360	NOV	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-65	64	64.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-64	63	63.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-65	-	-	-	65.00	15	NOV	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	61	61.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	65.00	30	NOV	-	-

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 OCTOBER 03, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS							
EASTERN REGION	63.28	62.57	68.67	8-16 LB HENS	61.52	57.74	67.15
CENTRAL REGION	63.33	61.20 **	70.00	EASTERN REGION	60.70	56.89	66.26
WESTERN REGION	63.33	63.25	66.00	CENTRAL REGION	61.79	58.88	67.03
16-24 LB TOMS							
EASTERN REGION	61.63	60.50	57.50 **	16-24 LB TOMS	60.49	57.05	58.30
CENTRAL REGION	60.82	62.00	57.75	EASTERN REGION	59.51	56.25	57.45
WESTERN REGION	62.00	59.00	58.44	CENTRAL REGION	59.68	57.40	58.03
				WESTERN REGION			

**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#	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**

	<u>RANGE</u>
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

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 06-OCT-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	71.73	220	68.00	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	71.73	220	68.00	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		40		40

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

AUGUST	433,041*
SEPTEMBER 1-27, 2003	397,896*
To date 2003	4,294,266*
To date 2002	3,849,556*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 27-Sep-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	968	19	(A)	971	21.58
SATL	863	24	(A)	866	29.93
N CENT	2,169	0	(A)	2,171	30.49
S CENT	467	-1	(A)	469	20.21
WEST	502	-2	(A)	504	22.13
U.S. TOTAL	4,969(B)	6		4,981	26.85
TO-DATE					
2003	180,852(B)			543	181,395
TO-DATE					
2002	180,271(B)			324	180,595

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 48,000; for the year 2,411,000; last year to date 2,056,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>W/E 27-Sep-2003</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
	<u>BREEDERS</u>				
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	2,044	2,877	48	12	4,981
AVG WT	15.75	34.80	22.85	31.14	26.85
LAST WEEK	1,876	2,718	81	14	4,689
SAME WK YR AGO	1,939	2,915	73	14	4,941
AVG WT	15.20	34.00	25.71	30.89	26.48
TO-DATE/2003	72,673	105,768	2,411	543	181,395
TO-DATE/2002	72,004	106,211	2,056	324	180,595

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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 2 OCTOBER 2003.

Trading was moderate on grade A 4-8 pound breasts. Inquiries were fairly active on scapula, breast trim and wing meat, fair on fresh destrapped tenderloins. Light trading noted on frozen ground breast trim. The market tone was fully steady on white trims. Hen parts and tom full cut wings were tight, tom drums and necks balanced. Supplies of frozen mechanically separated turkey were tight and the tone was fully steady. A spot load of hearts sold at 21 cents delivered. Export sales were fair. A light volume of frozen young tom breast meat traded at 120.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	85.00		85.00	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	153.00		153.00	16
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	42.29	28
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	43.00		43.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.50-30.00		29.75	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	41.00-43.00		42.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	65.00	40
NECKS, TOM	17.50		17.50	80
NECKS, HEN		W	18.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	118.00		118.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	166.00		166.00	80
THIGH MEAT		W	93.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	94.00	29
BREAST TRIM MEAT	80.00		80.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		W	79.80	100
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	120.00		120.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	30.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	26.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	42.00-43.00		42.71	147
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	30.15	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	22.00		22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	32.00		32.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	93.67	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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 3 OCTOBER 2003.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light to fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. The undertone on destrapped tenderloins was steady to barely steady. However, some industry personnel are starting to watch with interest the continued strength in breast trim and scapula as those price levels approach the market level for destrapped tenderloins. Offerings of breast trim, wing meat and scapula from current production were light and held with confidence. Frozen destrapped tenderloin offerings adequate to fully adequate, frozen tom breast meat mixed. The undertone on frozen mechanically separated turkey was fully steady for the limited offerings, fresh steady for the light to adequate supplies. Trading light on all items.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	89.00	1/	89.00	20	85.31	260
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	153.00	16	153.00	16
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	42.29	28	42.29	28
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	43.00		43.00	40	42.50	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	32.00		32.00	40	29.58	278
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	42.00	160	42.06	170
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	65.00	40		
NECKS, TOM		R	17.50	80	17.80	358
NECKS, HEN		W	18.00	8	17.29	28
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	118.00	40	118.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	166.00		166.00	80	165.67	240
THIGH MEAT		W	93.00	40	93.00	48
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	92.00-93.00		92.50	40	93.13	69
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	80.00	20	80.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT	82.00		82.00	40	80.43	140
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	118.00		118.00	40	118.67	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	30.00		30.00	80	30.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	26.00-28.00		27.26	170	27.26	170
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	42.71	147	42.63	815
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	22.00		22.00	40	22.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	32.00	40	32.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	93.67	120	92.53	380

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