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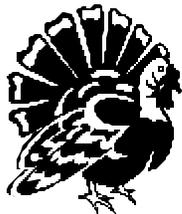
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady, instances firm. Trading was light with most sales for prompt shipment for both private and packer label hens and toms. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings mixed and range from adequate to barely adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow, reduced by availability of product. Demand was light to moderate. Some resistances noted to the higher prices.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow, limited sales centered on thigh meat. Demand was fair, with some resistance to current price levels noted. Trade sentiment remains firm. Offerings continue to be limited.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 07, 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/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-65	64.5	64.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-66	-	-	-	68.00	40	NOV	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-65	61	61.00	15	-	-	-	360	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-65.5	63-65.5	64.25	240	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63	61	61.00	45	-	-	-	200	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-65.5	63-65.5	64.57	268	-	-	-	-	-

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 7 OCTOBER 2003.

The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to instances firm with full-cut wings in the strongest position. Demand light to fair. Offerings of tom full-cut wings were tight with higher trending offering prices noted, balance of tom bulk parts offerings were light at best. The trade sentiment on hen bulk parts was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to good on hen parts with buyer interest sometimes going unfilled. Offerings ranged from short of buyers' needs on hen drums to light at best. Trading slow on all items. Some livers traded at 17 cents delivered pet foods.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	89.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	153.00	16
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	83.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00-43.50		43.22	90
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	43.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	40.00		40.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00		31.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	29.50		29.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.67	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	80
NECKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	118.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		M	164.67	120
THIGH MEAT		W	93.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	92.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	88.00		88.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		F	82.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	117.60	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	62.00-68.00		64.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	30.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	27.26	170
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	42.33	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	32.67	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	95.00		95.00	52

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#	67-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-72

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 8 OCTOBER 2003.

The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins was steady to barely steady. Some caution was noted as a few ponder the future market ramifications of USDA's Commercial Pack Turkey Breasts Program. The trade sentiment on frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was mostly steady on product from current production. Demand light with offerings held with varied degrees of confidence. The trade sentiment on wing meat, scapula and breast trim was steady to firm. Demand light to mostly moderate for the limited offerings. The undertone was mostly steady on thigh meat. The seller sentiment continued mostly strong on thigh meat while increased unsettledness was noted from some buyers. Demand light to fair. Offerings of thigh meat uneven with most sellers holding product with confidence while others note instances of increased supplies. Trading light on all items and centered on frozen thigh meat for export. Fresh wing meat traded at 66 cents delivered domestic. For export: drummettes 26, thigh trim 33, fresh tom drums 44 cents delivered.

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DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	43.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00		31.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	29.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00		43.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	67.00		67.00	20
NECKS, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.32	126
NECKS, HEN		T	18.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	118.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		M	164.67	120
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THIGH MEAT--FRESH	94.00		94.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	88.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT	90.00		90.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	88.00-90.00		88.67	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	117.00		117.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	64.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	31.00		31.00	40
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TAILS		F	22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	32.67	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00-96.00		92.50	240

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 10/08/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2003-2004	11,000	81,204	81,204
2002-2003	-	-	-

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