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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on whole body hens and consumer sized toms was fully steady to firm. Demand fair to good on both fresh and frozen whole turkey for November holiday needs. Trading heavy and centered on hens in the East shipping mostly from the Midwest. Some firm priced private label fresh without timers traded in the East at 81 cents on hens and 79 cents delivered on tom for November shipments. Offerings ranged from short of buyer's need to adequate and held with confidence. Supply availability sometimes varied by size with 8-12 lb. sizes the least available and most suppliers asking premiums. Trading was light on bulk parts, rib breasts and meat items.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Undertone steady to instances firm strongest for Russia. Trading light. Demand slow to moderate. Inquiry was noted from Asia, Mexico and Russia. Offerings were light at best and generally held with confidence.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) OCTOBER 09, 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	66	66.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-65	65	65.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65.5	64	64.00	59	65.39	840	NOV	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	61	61.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	63	63.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-67	63-67	64.25	160	63.25	1760	NOV	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	63.5-66	63.5-65	64.73	600	-	-	-	240	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	64-66	64.41	270	-	-	-	720	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	64	64.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63	63	63.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63	63	63.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	60	60.00	10	-	-	-	-	-

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 10, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.58	63.28	70.69
CENTRAL REGION	64.46	63.33	68.00
WESTERN REGION	64.19	63.33	70.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	62.50	61.63	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	62.63	60.82	58.00
WESTERN REGION	64.35	62.00	58.00

**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#	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**

	<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 13-OCT-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	72.08	260	69.86 70
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	72.08	260	69.86 70
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		40	40

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

SEPTEMBER	438,393*
OCTOBER 1-4, 2003	60,745*
To date 2003	4,355,010*
To date 2002	3,951,808*

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 04-Oct-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)**

	YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS	
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE WT
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
N EAST	875 -10	21.33	(A) 877	21.33
SATL	782 -9	28.15	(A) 784	28.15
N CENT	2,116 -2	30.89	(A) 2,118	30.89
S CENT	482 3	20.38	(A) 484	20.38
WEST	495 -1	21.03	(A) 497	21.03
U.S. TOTAL	4,750(B) -4	26.58	10 4,760	26.58

TO-DATE

2003 185,602(B) 553 186,155

TO-DATE

2002 184,978(B) 344 185,322

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week

78,000; for the year 2,489,000; last year to date 2,083,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 04-Oct-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,929	2,743	78	10	4,760
AVG WT	15.53	34.43	23.96	27.19	26.58
LAST WEEK	2,044	2,877	48	12	4,981
SAME WK YR AGO	1,770	2,910	27	20	4,727
AVG WT	15.30	34.15	27.77	30.71	27.03
TO-DATE/2003	74,602	108,511	2,489	553	186,155
TO-DATE/2002	73,774	109,121	2,083	344	185,322

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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 9 OCTOBER 2003.

The undertone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady on drums, steady to fully steady on necks and steady to firm on wings. The tom bulk parts undertone also varied slightly by the different regions of the country with some areas not as strong as others on some items. Demand light to fair. Offerings of tom bulk parts were short of buyers' needs on full-cut wings with asking prices trending higher, light at best on necks and light but spotty on drums. Trading centered on a moderate volume of fresh tom breast meat for current shipments, balance slow. Some frozen tom breast meat from new production traded at higher price levels. For export: tom necks 17.50 and hen necks 19.50 cents delivered port. A moderate volume of open priced fresh tom drums sold for November - December export shipments.

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/	80.00		80.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00		42.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	41.00-43.00		41.80	70
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.00-32.00		30.48	46
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	29.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	41.00		41.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	67.00	20
NECKS, TOM	20.00-20.50		20.21	47
NECKS, HEN		T	18.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	126.00		126.00	33
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	166.00-168.00		166.89	541
THIGH MEAT	93.00		93.00	6
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	93.00		93.00	35
BREAST TRIM MEAT	84.00		84.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	83.00		83.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	88.67	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	120.00		120.00	18
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	64.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	31.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	27.50		27.50	30
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	42.33	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	22.00		22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	33.00		33.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	92.50	240

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 undertone on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins was steady to barely steady, wing meat steady to fully steady, breast trim and scapula steady to firm. Demand on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins was light to fair, balance of fresh white meat fair to good. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins were mostly adequate for buyers' needs, balance of fresh white meat light at best. The undertone on frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins was mostly steady, frozen breast trim and scapula fully steady to firm, frozen wing meat with skin mixed. Demand fair on breast trim and scapula, slow to fair on wing meat with skin, light on frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Frozen offerings of breast trim and scapula limited, destrapped tenderloins light to adequate, tom breast meat mixed with -6 months age ranging light to adequate and ample on older production. Frozen wing meat offerings were mixed with some inventories held confidence while instances were noted of others looking for inquiry. Trading light on all items. For domestic(fresh): wing meat 65, scapula 82, breast trim 83-85 mostly 85 cents delivered. Hearts traded at 21 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	89.00	20		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	83.00		83.00	80	82.25	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00		42.00	20	42.80	196
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	42.00-43.00		42.22	51	41.98	121
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	20	41.43	28
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	30.48	46	30.66	129
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	29.50	20	29.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	41.00	40	42.55	155
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	67.00	20	67.00	20
NECKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	40	19.44	313
NECKS, HEN		T	18.00	10	18.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	126.00	33	126.00	33
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	166.00		166.00	80	166.43	741
THIGH MEAT		R	93.00	6	93.00	6
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	91.00-92.00		91.39	41	92.78	116
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	84.00	40	85.33	60
SCAPULA MEAT		R	83.00	40	86.50	80
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	88.67	60	88.67	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	64.00	60	64.00	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	118.00-119.00		118.44	71	117.94	229
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	31.00	40	30.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	27.00-28.00		27.36	42	27.42	72
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.50		43.50	80	42.80	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	22.00	40	22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	33.00	52	32.75	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	94.00		94.00	40	93.06	372

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