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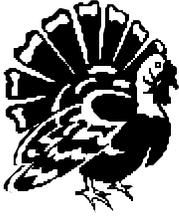
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady, instances firm, with lighter weight hens in the best position. Trading was light. Inquiry was mixed light to moderate. Offerings were light. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was light to moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady with hen parts steady to firm.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on light volume of tom drums and moderate volume of thigh meat, balance slow. Demand was fair with some resistance to prices noted. Supplies are mixed ranging from short of needs to adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 21, 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/	66-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-70	65-66	65.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	67.5-68	67.63	160	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65.5	65-65.5	65.25	80	-	-	-	-	-

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 21 OCTOBER 2003.

The undertone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady on drums, balance steady to fully steady. Inquiry light to fair with continued buyer price resistance noted. Offerings of tom bulk parts ranged from full-cut wings being tight and the least available to spot availability being noted on tom drums. The undertone on hen bulk parts was steady to firm for the limited supplies. Trading slow on all items. For export: tom necks 21, fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey 28, fresh tom drums 41-43 mostly 41 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	92.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	43.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.50		42.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.00		35.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	32.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	42.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	69.00	20
NECKS, TOM		F	19.63	107
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		M	166.00	80
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	92.33	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	89.49	71
SCAPULA MEAT		F	85.00	16
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	119.00	124
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	27.53	418
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00		43.00	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	23.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	27.50		27.50	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	92.00	200

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#	69-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-78

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 22 OCTOBER 2003.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was barely steady, fresh destrapped tenderloins steady to barely steady, fresh wing meat steady, balance of fresh white meat steady to fully steady. The frozen white meat undertone was steady on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, wing meat mixed, balance of white meat steady to fully steady. Demand slow to fair, best on trims. Fresh white meat offerings were light on breast trim and scapula, wing meat mixed, balance adequate to fully adequate. Frozen white meat supplies were mixed on wing meat with some in the West longer than desired, frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins adequate, balance of frozen white meat light at best. The undertone on frozen thigh meat was mixed with some reporting sales at higher price levels while others hear offers of non-Russian approved thigh meat at 88 cents delivered. Inquiry slow to moderate for the uneven supplies. The undertone on mechanically separated turkey was barely steady. Trading was heavy on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts for domestic shipments, fair on frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. For domestic: mature hen drums 40, Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts 89 cents delivered December. Livers traded 17-20 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	90.00-95.00		90.95	840
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	83.00		83.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00-43.00		42.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	43.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00-43.00		42.83	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	35.00	40
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WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	42.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	69.00	20
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MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	27.50	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	92.00-94.00		93.21	436

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POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES****BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 10/22/03****POULTRY HEALTH BOARD**

SEASON	HEAVY	ACCUMULATED HEAVY	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	13,075	94,279	94,279
2002-2003	6,049	135,591	135,891

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