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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was fully steady to firm on light hens, balance of hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady. Sales on frozen packer label hens and toms was reported at fully steady levels. Fresh sales in the Midwest on hens at 83 cents and toms at 81 cents for November. Demand was for fill-in business for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow, but seasonal. Offerings were light as most processors stay concentrated on whole birds.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was mixed, moderate sales of tom 2-joint wings and a light volume of tom drums, balance of items slow. Demand was light to moderate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 30, 2003**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-72	66.5-72	70.90	100	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	280	NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63.5-65.5	63.5	63.50	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION	65-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	66-71	66-69	66.31	196	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-67	66-67	66.50	240	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63.5-65.5	65	65.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	65	65.00	49	-	-	-	-	-

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 31, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF OCTOBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	67.38	66.20	67.72	EASTERN REGION	66.08	61.52	67.75
CENTRAL REGION	70.90	68.00	68.58	CENTRAL REGION	65.48	60.70	67.24
WESTERN REGION	66.80	67.63	68.10	WESTERN REGION	65.93	61.79	67.93
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.69	63.83	59.52	EASTERN REGION	63.20	60.49	57.73
CENTRAL REGION	64.79	64.64	58.15	CENTRAL REGION	63.02	59.51	56.98
WESTERN REGION	65.00	65.13	58.99	WESTERN REGION	63.34	59.68	58.23

**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#	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**

	<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 03-NOV-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	78.70	195	75.65 85
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	78.70	195	75.65 85
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		200	

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

SEPTEMBER	438,393*
OCTOBER 1-25, 2003	379,231*
To date 2003	4,673,496*
To date 2002	4,269,873*

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 25-Oct-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)**

	YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS	
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	944	12	21.41	(A)	944 21.41
SATL	914	7	27.97	(A)	914 27.97
N CENT	2,171	-1	31.29	(A)	2,171 31.29
S CENT	382	-19	22.96	(A)	382 22.96
WEST	490	7	24.98	(A)	490 24.98
U.S. TOTAL	4,901(B)	2	27.49	0	4,901 27.49
TO-DATE					
2003	200,131(B)			563	200,694
TO-DATE					
2002	199,107(B)			399	199,506

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 78,000; for the year 2,706,000; last year to date 2,305,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG		W/E 25-Oct-2003		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,801	3,022	78	0	4,901
AVG WT	16.04	34.33	26.61	0.00	27.49
LAST WEEK	1,876	2,896	51	0	4,823
SAME WK YR AGO	1,812	2,972	59	15	4,858
AVG WT	15.76	35.23	26.22	25.77	27.83
TO-DATE/2003	80,127	117,298	2,706	563	200,694
TO-DATE/2002	78,814	117,988	2,305	399	199,506

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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 30 OCTOBER 2003.

The undertone on tom full-cut wings was fully steady to firm, balance of tom bulk parts mostly steady. Demand light to instances fair. Offerings spotty with full-cut wings the least available. The undertone on hen bulk parts was fully steady to firm with supplies short of buyers' needs. The undertone was mostly steady on consumer and institutional sized rib breasts. Inquiry light for the light to adequate offerings. Trading continued to center on tom drums for domestic and export shipments, balance slow. For domestic: fresh wing meat 74, fresh breast trim 88-94 cents delivered. Some fresh tom drums traded at 40 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	91.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	84.00	180
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	24
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	43.00		43.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	43.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-42.00		38.52	126
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	36.00	23
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	42.00	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	46.00	2
NECKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	19.43	35
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	120.00		120.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	162.00-168.00		164.67	84
THIGH MEAT	95.00		95.00	30
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	93.00		93.00	36
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	86.00		86.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	114.00-118.00		115.33	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	60.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	25.00		25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00		25.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	42.50-43.50		43.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	40.67	156
TAILS		W	24.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	24.33	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	93.00	40

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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Trade sentiment on destrapped tenderloins and fresh tom breast meat was steady to instances weak. Offerings adequate to ample for the seasonally slow buyer interest. Trade sentiment on frozen tom breast meat was mostly steady. Demand spotty with a heavy volume of frozen tom breast meat reported at 118 cents delivered December, 2003 - January, 2004. Offerings adequate. The undertone was steady to fully steady on breast trim, steady on scapula with some unsettledness starting to be noted, wing meat with skin mixed. Demand light to instances fair. Frozen offerings of breast trim were light at best, scapula spotty with instances of increased availability noted, wing meat with skin uneven ranging light to instances fully adequate mostly light to adequate. Trading for November shipments centered on a moderate volume of tom 2-joint wings, balance slow. Livers traded at 17.50 cents delivered pet foods.

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/	92.00		92.00	40	92.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	84.00	180	84.40	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.50-43.00		41.94	128	42.22	338
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	43.00		43.00	40	43.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	43.00		43.00	29	42.76	169
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-41.00		39.21	14	38.44	183
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	36.00		36.00	12	36.00	35
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	42.00	42	42.00	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	76	20.00	124
NECKS, HEN		T	19.43	35	19.43	35
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	120.00	40	120.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	158.00-161.00		158.89	180	161.75	384
THIGH MEAT	93.00		93.00	20	94.20	50
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	91.00-93.00		92.00	80	92.62	211
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		R	86.00	40	86.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	84.00-92.00		86.75	160	86.75	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.50		66.50	20	63.00	70
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	117.00		117.00	10	115.00	110
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00		23.00	40	24.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	21.50-25.00		23.25	40	24.42	120
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00-44.00		42.09	184	42.38	604
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00		43.00	520	42.46	676
TAILS	25.00		25.00	40	24.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	27.00		27.00	40	27.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	95.00		95.00	40	94.00	80

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