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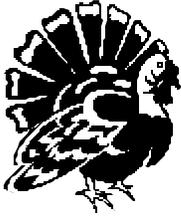
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on frozen hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to firm. Frozen demand was slow to moderate with interest consisting mostly of distributive and fill-in interest. Offerings mixed and varied by size and by processor. Fresh demand for the November holidays is fair to good as processors divert their attention from frozen whole turkeys to fresh. Some industry members continued to watch the retail strike in the West for market ramifications as Thanksgiving approaches. Trading activity was seasonally light on most parts and meat items.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow. Demand overall was light. Inquiry for Russian approved thigh meat was light to fair and often went unfilled. Non-Russian approved thigh meat interest was spotty with offerings in a full range. Bulk parts offerings were uneven and mechanically separated turkey adequate to ample.

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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/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	65	65.00	14	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-71	68	68.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-71.5	70-71.5	70.71	840	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	65	65.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	64-66	64.07	1160	-	-	-	-	-

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 4 NOVEMBER 2003.

The undertone on fresh white trim meats was mostly steady, balance of white meat was steady to instances weak with destrapped tenderloins and fresh tom breast meat in the softest position. Demand slow to instances fair. Offerings mixed. The undertone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady. Inquiry light to fair. Supplies spotty. Fresh and frozen mechanically separated turkey was offered at lower trending price levels. Trading seasonally slow on all items. Fresh tom drums traded at 43 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	92.00	40
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		F	43.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	43.00	29
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	40.00-42.00		40.71	31
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	36.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	42.00		42.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	4
NECKS, HEN		T	19.43	35
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	120.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	160.00		160.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	93.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	92.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	88.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	84.00		84.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	84.00	400
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	117.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	23.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	23.25	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	40.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	43.00	520
TAILS		F	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	27.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	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#	96-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-107
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	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 NOVEMBER 2003.

The market was seasonally slow on most items as processors concentrate on the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. The white meat undertone was steady to instances weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Demand was light to instances fair. Supplies mixed. Increased offerings of ground breast trim and scapula were noted with some at lower trending prices, regular breast trim light and wing meat with skin adequate to fully adequate. The trade sentiment on Russian approved thigh meat was steady to firm, non-Russian approved thigh meat steady to instances weak mostly steady to barely steady. Demand light to fair on Russian approved thigh meat with offerings short of buyers' needs. Non-Russian approved frozen thigh meat demand light at best resulting in a gradual increase of offerings at lower trending prices. Fresh wing meat traded at 67.50 cents delivered domestic.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	92.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	83.50		83.50	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	43.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	43.00	29
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	42.00		42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	36.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.00		45.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	120
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	120.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	158.00		158.00	346
THIGH MEAT		F	93.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	93.00		93.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	88.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	84.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	84.00	400
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	118.00		118.00	14
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	23.00	40
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 11/05/03

SEASON	ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	6,696	115,551	115,551
2002-2003	9,800	152,941	153,241