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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady instances firm on light weight hens. Inquiry for frozen was light to moderate, fresh demand good. Offerings were mixed. Parts and meats trading was light. Demand light to moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand was slow. Inquiry from Russia, Asia and Mexico noted as light. Parts offerings remain uneven.

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) NOVEMBER 06, 2003

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
					WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-71	66.5	66.50	13	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65.5	63-65.5	63.68	110	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-73	73	73.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-67	63-67	63.31	130	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 NOVEMBER 07, 2003 CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.56	67.38	70.42
CENTRAL REGION	66.50	70.90	70.93
WESTERN REGION	70.71	66.80	70.67
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.31	65.69	60.82
CENTRAL REGION	64.55	64.79	62.25
WESTERN REGION	64.07	65.00	57.04

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
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**

	<u>RANGE</u>
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

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 10-NOV-2003**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	82.54	622	80.14	510
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	82.54	622	80.14	510
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		1480		1080

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

SEPTEMBER	438,393*
OCTOBER 1-31, 2003	496,216*
To date 2003	4,790,481*
To date 2002	4,388,649*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 01-Nov-2003  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	1,076	14	21.64	(A)	1,077 21.64
SATL	809	-11	28.60	(A)	810 28.60
N CENT	2,335	8	28.60	(A)	2,335 28.60
S CENT	546	43	20.48	(A)	546 20.48
WEST	804	64	21.62	(A)	804 21.62
U.S. TOTAL	5,570(B)	14	26.25	2	5,572 26.25
TO-DATE					
2003	205,701(B)			565	206,266
TO-DATE					
2002	204,557(B)			436	204,993

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 55,000; for the year 2,761,000; last year to date 2,368,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>-THOUSANDS-</u>					
HEAD	2,391	3,124	55	2		5,572
AVGWT	16.13	33.98	25.85	62.54		26.25
LAST WEEK	1,801	3,022	78	0		4,901
SAME WK YR AGO	2,352	3,035	63	37		5,487
AVGWT	16.67	35.14	25.69	27.45		27.06
TO-DATE/2003	82,518	120,422	2,761	565		206,266
TO-DATE/2002	81,166	121,023	2,368	436		204,993

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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 6 NOVEMBER 2003.

The undertone on tom bulk parts ranged from steady to firm on full-cut and 2-joint wings for prompt shipments to mostly steady on the balance of items. Inquiry was slow to moderate. However, offerings were spotty as some processors continued to concentrate on Thanksgiving whole turkey shipments. Some industry members complained of truck shortages due to Thanksgiving fresh whole turkey shipments. The undertone on hen parts was fully steady to firm. Offerings were tight with inquiry often going unfilled. Trading seasonally slow. Fresh tom wings traded at 42 cents delivered domestic.

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	83.50	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	43.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	43.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	43.00	29
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	36.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00-46.00		44.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	80
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	120.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	156.00		156.00	80
THIGH MEAT	92.00		92.00	6
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	93.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	88.00	40
SCAPULAMEAT	82.00		82.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	88.00		88.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	118.00	14
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	42.00		42.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	43.00	520
TAILS		F	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.50		21.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	91.00-92.00		91.50	160

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 7 NOVEMBER 2003.**

Limited supplies kept hen and tom parts steady to firm with inquiry going unfilled on hen v-type wings. Trading was light on drums and necks. Bulk meats were at least adequate. Fresh and frozen tom breast meat offered at lower trending prices. Demand for breast meat tapered and supplies were more available. Offers of destrapped tenders and breast trim were slow to attract buyer interest. Thigh meat was adequate to fully adequate depending on market destination. Limited export activity centered on hen necks at 19 delivered port and tom hand and machine defatted gizzards at 63-65 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/ F	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY 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	83.50	120	83.50	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.50		43.50	40	43.42	144
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	43.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	44.00		44.00	20	44.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	42.00	40	41.44	71
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	36.00	12		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	44.00	60	43.71	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	71.00		71.00	20	71.00	20
NECKS, TOM		R	20.00	80	20.59	204
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	155.00-156.00		155.67	120	157.82	666
THIGH MEAT		R	92.00	6	92.00	6
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	93.00	40	93.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	88.00	40	88.00	40
SCAPULAMEAT		R	82.00	80	82.67	120
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	88.00	80	84.67	480
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	68.00	40	68.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	118.00	14	118.00	14
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	23.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	23.25	40		
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	42.00	40	41.75	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	43.00	520		
TAILS		F	25.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	21.50	40	21.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	91.50	160	92.36	212

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