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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 steady, instances firm on 10-12 lb. hens. Inquiry for frozen was limited for fill-in basis. Fresh demand was in a full range. Offerings were mixed and varied from processor to processor. Parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies held with varied degrees of confidence.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on light to moderate sales of tom drums and mechanically separated turkey balance slow. Demand was slow with interest noted from Asia, Mexico and Russia. Most buyers taking a wait and see attitude. Parts offerings uneven.



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

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/	67-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	63-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	63-65.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	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.

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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 12 NOVEMBER 2003.

The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to instances fully steady on full-cut wings with some isolated unsettledness noted, steady to cautiously steady on drums and necks mixed. Inquiry light to instances fair with offerings held with varied degrees of confidence. The trade sentiment on thigh meat was steady to instances weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Inquiry slow to instances fair with some interest noted for Mexico and Russia while others take a wait and see position and watch for further market developments. The trade sentiment on mechanically separated turkey was steady to weak. Trading centered on light to fair volumes of bulk parts for domestic and export shipments, balance slow. For domestic (fresh): wing meat 66, scapula 85 and breast trim 88 cents delivered. For export: hen necks 21, fresh tom drums 40-42 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	83.50	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-42.00		40.40	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	43.00		43.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	43.50		43.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00-43.00		41.33	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	44.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	71.00	20
NECKS, TOM	19.00-21.00		19.73	220
NECKS, HEN	21.00		21.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	155.67	120
THIGH MEAT		R	92.00	6
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	93.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		R	82.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	88.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	114.00-116.00		114.67	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	20

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-43.00		41.25	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50-22.00		19.75	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	91.00		91.00	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#	107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-80

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

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 11/12/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2003-2004	NOT AVAILABLE		
2002-2003	NOT AVAILABLE		

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