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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady, instances firm on light weight hens. Supplies are adequate. Trading was moderate for fill-in orders that are for prompt arrival. A package of packer label hens was transferred in storage for 70 cents in the West. Parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was good for tom necks and tom 3-joint balance light. Offering limited.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on light volumes of tom drums and thigh meat. Demand was slow as buyers taking a wait and see attitude toward the market. Lower bids are meeting resistance from processors. Offerings mixed.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 13, 2003**  
**CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	67-73	68	68.00	400	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-71	66-70	66.80	50	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71.5	68-71.5	69.56	326	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-67	66	66.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-67	67	67.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66.5	66-66.5	66.01	745	-	-	-	-	-

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 14, 2003 CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	68.00	68.56	70.50
CENTRAL REGION	67.00	66.50	70.12
WESTERN REGION	69.56	70.71	70.04
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	66.00	63.31	60.00
CENTRAL REGION	67.00	64.55	63.49
WESTERN REGION	66.01	64.07	55.00

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
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**

	<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, CENTS PER POUND,  
WEEK OF 17-NOV-2003

**EASTERN REGION**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	81.95	1640	76.26	1820
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	81.95	1640	76.26	1820
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		1320		640

**CENTRAL REGION**

SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	79.77	1040	78.00	1120
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	79.77	1040	78.00	1120
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		240		240

**WESTERN REGION**

SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	82.46	905	79.97	585
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	82.46	905	79.97	585
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		800		640

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 08-Nov-2003  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG		
	CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE		
	-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	1,175	9	21.74	(A)	1,177	21.74
SATL	936	16	28.03	(A)	938	28.03
N CENT	2,430	4	33.00	(A)	2,432	33.00
S CENT	641	17	20.00	(A)	643	20.00
WEST	717	-11	22.19	(A)	719	22.19
U.S. TOTAL	5,899(B)	6	27.24	10	5,909	27.29
TO-DATE						
2003	211,600(B)			575	212,175	
TO-DATE						
2002	210,497(B)			466	210,963	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 99,000; for the year 2,860,000; last year to date 2,455,000.

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

OCTOBER	496,216*
NOVEMBER 1-8, 2003	128,803*
To date 2003	4,919,284*
To date 2002	4,514,997*

\* PRELIMINARY

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>					
HEAD	2,520	3,280	99	10		5,909
AVG WT	16.18	35.83	24.13	28.00		27.29
LAST WEEK	2,391	3,124	55	2		5,572
SAME WK YR AGO	2,585	3,268	87	30		5,970
AVG WT	16.17	34.60	24.04	32.75		26.45
TO-DATE/2003	85,038	123,702	2,860	575		212,175
TO-DATE/2002	83,751	124,291	2,455	466		210,963

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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 13 NOVEMBER 2003.

The white meat undertone was steady to barely steady. Demand seasonably light on most items. Offerings in a full range with availability varying both by item and by supplier. The frozen thigh meat trade sentiment was steady to weak. Inquiry light to fair as some buyers continued to bid at lower trending price levels. Offerings of non-Russian approved thigh meat ranged adequate to ample, Russian approved thigh meat offerings light at best. Some spot trading was noted on Russian approved mechanically separated turkey (MST) at premium price levels otherwise, non-Russian approved MST offerings exceeded buyers' needs. Trading fair on tom necks and wings for domestic shipments balance slow. For export: tom necks 23, fresh tom drums 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/	82.00		82.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	25
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	42.00		42.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	43.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	40.50-45.00		42.95	231
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	42.00		42.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	44.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	71.00	20
NECKS, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.30	230
NECKS, HEN		W	21.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	156.00		156.00	40
THIGH MEAT		R	92.00	6
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00-92.00		91.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	79.00		79.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	86.00		86.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	114.67	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	21.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00-44.00		43.67	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.75	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00		90.00	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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 NOVEMBER 2003.**

The tom bulk parts trade sentiment on tom drums was mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady, 2-joint wings steady at least steady, necks and full-cut wings steady to firm. Demand slow to moderate. Some processors moved parts supplies into ground turkey. Demand for ground turkey into retail channels fair to good as consumers looked for alternatives due to the high cost of ground beef. Tom bulk parts offerings mixed on drums, light on 2-joint wings and light at best on full-cut wings and necks. Trade sentiment on mechanically separated turkey (MST) and thigh meat was steady to weak. Trading centered on a moderate volume of fresh 4-8 lb. breasts for domestic shipments, balance light to fair. For domestic: tails 25, tom defatted gizzards 63, fresh wing meat 74, fresh scapula 92, plant grade basted 20-22 lb. breasts 115 cents delivered. Frozen -20% -60 days age MST traded at 12-16.50 cents delivered domestic and export and fresh tom drums at 42 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	135.00-169.00		142.85	520	142.85	520
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	82.00	80	82.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00-45.00		43.86	140	42.47	265
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	42.00	10	42.89	90
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	43.00		43.00	20	43.33	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	41.50-46.00		44.08	240	43.08	591
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	42.00	20	42.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00		43.00	20	43.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	71.00		71.00	20	71.00	20
NECKS, TOM	21.00-24.00		22.71	140	21.05	590
NECKS, HEN	21.00		21.00	20	21.00	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	116.00		116.00	20	116.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	152.00-156.00		153.47	380	153.71	420
THIGH MEAT	91.00		91.00	20	91.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	91.00	120	91.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	83.00-86.00		84.87	75	84.87	75
SCAPULA MEAT		R	79.00	40	79.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	84.00		84.00	120	85.14	280
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	20	68.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	116.00		116.00	20	115.40	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50-18.00		17.67	120	17.85	130
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00-21.00		19.50	80	20.44	180
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-43.00		41.50	160	42.24	680
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.75	208	18.36	364
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00-91.00		90.67	120	90.50	264

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