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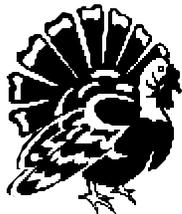
NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen whole turkeys was steady, 16-24 lb. toms steady to barely steady. Inquiry for fill-in basis light. Shipments of whole body turkeys for Thanksgiving taking precedence over all other items. Supplies were uneven, ranging from available to tight. Bulk parts and meat trading seasonally slow.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow. Demand was light to moderate, buyers resisting price increases. Bulk parts offerings mixed.



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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/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	71	71.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	66	66.00	80	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-71	68	68.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
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CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 NOVEMBER 2003.

The trade sentiment on white meat was steady to barely steady. Demand slow. White meat offerings were mostly adequate on wing meat, balance adequate to ample. The thigh meat undertone was steady to weak with some processors more willing than others to negotiate. Demand slow to instances fair with some buyers reluctant to buy at current price levels. Trading centered on light volumes of bulk parts for domestic and export shipments and frozen thigh meat for export, balance slow. Frozen thigh meat trading for export was noted at lower trending price levels on young hen and tom from current production. For domestic (fresh): wing meat 66-68, scapula 78, frozen plant grade non-basted 14-16 lb. breasts 95 cents delivered. For export: hen drums 42-46, frozen breeder thigh meat 76-76.50 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/	169.00		169.00	59
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	82.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00-45.00		42.76	169
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	42.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	43.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00-45.00		42.61	144
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	42.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00		43.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	71.00	20
NECKS, TOM	21.00-24.50		22.67	209
NECKS, HEN		F	21.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	116.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	153.47	380
THIGH MEAT	91.00		91.00	2
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	89.00		89.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	84.87	75
SCAPULA MEAT		R	79.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	84.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	116.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	68.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		M	20.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00-42.50		41.75	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.50		15.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	76.00-87.00		80.10	196

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

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Market activity seasonally light with whole body turkey shipments for Thanksgiving taking precedence over other items. Truck shortages continued to be an issue for some due to the need of last minute whole turkey deliveries. Trading slow. Offerings mixed with some processors working shortened schedules next week due to the holiday.

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 11/19/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	3,940	156,322	156,622
2002-2003	9,506	165,828	166,128

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

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