



USDA TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0575

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 21, 2003
VOL. 50 NO. 139

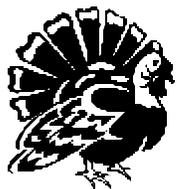
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News Branch

NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens was steady, 16-24 lb. toms steady to barely steady. Demand was fairly slow for fill-in basis. No trading was reported. Supplies generally light, mostly uneven. Bulk parts and meats trading seasonally slow as most work on filling whole body orders.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow. Demand was light to moderate. Export offerings are 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 20, 2003**

	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/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 21, 2003**

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

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 21, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.20**	68.00	70.23
CENTRAL REGION	68.00	67.00	69.44
WESTERN REGION	71.00	69.56	68.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.40**	66.00	60.36
CENTRAL REGION	63.20**	67.00	61.56
WESTERN REGION	66.00	66.01	60.69

**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, EASTERN REGION,
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 24-NOV-2003

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	86.00	400	85.65	340
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	86.00	400	85.65	340
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		40		40

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

OCTOBER	496,216*
NOVEMBER 1-15, 2003	249,960*
To date 2003	5,040,441*
To date 2002	4,638,366*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 15-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	1,019	-13	21.13	(A)	1,024 21.13
SATL	986	5	28.73	(A)	991 28.73
N CENT	2,452	1	29.30	(A)	2,454 29.30
S CENT	680	6	18.90	(A)	686 18.90
WEST	728	2	22.30	(A)	733 22.30
U.S. TOTAL	5,865(B)	-1	27.24	23	5,888 25.72
TO-DATE					
2003	217,465(B)			598	218,063
TO-DATE					
2002	216,193(B)			509	216,702

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 74,000; for the year 2,934,000; last year to date 2,519,000.

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	2,541	3,250	74	23		5,888
AVG WT	15.57	33.65	25.09	27.33		25.72
LAST WEEK	2,520	3,280	99	10		5,909
SAME WK YR AGO	2,392	3,240	64	43		5,739
AVG WT	16.24	34.76	24.37	27.81		26.87
TO-DATE/2003	87,579	126,952	2,934	598		218,063
TO-DATE/2002	86,143	127,531	2,519	509		216,702

USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Mike Sheats, Chief
	Fax	(202)720-2403	
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman, Officer-in-Charge
	Fax	(404)562-5875	
	Recorded	(404)562-5856	
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown, Southern States Area Supervisor
	Fax	(601)965-4661	
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins, Officer-in-Charge
	Fax	(515)284-4468	
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Los Angeles, CA	Voice	(213)534-1330	Jim Derby, Officer-in-Charge
	Fax	(213)534-1333	
	Recorded	(213)534-1335	

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 NOVEMBER 2003.

Most attention was focused on holiday items and coordinating shipping and receiving schedules. Trading was light on bulk meats, trims and parts. Fresh breast meat moved at lower trending prices and fresh wing meat traded at 65 cents delivered. Thigh meat was offered in a wide range of prices with no trading reported. Domestic parts activity centered on less than truck lot volumes. A few loads of tom drums moved into export channels.

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/		T	169.00	59
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	82.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00		42.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	42.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	43.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00		43.00	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	42.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	43.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	71.00	20
NECKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	15
NECKS, HEN		F	21.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	116.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	150.00		150.00	120
THIGH MEAT		T	91.00	2
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	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/		W	19.00	11
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00-43.00		41.91	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	44.00		44.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	16.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 NOVEMBER 2003.

The undertone was steady to barely steady on white meat, mostly steady on tom bulk parts and steady to weak on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey (MST). The market was seasonally slow on all items. Offerings mixed. Some prompt fill-in trading was noted on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts. For domestic: frozen -20% MST at 30 days age 10 cents shipping point, livers 17.50 delivered pet foods, frozen wing meat with skin 6 months age 65, fresh wing meat 66-68, fresh scapula 78-83, fresh ground breast trim 82 cents delivered. Frozen number 1 thigh trim traded at 43 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	91.00		91.00	80	91.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	169.00	59	161.40	379
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	42.00	20	42.74	229
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	42.00-43.00		42.50	80	42.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	43.00	20		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	43.00	24	42.73	208
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	43.00	6	43.87	46
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	71.00	20		
NECKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.75	81	22.97	305
NECKS, HEN		F	21.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	116.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	150.00		150.00	200	150.00	320
THIGH MEAT		T	91.00	2	91.00	2
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00		90.00	58	89.59	98
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	84.87	75		
SCAPULA MEAT	80.00		80.00	6	80.00	6
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	84.00	120		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	68.00	20		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	115.00		115.00	10	115.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.67	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	12	18.91	43
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	41.91	132	42.26	412
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	43.00		43.00	40	43.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-18.00		16.50	160	16.36	280
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	80.10	196	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.