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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The undertone on hens was steady, toms steady to barely steady. Some interest was starting to develop on whole turkeys for the December holidays. Trading seasonally slow. Offerings of hens light to adequate, toms mixed mostly adequate to fully adequate. Bulk meats and parts trading limited with isolated inquiry noted for post-holiday needs.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand slow. 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/

	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/	65-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	68	68.00	180	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-66	66	66.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

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 28, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.00**	69.20**	70.75**
CENTRAL REGION	67.90	68.00	70.25**
WESTERN REGION	67.64	71.00	70.38**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00	64.40**	61.25**
CENTRAL REGION	62.00	63.20**	61.44**
WESTERN REGION	62.19	66.00	59.63**
MONTH OF NOVEMBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.33	66.08	69.79
CENTRAL REGION	68.07	65.48	69.34
WESTERN REGION	69.14	65.93	69.71
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.92	63.20	60.87
CENTRAL REGION	63.86	63.02	61.21
WESTERN REGION	64.85	63.34	58.79

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 TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	78.11	10	78.00 12
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	78.11	10	78.00 12
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		10	5

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 22-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	960	-6	20.31	(A)	960 20.31
SATL	844	-14	28.49	(A)	844 28.49
N CENT	2,209	-10	30.79	(A)	2,209 30.79
S CENT	474	-30	20.56	(A)	474 20.56
WEST	713	-2	21.93	(A)	713 21.93
U.S. TOTAL	5,200(B)	-11	27.24	0	5,200 26.34
TO-DATE					
2003	222,665(B)			598	223,263
TO-DATE					
2002	221,612(B)			574	222,186

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 37,000; for the year 2,971,000; last year to date 2,557,000.

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

OCTOBER	496,216*
NOVEMBER 1-22, 2003	359,514*
To date 2003	5,149,995*
To date 2002	4,757,409*

* PRELIMINARY

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 22-Nov-2003

	<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	2,076	3,087	37	0	5,200
AVG WT	15.49	33.59	29.64	0.00	26.34
LAST WEEK	2,541	3,250	74	23	5,888
SAME WK YR AGO	2,045	3,336	38	65	5,484
AVG WT	15.63	34.26	25.75	23.87	27.18
TO-DATE/2003	89,655	130,039	2,971	598	223,263
TO-DATE/2002	88,188	130,867	2,557	574	222,186

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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 28 NOVEMBER 2003.

Market activity seasonally slow. Some interest was noted fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey for next week's deliveries for post-holiday needs. Trading centered on light volumes of frozen destrapped tenderloins at 75 cents delivered January, 2004 and on frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey for 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/		F	91.00	80		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	45.50		45.50	40	44.67	180
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	38.00	15	38.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.50		44.50	40	44.57	105
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	43.00	24	43.00	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00		39.00	20	39.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	20	25.41	136
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	110.00	40	110.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	150.00	280	150.00	280
THIGH MEAT		T	91.00	7	91.00	7
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	91.00	40	91.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	82.00	40	82.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	78.00	40	74.67	120
TENDERLOINS		T	93.00	12	93.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	82.50	80	83.92	130
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	68.00	14	68.00	14
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	114.33	90	113.92	130
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		M	19.00	40	19.00	40
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	43.00	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-18.00		16.54	196	16.79	236
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00		87.00	40	87.00	40

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.