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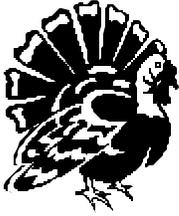
NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. tom was steady to barely steady. Supplies varied regionally. Demand was light to moderate. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Inquiry limited.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was inactive. Demand limited with most interest coming from Mexico. Supplies are mixed.



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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/	67-70	68-69	68.50	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	66	66.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	67-70	70	70.00	100	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	61	61.00	100	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	59	59.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 9 DECEMBER 2003.

The trade sentiment on white meat was barely steady at best. Demand light and spotty for the adequate to ample offerings. Firm priced trading centered on frozen destrapped tenderloins from new production. Rib breast trading centered on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts for December, 2003 - January, 2004 shipments at fully steady price levels. However, isolated offers of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts were noted at 82 cents delivered January, 2004. Domestic trading centered on a moderate volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, a light volume of frozen destrapped tenderloins from new production, balance seasonally slow. Export trading centered on fair volumes of frozen tom drums for current shipments and frozen -20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) for January, 2004 deliveries, balance slow. For export: frozen -20% MST 16 delivered January, fresh tom drums 41 delivered current.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00		95.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	42.00	30
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00		44.00	70
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	42.00		42.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	72.00	20
NECKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	9
NECKS, HEN		F	24.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	150.00	80
THIGH MEAT		T	88.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	88.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	80.00		80.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		F	73.00	7
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	76.00		76.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	112.36	78
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	66.00	68
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00-44.00		42.76	344
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	91.00-92.00		91.33	120

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

	<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

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Trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to barely steady on full-cut wings, balance mostly steady. Demand slow to instances fair. Offerings of tom full-cut wings were in a full range mostly adequate to fully adequate, balance uneven, ranging from short to light for buyers' needs. Some processors' continued to note an active ground turkey demand due to the high cost of red meat resulting in continued spot shortages of some parts items. The undertone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to barely steady and thigh meat was steady to weak. Trading centered on a light volume of fresh tom drums at 41 cents delivered export for December shipments, balance slow.

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SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	ACCUMULATED HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	-	-	-
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