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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



**DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS** -The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to instances weak. Holiday fresh fill-in demand light, frozen slow. Fresh whole turkey fill-in trading light, frozen nil. Frozen whole turkey offerings adequate to ample with some sellers willing to negotiate. Bulk parts, rib breast and meat trading slow. Processing schedules limited this week and next week due to the upcoming holidays. Some discussion centered on the turkey plant fire over the weekend.

**EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS** - Market seasonally slow with no trading reported. Offerings available.

### SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB)

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTION

	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

### LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB)

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	80-85
BREASTS 10-12#	115
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
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

#### \*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

The president has issued an Executive order declaring Friday, December 26, a holiday. In observance of the holidays, Poultry Market News will be closed December 25-26. Reports normally released on Friday, December 26, will be issued Wednesday, December 24, if sufficient information is available. If you have questions regarding this report, call the Des Moines, IA, office at (515)284-4471.

### 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

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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 22 DECEMBER 2003.

The market was seasonally slowing with some industry members anticipating few changes in the market over the next several weeks due to plants initiating holiday processing schedules and a normal slowing of buying inquiry due to the holidays. Trading extremely light. Offerings mixed.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	86.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	152.05	472
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	84.00		84.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	42.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	43.19	208
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	43.00	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	40.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	42.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		F	26.00	80
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	110.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	145.00	120
THIGH MEAT		F	86.80	100
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	86.57	92
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	84.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	80.11	360
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		R	111.27	220
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	16.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	15.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	41.10	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	85.33	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.