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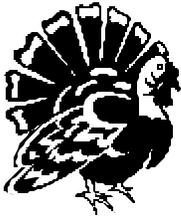
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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHT

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms steady to weak. No trading reported. Demand very light. Offerings adequate, instances burdensome. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Inquiry was mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums and mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. Some interest after the holiday was noted. Buyers remain cautious and selective.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 30, 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/	61-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	61-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degree 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 30 DECEMBER 2003.

The trade sentiment cautious. The market continued seasonally slow with only limited trading reported. Offerings uneven with plants running holiday schedules this week. Some tails traded at 25.50 cents delivered domestic. For export: frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey 17.50 cents delivered February - March, 2004 and frozen breeder tenderloins 81.50 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/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00-42.00		41.31	29
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	42.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	43.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00		38.00	35
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	40.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	71.00	20
NECKS, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.79	136
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	145.00	20
THIGH MEAT	78.00		78.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	83.00	22
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	80.50		80.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	110.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	16.00	18
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	16.00	28
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.50		39.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	78.50	79

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#	96-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-77

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

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2003.

The undertone on tom bulk parts was steady to firm on necks, balance mostly steady. Demand improved before the holiday with interest centered on drums for domestic and export shipments and necks for domestic deliveries. Offerings of tom bulk parts were tight on necks, balance light to adequate. The undertone on fresh white meat was mostly steady. The undertone on frozen white meat was steady to fully steady on destrapped tenderloins with new production in the strongest position, balance steady. White meat demand was seasonally slow on fresh, frozen light to fair. Offerings mixed. Trading centered on light to fair volumes of tom bulk parts for domestic and export shipments, balance slow. For domestic (fresh): wing meat 66-68, breast trim 78 and frozen tails 26.50 cents delivered. For export (fresh): tom drums 40, thigh meat 84 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00-42.00	41.63	218	
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	40.00	40.00	40	
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00	42.00	15	
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00-38.00	37.60	100	
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00-40.00	39.33	60	
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	70.00	70.00	40	
NECKS, TOM	24.00-27.00	25.85	223	
NECKS, HEN	24.00	24.00	15	
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	145.00	145.00	20	
THIGH MEAT	T	78.00	40	
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	86.00	86.00	80	
BREAST TRIM MEAT	78.00	78.00	200	
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	T	80.50	80	
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	110.00-111.00	110.92	131	
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00-68.00	67.50	40	
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00	16.00	40	
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	W	16.00	28	

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-42.00	41.15	282	
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00	15.00	208	
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	85.00	85.00	40	

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/30/03

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2003-2004	-	-	-
2002-2003	10,246	208,700	209,00