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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady at best. Market seasonally slow with no trading or inquiry reported. Offerings available with some sellers willing to consider lower trending prices. The bulk parts and meat market continued seasonally slow with only limited activity noted.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading extremely light for the limited buyer interest.

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/	61-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
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.

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 JANUARY 02, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.00**	64.50**	62.00**
CENTRAL REGION	63.00**	63.50**	61.50**
WESTERN REGION	64.50**	65.00**	61.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50**	58.50**	58.00**
CENTRAL REGION	57.50**	57.50**	57.50**
WESTERN REGION	59.00**	59.00**	57.50**
MONTH OF DECEMBER			
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.85**	69.33	66.96
CENTRAL REGION	65.80**	68.07	66.56
WESTERN REGION	67.02**	69.14	66.90
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.45**	64.92	60.69
CENTRAL REGION	59.48**	63.86	59.85
WESTERN REGION	60.98**	64.85	59.83

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
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**

	<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 05-JAN-2004

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	79.33	42	74.67	12
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	79.33	42	74.67	12
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

NOVEMBER	421,708*
DECEMBER 1-27, 2003	371,276*
To date 2003	5,583,465*
To date 2002	5,225,062*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 27-Dec-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	498	-43	21.18	(A)	498 21.18
SATL	189	-75	24.48	(A)	189 24.48
N CENT	1,053	-59	33.04	(A)	1,054 33.04
S CENT	261	-52	21.08	(A)	261 21.08
WEST	113	-77	29.22	(A)	113 29.22
U.S. TOTAL	2,114(B)	-60	27.99	1	2,115 27.99

TO-DATE

2003 242,508(B)

607 243,115

TO-DATE

2002 241,887(B)

665 242,552

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included:

this week 1,000; for the year 3,139,000; last year to date 2,737,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 27-Dec-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	901	1,212	1	1	2,115
AVG WT	15.02	37.60	35.67	51.50	27.99
LAST WEEK	2,490	2,747	13	1	5,251
SAME WK YR AGO	1,122	1,667	17	4	2,810
AVG WT	15.11	38.24	26.12	33.23	28.93
TO-DATE/2003	98,120	141,249	3,139	607	243,115
TO-DATE/2002	96,225	142,925	2,737	665	242,552

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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 02 JANUARY 2004.

Market seasonally slow with only light trading reported. Offerings mixed due in part to the holiday week processing schedules. Frozen hen drums traded at 40 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	129.00		129.00	40	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00		42.00	40	41.67	307
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	42.00		42.00	80	41.43	140
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	15	42.57	35
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.33	120	38.00	255
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	39.33	60	39.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	70.00	40	70.33	60
NECKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	89	25.86	448
NECKS, HEN		W	24.00	15	24.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00		143.00	120	143.29	140
THIGH MEAT		T	78.00	40	78.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	86.00	80	86.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	78.00	200	78.00	200
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	82.00		82.00	120	81.40	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	67.50	40	67.50	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	110.92	131	110.92	131
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	16.00	40	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/						
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	41.15	282	40.78	362
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	208	15.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	85.00	40	85.00	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.