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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. toms was steady to barely steady. Demand slow, but seasonal. No trading reported. Offerings fully adequate. Parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Inquiry was moderate to good, while supplies are light at best.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on light volumes of tom drums, tom full-cut wings and thigh meat, balance inactive. Demand was mixed with most bids coming in at lower levels. Offerings in a full range.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 09, 2004**

	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/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 08, 2004**

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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 09, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00	64.00**	61.00
CENTRAL REGION	64.50	63.00**	60.50**
WESTERN REGION	62.90**	64.50**	60.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50**	58.50**	58.10**
CENTRAL REGION	57.50**	57.50**	57.50**
WESTERN REGION	59.00**	59.00**	57.60**

(FRIDAY EDITION)

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-70
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 12-JAN-2004

	(8-16#) HENS PRICE	(16-24#) LBS TOMS PRICE		
	(000)	(000)		(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	79.71	226	78.80	100
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	79.71	226	78.80	100
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		80		40

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

NOVEMBER	421,708*
DECEMBER 1-31, 2003	438,750*
To date 2003	5,654,636*
To date 2002	**5,225,062*

* PRELIMINARY

**Due to 53 weeks in 2003, year to date for 2002 unchanged from last week.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 03-Jan-2004
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	PCT CHG PW	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED WT	AVG LIVE WT	
-THOUSAND HEAD-			-THOUSAND HEAD-		
N EAST	684	37	22.71	(A)	687 22.71
SATL	482	155	32.60	(A)	485 32.60
N CENT	1,278	21	32.74	(A)	1,281 32.74
S CENT	479	84	20.58	(A)	481 20.58
WEST	227	101	24.81	(A)	229 24.81

U.S. TOTAL 3,150(B) 49 28.13 13 3,163 28.13

TO-DATE

2003 245,658(B) 620 246,278

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 17,000 for the year 3,156,000; last year to date 2,737,000. *Due to 53 weeks in 2003, year to date 2002 unchanged from last week.*

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 03-Jan-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,347	1,786	17	13	3,163
AVG WT	15.51	37.67	25.16	30.23	28.13
LAST WEEK	901	1,212	1	1	2,115
SAME WK YR AGO	1,265	1,987	18	9	3,279
AVG WT	15.43	38.84	26.63	31.41	29.73
TO-DATE/2003	99,467	143,035	3,156	620	246,278
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 8 JANUARY 2004.

The undertone on tom bulk parts was fully steady to firm on necks and fresh drums, frozen drums steady, and wings were mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady. Demand was good on necks and fresh tom drums, balance slow to moderate. The good demand on fresh drums was due in part to the good to very good ground turkey movement into retail channels and export interest. Some processors have also noted an increased internal need for wing meat resulting in increased utilization of frozen wing inventories. The thigh meat undertone was steady on fresh, steady to weak on frozen. Demand ranged from light to fair on fresh thigh meat, frozen light at best. Thigh meat offerings were adequate on fresh, frozen adequate to burdensome. The undertone on -20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) was firm on fresh, frozen steady to fully steady. Fresh MST demand was good, frozen light. Offerings of fresh MST short, frozen spotty. Trading was active on tom bulk parts and white meat for domestic shipments, balance slow. Fresh: wing meat 72-74, breast trim 81 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	89.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00		41.00	18
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	42.00-44.00		43.71	280
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	43.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00		37.00	18
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	39.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	71.00	40
NECKS, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.69	58
NECKS, HEN		W	25.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	128.00		128.00	100
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	143.00-151.00		144.47	300
THIGH MEAT		W	77.63	160
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	86.20	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	73.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	89.00-97.00		91.67	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	111.00-114.00		112.00	180
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	66.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00-22.00		21.62	260
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00-42.00		41.57	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50-20.00		19.17	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	84.00		84.00	52

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.

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The market tone on tom bulk parts was fully steady to firm on necks and mechanically separated turkey, balance of items mixed and ranged from barely steady to fully steady. Demand was good on necks and mechanically separated turkey, balance light to moderate. The undertone on thigh meat was steady on fresh, steady to weak on frozen. Offerings of parts generally light on fresh, frozen was uneven and ranged from adequate to burdensome. Trading: 12 loads of fresh tom drums 40 cents delivered to a trader for February shipments; 2 loads of frozen tom breast meat to be produced 135 cents picked-up shipping point and hen thigh meat at 73.25 cents for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	89.00	80	89.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	129.00-150.00		133.09	149	133.09	149
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00-42.00		41.04	115	41.14	173
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	43.71	280	42.85	520
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	43.00	40	43.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00		43.00	18	38.42	159
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	39.50	40	39.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	71.00	40	71.00	40
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	18	26.19	199
NECKS, HEN		W	25.00	40	25.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	122.00		122.00	40	123.79	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	143.00		143.00	80	144.58	760
THIGH MEAT		W	77.63	160	77.70	200
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	86.00-87.00		86.22	90	86.56	250
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	72.00		72.00	40	72.67	120
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	98.00-111.00		104.25	80	96.70	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	66.00	40	66.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	110.00		110.00	10	111.57	230
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40	16.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		R	21.62	260	19.07	580
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00		40.00	20	40.52	324
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	36.00		36.00	20	36.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	25.00	40	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	19.17	156	17.91	300
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00-84.00		83.00	80	81.44	448

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