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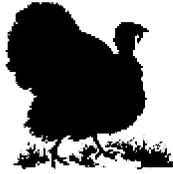
NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole body hens and toms was steady. No trading was reported. Demand was very light. Supplies of whole body hens and toms was fully sufficient. Bulk parts and meats trading was mixed. Demand was moderate. Offerings generally light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a moderate volume of thigh meat and light volume of full-cut wings and tom drums, balance inactive. Demand was slow. Offerings adequate.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JANUARY 29, 2004

	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/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	57.5	57.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	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 30, 2004

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	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 30, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JANUARY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.50**	61.50**	61.00**	EASTERN REGION	62.13	66.85	61.04
CENTRAL REGION	60.50**	60.50**	60.70**	CENTRAL REGION	61.03	65.80	60.63
WESTERN REGION	62.00**	62.00**	62.00	WESTERN REGION	62.43	67.02	60.55
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00**	59.00**	58.50**	EASTERN REGION	58.83	60.45	58.36
CENTRAL REGION	57.80	57.50**	57.80**	CENTRAL REGION	57.63	59.48	57.65
WESTERN REGION	59.00	59.00**	56.00	WESTERN REGION	59.00	60.98	57.29

**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#	68-69
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 02-FEB-2004

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	71.00	30	67.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	71.00	30	67.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		20		20

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

DECEMBER	438,750*
JANUARY 1-24, 2004	291,690*
To date 2004	291,690*
To date 2003	305,041*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 24-Jan-2004
(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	971	4	21.68	(A)	972 21.68
SATL	653	-6	30.96	(A)	654 30.96
N CENT	1,808	-3	33.65	(A)	1,810 33.65
S CENT	514	-8	21.41	(A)	515 21.41
WEST	269	-8	22.57	(A)	270 22.57

U.S. TOTAL 4,215(B) -3 28.29 6 4,221 28.29
TO-DATE

2004 12,684(B) 17 12,701

TO-DATE

2003 12,997(B) 38 13,035

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 25,000
for the year 139,000; last year to date 200,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>W/E 24-Jan-2004</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>					
HEAD	1,736	2,454	25	6	6	4,221
AVG WT	15.54	37.33	23.92	39.94		28.29
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS						

LAST WEEK	1,730	2,563	47	6	6	4,346
SAME WK YR AGO	1,512	2,504	55	10	10	4,081
AVG WT	15.44	37.60	25.00	30.73		29.20
TO-DATE/2004	5,125	7,420	139	17	17	12,701
TO-DATE/2003	5,003	7,794	200	38	38	13,035

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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 29 JANUARY 2004.

White meat undertone ranged from steady on fresh tom breast meat and frozen wing meat with skin to fully steady on the balance of items Demand light to fair. Trading light on all items due to industry members attending a major poultry convention. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat adequate, balance of white meat ranged from tight on fresh trim meats to light. Scapula traded at 76 cents delivered port for export. Thigh meat undertone steady and mechanically separated turkey firm.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	91.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	150.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	84.18	440
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	44.60	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	42.40	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	36.71	70
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	42.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	39.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	72.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	37.00	9
NECKS, HEN		T	32.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	133.00	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	143.00-145.00		143.11	169
THIGH MEAT		R	79.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	85.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	78.00		78.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT	78.00		78.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	95.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	104.00		104.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	117.00-122.00		121.00	50
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	69.00		69.00	25
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	32.00		32.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	45.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	36.00		36.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00		78.00	208

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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Trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to firm with necks and drums strongest and less weakness being noted on tom 2-joint wings. Demand fair to good with necks and drums the most sought after and increased inquiry being noted on full-cut and 2-joint wings. Offerings of tom drums and necks were light at best and held with confidence, tom full-cut wings were less readily available and tom 2-joint wings were being held with increased confidence. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady with only light interest noted. Offerings light to mostly adequate. Trading light on all items. Frozen tom breast meat to be produced traded at 152 cents delivered for current domestic shipments, plant grade basted 20-22 lb. breasts 115, fresh wing meat 72 and fresh ground breast trim 82 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	91.00	40	91.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	150.00		150.00	22	150.00	65
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	40	84.50	480
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	40	43.74	485
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	43.00-46.00		44.85	130	43.78	230
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-37.00		36.67	120	36.66	245
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	42.00	14	42.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.00		35.00	33	35.99	89
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	72.00	40	73.50	80
NECKS, TOM	35.00		35.00	26	34.75	121
NECKS, HEN		T	32.00	15	31.52	29
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	133.00	400	133.00	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	143.00-145.00		144.08	260	144.21	609
THIGH MEAT	79.00		79.00	10	79.00	10
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	85.00-87.00		85.68	76	84.93	266
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	78.00	120	77.42	240
SCAPULA MEAT	76.00-78.00		77.00	80	76.75	240
TENDERLOINS		F	95.50	80		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	104.00		104.00	40	104.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	69.00	25	68.71	35
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		R	121.00	50	119.57	70
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	26.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-32.00		30.77	113	30.04	337
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	45.00-47.00		46.13	92	44.23	412
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	36.50		36.50	40	36.17	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	77.00-79.00		77.87	184	78.44	1,020

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