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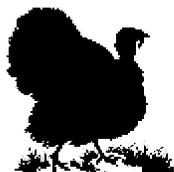
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady, instances firm. Light trading was reported for immediate shipments. Demand for whole birds was light. Supplies were light and held with confidence. Bulk parts and meats trading was mixed and ranged from slow to moderate. Offerings were moderate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey, balance light. Demand was light to moderate as buyers are cautious and selective. Offerings light. Sales reported of packer label hens and toms that are basted, netted with a timer for export.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 21, 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/	76-80	76-77	76.40	200	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	76-76.5	76.20	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-77	76-77	76.33	240	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	76	76.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-81	77-80.5	79.41	64	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-77	77	77.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 OCT 22, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	77.09	74.54	66.20
CENTRAL REGION	76.20	76.22	68.00
WESTERN REGION	77.10 **	76.50 **	67.63
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	76.36	74.54	63.83
CENTRAL REGION	76.25	75.94	64.64
WESTERN REGION	76.30 **	75.75	65.13

**BASED ON OFFERS

**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#	83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	84

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	113-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	112-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	106-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	106-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	112-122

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 25-OCT-2004

	<u>HENS (8-16#)</u>	<u>TOMS (16-24#)</u>		
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>		
SALES (Promotions Included)	88.81	272	89.24	132
SALES (Promotions not included)	88.81	272	89.24	132
SALES (Promotions only)				
SALES (Price to be determined)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

September	425,583*
October 1-16, 2004	215,261*
To date 2004	3,995,325*
To date 2003	4,286,559*

*Preliminary

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 16-Oct-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

	<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>		
North East	575	-7	21.23	(A)	577	21.23
South Atlantic	711	-18	30.38	(A)	713	30.38
North Central	2,191	3	31.90	(A)	2,193	31.90
South Central	389	-17	22.80	(A)	390	22.80
West	313	-3	24.99	(A)	314	24.99
U.S. total	4,179(B)	-5	28.76	8	4,187	28.76

To-date

2004 177,475(B) 300 177,775

To-date

2003 191,960(B) 554 192,514

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 40,000; for the current year to date 2,120,000; for last year to date 2,610,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 16-Oct-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,515	2,624	40	8	4,187
Avg Wt	16.00	36.18	24.89	30.54	28.76
Last week	1,698	2,663	46	3	4,410
Same wk yr ago	1,876	2,896	51	0	4,823
Avg Wt	15.87	34.78	24.92	0.00	27.32
To-date/2004	70,552	104,803	2,120	300	177,775
To-date/2003	77,061	112,289	2,610	554	192,514

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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 21 OCTOBER 2004.

The market tone on white meat was steady to fully steady with some cautious about the continued and seasonally unusual market strength. Demand light to instances fair with buyers only purchasing on an as needed basis. Offerings light to instances adequate and held with confidence. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. breasts with offering prices gradually trending higher. Demand slow to moderate for the light to adequate offerings. The thigh meat market was mixed with fresh steady to fully steady and non-Russian frozen thigh meat steady to barely steady. Demand light to fair. Offerings of fresh thigh meat light, frozen tight to fully adequate with availability some what dependant upon export destination and age. Trading active on 4-8 lb. breasts, balance slow to moderate.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00-100.00		99.15	1,040
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	140.00-169.00		165.24	182
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00		41.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	44.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	57.00		57.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	47.43	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	95.00		95.00	21
NECKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	80
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00		170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	218.00		218.00	32
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	91.00		91.00	6
BREAST TRIM MEAT	135.00		135.00	24
SCAPULA MEAT		F	106.00	20
TENDERLOINS		R	162.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	164.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	188.56	36
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	79.50		79.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.50-22.00		19.09	258
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	40.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	26.70	92
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	80.00	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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 OCTOBER 2004.

The market tone on tom drums continued steady to barely steady, tom necks steady and tom full-cut wings steady to fully steady. The market on hen bulk parts was fully steady to firm on wings, balance steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums were light to fully adequate mostly adequate to fully adequate, tom necks adequate, tom wings light. Offerings of hen bulk parts ranged from short on hen 2-joint wings to light at best. Export demand was light to fair with interest noted from Canada on fresh tom breast meat. Some industry members have noted crossing delays at the Mexican border which is resulting in a back-up of product waiting to cross. Others, meanwhile report product delivery problems due to truck shortages. Trading slow to moderate. For domestic: livers 24-25 delivered pet foods, Grade A non-basted 10-12 lb. breasts 125, plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 120, Grade a fresh hen WOGs 83-88, frozen 18-20 lb. WOGs 77, fresh wing meat with skin 120, fresh scapula 113-124 mostly 117-124, fresh breast trim 130-142 mostly 130-133 cents delivered. Fresh tom drums traded 41 cents delivered export.

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/		R	99.15	1,040	99.15	1040
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	165.24	182	165.24	182
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	92.00	120	92.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	80	42.35	131
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	44.00	40	44.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	42.00	20	42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	57.00	80	56.83	208
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	47.43	140	47.43	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	95.00	21	95.00	61
NECKS, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.67	120	28.15	291
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	170.00	40	170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	214.00-216.00		215.44	360	215.35	458
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00		90.00	65	91.86	111
BREAST TRIM MEAT	128.00-130.00		129.00	120	130.00	144
SCAPULA MEAT		F	106.00	20		
TENDERLOINS	159.00		159.00	40	159.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	164.00	20		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	79.50	40	78.75	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	189.00		189.00	214	189.00	214
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	28	21.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	80	18.83	338
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	40.00	104	40.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.50-21.00		20.58	144	20.80	300
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00-84.00		82.00	200	81.59	252

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