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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. Light sales reported of private label hens and toms at levels consistent with quoted price levels. Demand remains seasonally slow. Offerings adequate. Parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings limited.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums, light volume of thigh meat, balance limited. Demand was mixed with interest noted from Asia, Africa, Mexico and Russia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JANUARY 15, 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/	60-63	63	63.00	100	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	60	60.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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 16, 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/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	59.5	59.50	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	57.5	57.50	20	-	-	-	-	-
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 16, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	63.00	65.00	59.75
CENTRAL REGION	59.50	64.50	60.48
WESTERN REGION	62.30**	62.90**	60.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.00	58.50**	58.50**
CENTRAL REGION	57.50	57.50**	57.99
WESTERN REGION	59.00**	59.00**	57.50**

**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 19-JAN-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)	71.53	73	66.50	24
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	71.53	73	66.50	24
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		20		10

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

DECEMBER	438,750*
JANUARY 1-10, 2004	95,964*
To date 2004	95,964*
To date 2003	104,866*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 10-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	863	26	(A)	864	22.61
SATL	745	55	(A)	746	31.62
N CENT	1,732	36	(A)	1,733	33.46
S CENT	513	7	(A)	514	21.32
WEST	276	22	(A)	277	28.29

U.S. TOTAL 4,129(B) 31 29.01 5 4,134 29.01
TO-DATE

2004 4,129(B) 5 4,134

TO-DATE

2003 4,459(B) 19 4,478

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 67,000 for the year 67,000; last year to date 76,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>W/E 10-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	1,659	2,403	67	5	5	4,134
AVG WT	16.10	38.03	24.97	34.38		29.01
LAST WEEK	1,347	1,786	17	13		3,163
SAME WK YR AGO	1,774	2,609	76	19		4,478
AVG WT	15.24	38.76	26.55	29.20		29.27
TO-DATE/2004	1,659	2,403	67	5		4,134
TO-DATE/2003	1,774	2,609	76	19		4,478

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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 15 JANUARY 2004.

The undertone on frozen 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to barely steady, institutional sized breasts mostly steady. Demand light with some retail buyers still utilizing inventories carried over from 2002. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts were mixed with some offering at steady price levels while others note offerings of basted Grade A's at 85-89 cents delivered. Institutional breast offerings adequate. The undertone on fresh thigh meat was steady to barely steady, frozen steady to instances weak. Inquiry light to fair. Fresh thigh meat offerings were light to instances fully adequate mostly light to adequate, frozen mixed. Trading light on all items. For domestic: hearts 22, antibiotic free line run fresh 24 lb. and heavier toms 74, finely ground turkey -15% fat 2-10 lb. 75 cents delivered domestic. For export: livers 16, fresh tom drums 44 and fresh thigh meat 84 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	85.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	133.09	149
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	41.04	115
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	43.71	280
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00		36.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	42.00		42.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	38.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	71.00		71.00	15
NECKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	12
NECKS, HEN	28.00		28.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	130.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	143.00		143.00	120
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	86.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	78.00		78.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	72.38	320
TENDERLOINS		W	93.75	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	104.25	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	115.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	69.00		69.00	15
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	27.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	42.00		42.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	36.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	76.00-85.00		79.91	92

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 undertone on fresh tom drums was steady to firm, frozen tom drums mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady with heavy tom drums in the strongest position. The tom neck undertone was firm. The tom 2-joint wing undertone was unsettled with spot strength noted in the East to instances weak in other parts of the country with offers and trading noted at lower trending price levels. The undertone on tom full-cut wings was steady to instances weak. Fresh tom drum demand was good for domestic and export shipments and frozen was mostly slow to moderate. Offerings mixed. Tom full-cut and 2-joint wing demand was mixed and ranged from slow to instances good mostly light with some sellers unable to find willing buyers at current market levels. Tom neck demand good with offers short of buyers' needs. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of open priced fresh tom drums for February export shipments and on a moderate volume of firm priced tom drums for export, balance light. Domestic trading centered on fair volumes of fresh thigh meat at steady to instances lower trending prices and on fresh tom breast meat.

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	85.00	40	85.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	150.00		150.00	40	150.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	85.00		85.00	80	86.80	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00		42.00	20	42.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	41.00-42.00		41.86	140	41.86	140
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.00-37.00		35.50	160	35.79	194
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	42.00	14	42.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00		37.00	120	36.53	190
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	71.00	15	71.73	55
NECKS, TOM	29.00-32.00		31.00	80	30.56	187
NECKS, HEN	29.50		29.50	20	28.88	34
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	135.00		135.00	40	130.12	680
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	143.00		143.00	280	143.00	400
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	82.00-87.00		86.10	290	86.42	450
BREAST TRIM MEAT	78.00		78.00	40	79.33	300
SCAPULA MEAT		W	72.38	320	72.38	320
TENDERLOINS		W	93.75	80	90.08	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	104.25	80		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00		67.00	40	67.32	95
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	114.00		114.00	40	114.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	26.00		26.00	10	23.85	130
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00-43.00		39.89	508	40.34	788
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	36.00	20		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	25.00	40	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	40	22.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00-84.00		83.67	120	79.22	784

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