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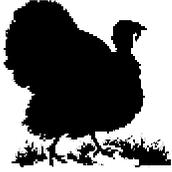
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady. No trading was reported. Demand was limited on adequate offerings. Bulk parts and meats trading was slowed due to availability. Inquiry was mixed. Offerings light to moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a light volume of tom drums and thigh meat. Inquiry was uneven, mostly moderate. Export movement 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 22, 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/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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 23, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.50**	63.00	61.00**
CENTRAL REGION	60.50**	59.50	60.50**
WESTERN REGION	62.00**	62.30**	60.38**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00**	60.00	58.50**
CENTRAL REGION	57.50**	57.50	57.75**
WESTERN REGION	59.00**	59.00**	58.00

\*\*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#	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 26-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)	71.69	52	67.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	71.69	52	67.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

DECEMBER	438,750*
JANUARY 1-17, 2004	196,146*
To date 2004	196,146*
To date 2003	209,687*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 17-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	935	8	22.71	(A)	937 22.71
SATL	696	-7	31.78	(A)	697 31.78
N CENT	1,857	7	33.54	(A)	1,858 33.54
S CENT	560	9	21.18	(A)	561 21.18
WEST	292	6	25.87	(A)	293 25.87

U.S. TOTAL 4,340(B) 5 28.82 6 4,346 28.82  
TO-DATE

2004 8,469(B) 11 8,480

TO-DATE

2003 8,926(B) 28 8,954

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 47,000  
for the year 114,000; last year to date 145,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>W/E 17-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	1,730	2,563	47	6	6	4,346
AVG WT	15.90	37.57	26.69	30.35		28.82
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS						
LAST WEEK	1,659	2,403	67	5	5	4,134
SAME WK YR AGO	1,717	2,681	69	9	9	4,476
AVG WT	15.61	38.16	24.52	26.66		29.28
TO-DATE/2004	3,389	4,966	114	11	11	8,480
TO-DATE/2003	3,491	5,290	145	28	28	8,954

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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 22 JANUARY 2004.**

Light slaughter schedules limited the amount of product available for current shipment. Necks were difficult to secure and kept the market firm. Tom drums and full cut wings were tight in some areas where sales cleared inventories, however trading was at steady levels on drums and wings were about steady. Tom v-type wings faced lower bids. Fresh tom v-type wings moved at 38 cents delivered. Frozen hen v-type wings traded at 73 cents for late February shipment. A fair volume of A grade 4-8 lb breasts traded in a wide price range. Export markets were quiet.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	89.00-95.00		91.67	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	150.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00		42.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	42.00	95
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-37.00		36.25	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	42.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	36.73	49
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	70.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	34.00	40
NECKS, HEN		W	32.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	133.00	480
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	143.29	70
THIGH MEAT	79.00		79.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	89.00		89.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	80.33	360
SCAPULA MEAT	74.00		74.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	103.00		103.00	24
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	114.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	69.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	28.00-30.00		29.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00-39.00		38.67	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	22.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	80.00	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.

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The undertone on tom breast meat was steady to barely steady on fresh and steady on frozen, balance of white meat was steady to fully steady. White meat demand was light to instances fair on tom breast meat, balance was mostly fair to good. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were adequate to fully adequate, balance tight to adequate. The undertone on thigh meat was steady on fresh and barely steady at best on frozen. Demand on thigh meat was light to fair on fresh, frozen slow. Offerings mixed, but mostly adequate. The undertone on mechanically separated turkey was firm with offerings short of buyers' needs. Increased interest was noted on small tom full-cut wings due to some buyers looking for substitutes for hen wings. Trading light on all items.

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/		R	91.67	240	91.38	320
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	150.00		150.00	20	150.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.00	80	85.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00		42.00	120	41.99	395
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	42.00	95	42.00	135
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	40	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	36.25	160	35.71	221
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	36.73	49	35.71	196
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	75.00		75.00	40	72.50	80
NECKS, TOM	33.00-39.00		36.00	80	34.86	148
NECKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	20	32.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	133.00	480	133.00	480
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	143.29	70	143.29	70
THIGH MEAT		R	79.00	40	79.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	86.00		86.00	40	86.20	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	80.33	360	80.33	360
SCAPULA MEAT	79.00		79.00	40	75.80	200
TENDERLOINS	95.50		95.50	80	95.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	103.00	24	103.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	69.00		69.00	40	68.43	140
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	114.00		114.00	20	114.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00		26.00	40	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00		30.00	60	29.60	100
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00-40.00		39.61	132	39.16	420
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	35.00	40	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	25.00	28	25.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	22.00	40		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	76.00		76.00	160	76.80	200

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