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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 fully steady. No trading was reported for prompt deliveries. Demand was moderate. Supplies of hens and toms were barely adequate. Parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was light. Offerings are limited.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light with small sales noted on mechanically separated turkey. Inquiry was slow to materialize. Supplies are light.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 07, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-78	75.5	75.50	60	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-76	-	-	-	77.00	40	OCT	-	-

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 08, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	75.97	75.21	64.58
CENTRAL REGION	75.86	77.00	64.46
WESTERN REGION	76.00 **	75.70 **	64.19
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	75.81	74.80 **	62.50
CENTRAL REGION	76.00	74.30 **	62.63
WESTERN REGION	75.50 **	74.80 **	64.35

\*\*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#	83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	83

**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 11-OCT-2004

	<u>HENS (8-16#)</u>	<u>TOMS (16-24#)</u>		
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>		
SALES (Promotions Included)	88.14	223	89.31	25
SALES (Promotions not included)	88.14	223	89.31	25
SALES (Promotions only)				
SALES (Price to be determined)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

September	425,583*
October 1-2, 2004	348,327*
To date 2004	3,799,378*
To date 2003	4,075,849*

Preliminary

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 2-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	589	7	20.64	(A)	590 20.64
South Atlantic	756	-9	29.57	(A)	757 29.57
North Central	2,156	2	31.33	(A)	2,157 31.33
South Central	454	-1	20.16	(A)	454 20.16
West	368	6	25.34	(A)	368 25.34
U.S. total	4,323(B)	1	27.90	3	4,326 27.90

To-date  
2004 168,889(B) 289 169,178

To-date  
2003 182,332(B) 544 182,876

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 58,000; for the current year to date 2,034,000; for last year to date 2,471,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 2-Oct-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Head	1,650	2,615	58	3 4,326
Avg Wt	15.61	35.73	23.28	46.31 27.90
Last week	1,580	2,652	63	5 4,300
Same wk yr ago	1,929	2,743	78	10 4,760
Avg Wt	15.53	34.43	23.96	27.19 26.58
To-date/2004	67,339	99,516	2,034	289 169,178
To-date/2003	73,337	106,524	2,471	544 182,876

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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 7 OCTOBER 2004.**

Trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to barely steady on drums, 2-joint wings steady to fully steady and full-cut wings steady to instances firm. Demand light to fair. Offerings of tom drums and necks were uneven, but increasing in availability. Tom 2-joint wing offerings ranged light to instances adequate with some noting supplies not as tight as previous weeks and tom full-cut wing supplies were easily absorbed by buyers. The white meat market was steady to fully steady. Demand fair to good with a few noting buyers not as aggressive on fresh white meat items, but still active considering the time of year. Offerings light. Trading slow on all items. For domestic: livers 25, fresh wing meat with skin 118-120 mostly 118-119 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	98.00	320
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00-169.00		160.20	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	44.00		44.00	54
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	57.93	214
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	53.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	50.50-51.00		50.70	23
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	93.00	9
NECKS, TOM	30.00-30.50		30.23	30
NECKS, HEN		F	23.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	208.00-209.00		208.33	120
THIGH MEAT	83.00		83.00	3
THIGH MEAT--FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT	130.00		130.00	8
SCAPULA MEAT		T	107.00	7
TENDERLOINS		T	159.61	46
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	165.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	190.00		190.00	16
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	78.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	18.51	134
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	44.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	28.00		28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.50-82.00		81.75	80

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 8 OCTOBER 2004.**

The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady, fresh destrapped tenderloins steady to fully steady, balance of fresh white meat steady to instances firm. Frozen white meat trade sentiment was steady to instances firm. Fresh white meat demand ranged from slow to fair on tom breast meat to instances good on trims. Frozen white meat inquiry moderate. A few processors noted a slowing further processed demand. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat ranged light to adequate, fresh destrapped tenderloins spotty, balance of fresh white meat limited at best. Frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloin supplies were held with confidence with destrapped tenderloins held in the strongest hands, balance of frozen white meat offerings tight. Trading fair on frozen mechanically separated turkey (MST) for export, balance slow. For domestic (fresh): body chopping skin 12, scapula 111-112 cents delivered. For export: fresh MST 18, fresh tom drums 42, frozen destrapped tenderloins 161 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/		W	98.00	320	97.70	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	160.20	5	160.20	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	80	91.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.60	30	43.17	185
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	57.00		57.00	15	56.91	437
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	53.00	17	53.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	50.00		50.00	27	50.03	98
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	93.00	9		
NECKS, TOM	29.00-29.50		29.19	52	28.99	218
NECKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	40	23.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	164.00-165.00		164.50	80	164.67	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	208.00-210.00		208.40	150	208.58	310
THIGH MEAT	82.00		82.00	40	83.66	244
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	89.00-92.00		90.50	80	90.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	128.00		128.00	60	128.65	148
SCAPULA MEAT	108.00		108.00	64	107.94	111
TENDERLOINS		T	159.61	46	159.61	46
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	165.00	40		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	78.00	40	78.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	187.00-188.00		187.05	42	187.73	102
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00-21.00		19.09	23	18.59	157
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	44.00	80	43.36	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	28.00	40	28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00-21.00		19.71	224	20.51	584
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	81.75	80	82.40	422

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