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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The undertone on frozen hens was mostly steady, toms steady to instances weak. Demand and trading seasonally slow. Offerings of frozen hens were light at best, toms ranged from closely held in the West to instances ample in the balance of the country. Trading on bulk parts and meats was extremely light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Market activity was slow with only limited activity noted. Frozen commodity toms traded at 75 cents delivered port for Central America.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 26, 2004**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-80	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-79	78	78.00	20
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	70-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-74	74	74.00	40
WESTERN REGION	72.5-75	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

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 ENDING NOVEMBER 26, 2004

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	75.00	77.25	69.00**
CENTRAL REGION	78.00	78.74	67.90
WESTERN REGION	79.50**	80.87	67.64
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.00	73.76	65.00
CENTRAL REGION	74.00	74.45	62.00
WESTERN REGION	74.50**	76.58	62.19

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	112
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	112
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	85

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 29-NOV-2004

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	96.92	260,000
16-24 lbs.	101.42	190,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	
16-24 lbs.	--	

Total Volume: 450,000

NOTE: For continuity during the report transition to a national basis,
Eastern Region data will be shown separately until December 2.

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 29-NOV-2004

HENS (8-16#)	TOMS (16-24#)
PRICE (000)	PRICE (000)

SALES (Promotions Included) NO TRADING REPORTED

SALES (Promotions not Included)

SALES (Promotions Only)

SALES (Price to be Determined)

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 20-Nov-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>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
North East	762	-1	20.69	(A) 763	20.69
South Atlantic	764	-4	31.05	(A) 764	31.05
North Central	2,142	-9	31.96	(A) 2,142	31.96
South Central	437	-37	22.17	(A) 437	22.17
West	570	-22	22.92	(A) 570	22.92
U.S. total	4,675(B)	-12	27.96	1 4,676	27.96
To-date					
2004	202,342(B)			314 202,656	
To-date					
2003	219,395(B)			589 219,984	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week
32,000; for the current year to date 2,396,000; for last year to date
2,953,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

October	429,228*
November 1-20, 2004	330,314*
To date 2004	4,539,606*
To date 2003	4,870,835*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 20-Nov-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	1,840	2,803	32	1	4676
Avg Wt	15.80	35.98	24.37	29.87	27.96
Last week	2,403	2,885	48	2	5338
Same wk yr ago	2,076	3,087	37	0	5200
Avg Wt	15.49	33.59	29.64	0	26.34
To-date/2004	81,098	118,848	2,396	314	202656
To-date/2003	88,390	128,052	2,953	589	219984

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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 26 NOVEMBER 2004.

Market activity seasonally slow with industry personnel working holiday schedules. Trading extremely light for the mixed availability due to the shortened work schedules. Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts traded at 100, plant grade basted 14-16 lb. breasts 118 cents delivered domestic. For export: hen necks 17.25 cents shipping point, fresh tom drums 39 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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	165.00	39		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	41.00	6	41.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	38.13	54	38.13	54
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	39.00-40.00		39.33	9	39.10	29
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	50.00		50.00	11	48.36	103
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	53.00		53.00	17	53.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	56.00		56.00	40	55.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	94.00		94.00	2	94.00	22
NECKS, TOM		W	28.54	65	28.71	70
NECKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	16	23.00	16
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	181.00	40		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	216.83	120	216.50	200
THIGH MEAT		T	79.73	220	79.73	220
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00		96.00	60	93.05	161
BREAST TRIM MEAT	140.00		140.00	40	140.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	120.00	20	120.00	20
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	100.00	76	100.00	76
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	193.00		193.00	20	192.26	151
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	16	21.00	16
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	100	18.46	298
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00		37.00	52	36.52	252
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	20.00		20.00	144	20.00	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	160		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	82.00	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.