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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on frozen 8-12 lb. hens steady, 12-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms steady to barely steady. Fresh turkey demand slow to moderate with buyers in some parts of the country reluctant to confirm orders until exact needs are known. Frozen demand ranged from slow to moderate on hens, seasonally slow on toms. Frozen offerings of 8-12 lb. hens were light at best, 12-16 lb. hens light to instances fully adequate and 16-24 lb. toms adequate to ample. Frozen resale offerings light on hens and toms with toms held in the weakest hands. The market on bulk parts and fresh white meat was slow to moderate and seasonally slowing for the holidays.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market was active on fresh tom breast meat for export, slow to moderate on the balance of items. Offerings tight to adequate

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 09, 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/	75-80	79-80	79.28	360	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	71	71.00	320	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-80	73-79	75.67	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-80	78-80	79.71	422	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	70	70.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 DEC 10, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.66	77.50 **	68.94
CENTRAL REGION	79.50	79.00	67.90
WESTERN REGION	79.20 **	79.50 **	66.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	71.09	71.30 **	60.84
CENTRAL REGION	71.80	71.00 **	60.88
WESTERN REGION	71.90 **	72.95 **	61.40 **

**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#	88
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 13-DEC-2004

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

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	92.40	8,864,000
16-24 lbs.	92.39	8,032,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	160,000
16-24 lbs.	--	140,000

Total Volume: 17,196,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 04-Dec-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	871	172	21.91	(A) 876	21.91
South Atlantic	714	90	33.00	(A) 719	33.00
North Central	1,988	54	33.34	(A) 1,993	33.34
South Central	524	185	21.46	(A) 528	21.46
West	368	90	23.92	(A) 372	23.92
U.S. total	4,465(B)	89	28.90	23 4,488	28.90
To-date					
2004	209,175(B)			352 209,527	
To-date					
2003	226,902(B)			595 227,497	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 61,000; for the current year to date 2,465,000; for last year to date 3,072,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November	429,899*
December 1-4, 2004	62,258*

To date 2004	4,701,449*
To date 2003	5,041,362*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 04-Dec-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	1,718	2,686	61 23	4,488
Avg Wt	15.61	37.47	25.14 31.66	28.90
Last week	844	1,516	8 15	2,383
Same wk yr ago	1,924	2,841	69 1	4,835
Avg Wt	16.35	35.97	24.85 50.13	28.00
To-date/2004	83,660	123,050	2,465 352	209,527
To-date/2003	91,332	132,498	3,072 595	227,497

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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 09 DECEMBER 2004.

The market tone on tom drums was mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady, tom necks steady at best and tom wings steady to barely steady. Demand slow to moderate. Offerings of tom drums and wings uneven and ranged from tight to instances fully adequate, tom necks adequate. The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady. Demand slow to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to adequate with some increased spot availability noted. Trading was heavy on fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey, moderate on fresh white meat and fresh 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. A contract was noted on fresh tom breast meat for January - December, 2005 with a 150 cent floor and a 190 cent ceiling. For domestic: tails 22, livers 25, mature drums 36, fresh tom wings 46.75-47, fresh scapula 124-130, fresh breast trim 144 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	97.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00-167.00		158.30	207
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00		38.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	41.00		41.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	39.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	48.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	52.00-54.00		52.67	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	95.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	28.00	91
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	181.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	216.00		216.00	280
THIGH MEAT		F	86.00	10
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	90.83	84
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	141.00	90
SCAPULA MEAT		W	120.00	20
TENDERLOINS		R	167.00	16
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	174.50	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	193.00		193.00	264
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.90	836
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	39.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	24.00	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	86.00	100

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 10 DECEMBER 2004.

The market tone on fresh white meat was mostly steady. Demand slow to moderate. Even though continued export interest was noted from Canada on fresh tom breast meat, domestic demand continued to show signs of seasonally slowing. Offerings light to adequate. Frozen white meat market tone mostly steady. Demand slow for the spotty offerings. Supplies are held with confidence even though additional product may be frozen due to the seasonal slowing of the further processed demand. The market tone was mostly steady on tom bulk parts with some industry members noting less discounting than previously reported. Demand uneven and ranged slow to moderate. Offerings of tom bulk parts light to instances fully adequate, mostly light to adequate. Undertone steady on 4-8 lb. breasts. Demand slow to moderate for the light to adequate supplies. Trading was moderate on fresh white meat, light on the balance of items. For domestic: frozen livers 23.50, frozen yearling hen drums 26, fresh tom wings 49, fresh scapula 121-122, fresh breast trim 140-145 cents delivered. For export: yearling tom drums 38, defatted gizzards 55, fresh thigh meat 89-90 mostly 89 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	97.00	80		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	142.00		142.00	200	154.58	580
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00-40.00		39.23	118	38.97	478
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	39.00		39.00	20	40.60	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	39.00		39.00	8	39.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00-49.00		47.82	77	47.85	92
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	53.00		53.00	12	53.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	55.00-56.00		55.26	54	53.38	214
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	28.00-29.00		28.53	53	28.19	144
NECKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	11	23.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	181.00	40	181.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	215.00-218.00		216.17	205	216.93	685
THIGH MEAT	86.00		86.00	44	86.00	44
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00-91.00		90.42	78	90.42	78
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	141.00	90	141.00	90
SCAPULA MEAT		W	120.00	20	121.60	100
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	175.00-177.00		176.00	80	175.50	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	192.00-193.00		192.55	157	192.83	421
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	200	21.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.22	180	18.83	1073
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	40	39.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	24.00	100	24.00	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	156	20.72	216
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	85.00-86.00		85.40	200	85.60	300

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