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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was about steady on retail sized hens and toms. Offers were adequate for the light to fair demand. Some sellers lowered asking prices for current shipment as they tried to clear inventories before the end of the year. Trading was fair on frozen hens and toms as restocking continued for holiday sales. Trading was light on bulk meats and bulk parts.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light to fair for current shipments. Tom necks moved at 29 cents and defatted gizzards at 61-73 delivered.

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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/	73-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-80	79	79.00	1200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	70	70.00	280	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-80	78-80	78.80	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-81	81	81.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	69-71	70.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-73	73	73.00	160	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degree 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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 DECEMBER 2004.

The market tone on tom drums and tom wings was steady to instances barely steady, tom necks steady. The market tone on hen wings fully steady to firm, hen drums mostly steady and hen neck steady at best. Inquiry light to instances moderate. Offerings of tom drums and tom wings light to instances fully adequate, tom necks light to adequate. Offerings of hen 2-joint wings continued short of buyers' needs, hen full-cut wings light at best, hen drums light to adequate and hen necks mixed. Trading slow on all items. Plant grade non-basted 18-20 lb. breasts 130, tails 24-25 cents delivered domestic: For export: frozen ground drum meat 62, fresh thigh meat 93 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	142.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	39.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	38.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	48.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	53.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	55.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	102.00		102.00	40
NECKS, TOM		M	28.00	80
NECKS, HEN		F	23.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	178.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	216.17	205
THIGH MEAT		M	84.50	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	90.42	78
BREAST TRIM MEAT	140.00		140.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		W	120.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	177.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	192.55	157
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	18.22	180

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	39.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	24.00	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00-21.00		20.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	85.00-86.00		85.67	60

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.

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

	RANGE
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

	RANGE
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

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The market tone on fresh white meat was mostly steady with some slight caution noted on tom breast meat. Demand very light to instances moderate as interest seasonally slows for the holidays. Offerings uneven on fresh tom breast meat with availability varying by processor, balance of fresh white meat light to adequate. The market tone on frozen white meat was mostly steady, however, some caution was starting to be noted on scapula and wing meat with skin. Offerings light to instances fully adequate, mostly adequate. Trading slow with activity centered on breast trim for domestic shipments and tails for export. Fresh breast trim trade at 140 cents delivered domestic. For export: tom necks 29, defatted gizzards 61-73 cents delivered.

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MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	120

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WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	23.00-24.00		23.61	132
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	20.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	86.00		86.00	80

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/15/04

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	HEAVY	CUMULATIVE HEAVY	ALL BREEDS
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE	BREEDS
2003-2004			
2002-2003		DATA UNAVAILABLE	