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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to instances weak. Demand has slowed due to the holidays. No sales were reported. Offerings of fresh and frozen hens and toms were available. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Supplies are fully adequate for the limited demand.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow and centered on limited sales of frozen thigh meat. Interest was noted from Central America and the Caribbean. Offerings were uneven.

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 DECEMBER 2004.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady at best. Domestic demand seasonally slow for the light to instances fully adequate, mostly light to adequate offerings. The market tone on hen bulk parts ranged from fully steady to firm on hen 2-joint wings and steady to fully steady on hen full-cut wings to about steady on the balance of hen parts. Demand slow to instances moderate. Offerings ranged from tight on hen 2-joint wings to instances fully adequate on hen drums. Trading centered on a heavy volume of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts at 95 cents delivered March for domestic shipments, balance slow. For domestic: livers 25 delivered pet foods, Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 125, Grade A non-basted 16-18 lb. breasts 140, plant grade non-basted 14-18 lb. breasts 130 cents delivered. Frozen thigh trim traded at 53.50 cents delivered export.

***Correction on 12/20/04: Comment should have read**Grade A* basted 10-12 lb. breasts, not "plant grade".

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/		R	148.73	67
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	39.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	40.00	35
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	39.00		39.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	49.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	53.00		53.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	56.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	102.00	40
NECKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	15
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	181.00	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	216.00	40
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	92.29	31
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	140.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT		M	122.00	2
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	177.00		177.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	192.00	23
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	100.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		M	18.55	178

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	40.00	13
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	47.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	23.00	13
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	85.50	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.

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	104-112
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104-112
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-73

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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BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	179.00-181.00		180.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	208.00-215.00		209.75	160
THIGH MEAT	86.00		86.00	80
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BREAST TRIM MEAT	145.00		145.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		M	122.00	2
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/15/04

SEASON	CUMULATIVE		
	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE	BREEDS
2003-2004			
2002-2003	NO REPORT ISSUED		

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