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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 barely steady, instances weak. Interest was seasonally slow with only part loads reported. Offerings were moderate. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Demand was mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand was light to moderate. Trading centered on a heavy volume of tom drums, balance of items ranged from inactive to light. Offerings are fully adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JANUARY 20, 2005

	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/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 JAN 21, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	67.00**	67.50	61.50**
CENTRAL REGION	67.00**	67.50	60.50**
WESTERN REGION	68.00**	68.00**	62.00**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.50**	63.50**	59.00**
CENTRAL REGION	62.50**	62.50**	57.50**
WESTERN REGION	64.00**	64.00**	59.00**

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-74

**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- WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS,
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 24-JAN-2005

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	79.27	220,000
16-24 lbs.	77.77	52,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	—	40,000
16-24 lbs.	—	20,000
Total Volume:		332,000

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

	Week ending 15-JAN-05					
	(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)					
	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	LIVE WT	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	858	5	22.61	(A)	859	22.61
South Atlantic	534	-6	38.78	(A)	535	38.78
North Central	1,990	1	34.53	(A)	1,991	34.53
South Central	522	-7	21.52	(A)	523	21.52
West	296	6	25.15	(A)	297	25.15
U.S. total	4,200 (B)	0	30.36	5	4,205	30.36
To-date						
2005	8,401 (B)			18	8,419	
To-date						
2004	8,469 (B)			11	8,480	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 46,000; for the current year to date 79,000; for last year to date 114,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

December	403,885*
January 1-15, 2005	205,892*
To date 2005	205,892*
To date 2004	196,146*

* PRELIMINARY

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	W/E 15-JAN-05			TOTAL TURKEYS	
	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG OLD BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,647	2,507	46	5	4,205
Avg Wt	16.43	39.59	25.35	34.37	30.36
Last week	1,621	2,547	33	13	4,214
Same wk yr ago	1,730	2,563	47	6	4,346
Avg Wt	15.90	37.57	26.69	30.35	28.82
To-date/2005	3,268	5,054	79	18	8,419
To-date/2004	3,389	4,966	114	11	8,480

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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 20 JANUARY 2005.**

~~The undertone on fresh and frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenders was barely steady to weak. Fresh destrapped tenders and whole tenders remain steady. Offerings were adequate. Demand was seasonally light. Export trading was slow. Inquiry was mixed. Buyers and sellers taking a wait and see attitude towards the market.~~

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	96.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	95.00	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	38.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	53.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	55.00-57.00		56.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	97.00		97.00	20
NECKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	23.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	171.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	175.00	10
THIGH MEAT		F	84.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	91.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	140.20	200
SCAPULA MEAT		W	119.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	164.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	178.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	89.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	18.20	100
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	15
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	23.00		23.00	15
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00		87.00	10

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.

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The market tone on fresh and frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenders was barely steady to weak. Fresh destrapped tenders and whole tenders mostly steady. Breast trim steady to firm. Offerings were adequate except for breast trim which is short of needs. Demand remains seasonally light. Export trading was light to moderate. Inquiry was moderate. Buyers and sellers remain cautious toward the market. For export fresh thigh meat 89 - 89.5 cents. whole tenders 153 cents. For domestic fresh scapula 122-128.5 cents, fresh wing meat 117 cents, livers 23 cents and gizzards 59 cents.

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					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00-101.00		98.82	11	98.82	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	158.00	10	158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	95.00	280		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	39.00	20	38.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	38.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	38.00	20	38.00	30
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM						
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WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	56.00-60.00		56.55	66	55.33	186
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	97.00	20	97.33	30
NECKS, TOM	22.00-27.00		22.54	222	22.76	262
NECKS, HEN		T	23.00	12	23.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	172.00		172.00	12	171.55	22
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	175.00	10	175.00	10
THIGH MEAT		F	84.00	40		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	88.00-91.00		89.20	120	89.46	140
BREAST TRIM MEAT	140.00-142.00		140.89	72	140.37	282
SCAPULA MEAT		W	119.00	20	119.00	40
TENDERLOINS	153.00		153.00	12	153.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	161.00		161.00	40	161.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	92.00		92.00	30	92.00	30
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	177.00-178.00		177.64	18	177.94	98
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	80	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		18.85	35	18.37	135
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00-39.00		37.49	858	37.56	1,153
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	23.00		23.00	162	23.00	177
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	80	19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00		87.00	40	87.62	130

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