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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 barely steady. No trading reported. Offerings were adequate for the light demand for current shipments. Negotiations on future shipments for holiday needs were in early stages. Bulk parts and bulk meats trading was fair. Most buyer interest was for hand to mouth purchases.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was fair. Sales centered on fresh and frozen tom drums and mechanically separated turkey. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings are available.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 03, 2005**

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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)

W/E FEB 04, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JANUARY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST SAME MONTH MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.70 **	67.00 **	61.50 **	EASTERN REGION	67.63	76.05	62.13
CENTRAL REGION	65.90 **	66.00 **	63.00	CENTRAL REGION	67.15	77.00	61.03
WESTERN REGION	66.70 **	68.00 **	62.00 **	WESTERN REGION	68.80	78.07	62.43
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.00 **	63.50 **	58.70 **	EASTERN REGION	63.65	69.69	58.83
CENTRAL REGION	62.40 **	62.50 **	59.00	CENTRAL REGION	62.85	69.44	57.63
WESTERN REGION	63.40 **	64.00 **	59.00 **	WESTERN REGION	64.23	70.87	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 -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS (prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 07-FEB-2005

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

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	80.18	220,000
16-24 lbs.	77.65	115,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume: 350,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 29-Jan-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PCT CHG PW</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>	<u>OLD BANDED -THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>	
North East	741	-10	22.10	(A) 742	22.10	
South Atlantic	606	18	38.03	(A) 607	38.03	
North Central	1,917	-1	34.35	(A) 1,918	34.35	
South Central	483	-6	21.56	(A) 483	21.56	
West	305	12	27.03	(A) 305	27.03	
U.S. total	4,052(B)	0	30.59	3 4,055	30.59	
To-date						
2005	16,516(B)			23 16,539		
To-date						
2004	16,583(B)			25 16,608		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 17,000; for the current year to date 125,000; for last year to date 172,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

December	403,885*
January 1-29, 2005	404,290*
To date 2005	404,290*
To date 2004	378,953*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 29-Jan-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD BREEDERS</u>	<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>		
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Head	1,502	2,533	17 3	4,055
Avg Wt	15.85	39.37	24.74 36.87	30.59
Last week	1,541	2,493	29 2	4,065
Same wk yr ago	1,571	2,295	33 8	3,907
Avg Wt	15.19	36.68	23.80 36.47	27.93
To-date/2005	6,311	10,080	125 23	16,539
To-date/2004	6,696	9,715	172 25	16,608

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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 3 FEBRUARY 2005.

Fresh and frozen breast meat continued weak with trading at lower trending levels. Demand was light for the more than adequate supplies. Fresh white trims were about steady. Tom necks moved at lower values, otherwise parts trading at steady levels on less than truck lot volumes. Tails sold at 24 cents, 8-10 lb plant grade breasts at 90 and 12-14 lb plant grade breasts at 125. Export trading was moderate with fresh mechanically separated turkey at 17 cents and fresh tom drums at 36 cents.

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	140.00	8
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.39	21
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	40.00		40.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	54.60	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	97.00	9
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	101
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	156.00		156.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	157.00-158.00		157.50	40
THIGH MEAT		W	84.00	9
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	94.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT	138.00		138.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	151.00		151.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	165.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	177.55	44
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	16.00	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	35.00-37.00		35.40	100
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	23.00		23.00	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	86.00		86.00	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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 4 FEBRUARY 2005.

The market tone on fresh and frozen breast meat was barely steady to close to steady. A moderate volume of frozen breast meat traded at mostly steady prices, Fresh destrapped tenders were more available leading to a steady at best undertone, frozen destrapped tenders moved at lower trending values. Fresh and frozen breast trim and thigh meat were about steady. Fresh tom wings sold at 41.5, fresh wing meat 118 cents delivered. Retail sized bone in breasts were fairly tight for current shipment. Export trading was fair. Frozen thigh trim ranged 47-55 cents, fresh thigh meat 89 cents and fresh tom drums 37 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	37.00-39.00		37.79	167	37.96	226
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	38.50		38.50	20	38.83	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	38.00	20		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00		43.00	6	41.56	165
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	54.00		54.00	25	54.53	225
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	97.00	9	97.00	9
NECKS, TOM	21.00-24.00		22.49	168	22.20	355
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	155.00-156.00		155.53	760	155.76	893
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	162.00		162.00	23	160.95	114
THIGH MEAT		W	84.00	9	84.00	9
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00-91.00		90.23	104	90.23	104
BREAST TRIM MEAT	139.00-140.00		139.10	78	138.73	118
SCAPULA MEAT	119.00		119.00	40	119.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	151.00	40	151.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	157.50-165.00		160.50	120	161.63	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	86.00		86.00	10	86.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	177.00		177.00	20	177.38	64
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00-22.00		19.39	144	17.61	304
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00		40.00	40	37.10	354
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	38.00	40	38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	21.00		21.00	120	22.39	372
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.50-22.00		18.46	184	18.65	404
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	86.00	60	81.53	204

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