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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was barely steady to weak. Limited trading of whole birds was reported. Offerings were light to moderate. Parts and meats trading was seasonally slow. Demand was slow. Offerings are fully adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS Trading centered on limited volume of thigh meat, balance inactive. Demand was inactive with fully adequate offerings.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 23, 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/	75-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-78	78	78.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 22, 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/	75-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 ENDING DECEMBER 23, 2005

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	81.70**	84.33	74.75**
CENTRAL REGION	81.40**	86.00	75.75**
WESTERN REGION	81.70**	85.60**	76.75**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	79.10**	84.00	68.50**
CENTRAL REGION	78.00	82.80**	68.00**
WESTERN REGION	79.40**	83.40**	69.25**

**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#	84-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-89
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	84-89

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-139

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS - U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS (prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Dec 26, 2005

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	95.00	40,000
16-24 lbs.	95.00	26,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	60,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

Total Volume:		136,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 17-Dec-2005 (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	772	-17	23.95	(A)	773 23.95
South Atlantic	679	2	34.68	(A)	679 34.68
North Central	2,024	-4	33.32	(A)	2,024 33.32
South Central	648	-21	18.90	(A)	648 18.90
West	397	-19	21.71	(A)	397 21.71
U.S. total	4,520(B)	-10	28.83	1	4,521 28.83

To-date
2005 222,524(B) 211 222,735
To-date
2004 217,872(B) 353 218,225
(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 19,000;
for the current year to date 1,225,000; for last year to date 2,537,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November	442,007*
December 1 - 17, 2005	259,620*
To date 2005	5,026,849*
To date 2004	4,902,706*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>Thousands</u>				
W/E 17-Dec-2005					
Head	1,937	2,564	19	1	4,521
Avg Wt	15.67	38.78	27.79	44.26	28.83
Last week	2,229	2,785	11	1	5,026
Same wk yr ago	1,727	2,477	26	0	4,230
Avg Wt	15.41	38.26	24.19	0.00	28.84
To-date/2005	92,117	129,182	1,225	211	222,735
To-date/2004	87,237	128,098	2,537	353	218,225

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 DECEMBER 2005.

The market tone was weak on tom breast meat, steady to barely steady on other white meat items, steady on thigh meat. Fresh tom breast meat was readily available, tom thigh meat was tight for prompt shipments, Trading was light going into the holiday weekend. For export: tom necks 38 port and thigh trim with bone fragments 31 FOB.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	120.00		120.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	149.00	16
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	39.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	33.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	42.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	37.50		37.50	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	263.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	240.00-257.00		242.83	96
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	100.17	94
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	163.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00		111.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	195.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	230.39	224
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00		67.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	21.26	108
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00		38.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	33.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	98.00	120

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, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 DECEMBER 2005.

Market activity was light going into the holiday weekend. Fresh breast meat was barely steady to weak and trading was at lower trending prices. Fresh and frozen thigh meat was generally steady. Supplies of bulk parts were adequate for the light demand. Market tone was about steady on parts. Fresh scapula moved at 125 cents delivered. Grade A 4-8 lb breasts traded at 116 for January shipment. For export: fresh and frozen tom drums and fresh thigh meat traded at open prices for January shipment.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	120.00	80	122.13	640
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	149.00	16	149.00	16
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	20	38.67	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	39.00	40	39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20	42.00	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	33.00	20	33.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00		43.00	20	42.33	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	113.00		113.00	20	113.00	20
NECKS, TOM		R	37.50	40	37.50	40
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	263.00	40		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	232.00-238.00		235.06	170	243.19	386
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	98.00		98.00	30	98.27	164
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	163.00	40		
SCAPULA MEAT		R	111.00	40	110.50	80
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	208.00		208.00	40	201.50	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	67.00	20	67.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	223.00		223.00	27	223.00	27
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	20	20.75	208
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	38.00	120	37.78	408
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	33.00	20	31.67	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	98.00		98.00	40	98.00	40

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