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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS The market tone on 8-16 lb. frozen hens and 16-24 lb. frozen toms was barely steady to weak. Light trading was reported for prompt deliveries. Offerings moderate to heavy for the current limited demand. Parts and meats trading was light to moderate. The market tone remains cautiously steady to weak. Demand was light with many buyers cautious toward the market. Offerings mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS Trading centered on light volumes of tom full-cut wings and thigh meat, balance inactive. Demand was light with many taking a wait and see attitude. Offerings were mixed, light to 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 05, 2006

	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/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JANUARY 06, 2006

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	69-70	69.80	100	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-71	69	69.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 JANUARY 06, 2006

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	71.00**	74.63**	66.00
CENTRAL REGION	69.80	74.50**	69.00
WESTERN REGION	71.00**	74.63**	71.40**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	71.00**	73.13**	64.20**
CENTRAL REGION	69.00	72.63**	64.00
WESTERN REGION	71.00**	73.13**	65.00**

**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#	77-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-82
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-87

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-129

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Jan 09, 2005

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

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	87.95	21,500
16-24 lbs.	87.00	5,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

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

Total Volume: 41,500

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 31-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	468	-23	26.38	(A)	468	26.38
South Atlantic	332	-22	34.79	(A)	332	34.79
North Central	1,592	-2	34.23	(A)	1,592	34.23
South Central	547	7	18.77	(A)	547	18.77
West	198	-33	24.25	(A)	198	24.25
U.S. total	3,137(B)-10		29.80	0	3,137	29.80

To-date
2005 229,132(B) 211 229,343

To-date
2004 223,747(B) 364 224,111

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 8,000; for the current year to date 1,243,000; for last year to date 2,569,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November 442,007*
December 1 - 31, 2005 415,671*

To date 2005 5,182,900*
To date 2004 5,043,076*

* 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>TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>Thousands</u>				
W/E 31-Dec-2005					
Head	1,277	1,852	8	0	3,137
Avg Wt	16.14	39.24	23.77	0.00	29.80
Last week	1,559	1,902	10	0	3,471
Same wk yr ago	1,157	1,878	22	11	3,068
Avg Wt	16.28	38.94	25.36	27.95	30.26
To-date/2005	94,953	132,936	1,243	211	229,343
To-date/2004	89,574	131,604	2,569	364	224,111

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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 5 JANUARY 2006.

The market tone on tom drums was cautiously steady to steady, balance of tom bulk parts steady to barely steady. The market tone on hen bulk parts was steady to barely steady. Demand on bulk parts light to instances moderate with the best interest noted on tom drums. Offerings of tom drums short to instances fully adequate, mostly adequate; balance of tom bulk parts adequate to fully adequate. Offerings of hen bulk parts light to instances fully adequate. The market tone on white meat was steady to weak. Demand light to instances moderate with some noting increased activity at the lower trending price levels. Offerings adequate to instances burdensome. Trading moderate on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments and on tom necks for export, balance slow. For export: tom necks 31-34, fresh tom breast meat 211 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	120.00	7
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	38.00		38.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	29.69	61
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	38.00		38.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	36.00-38.00		37.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	112.00		112.00	20
NECKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	215.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	197.00-202.00		199.80	200
THIGH MEAT		F	95.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	99.00		99.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	150.00-152.00		151.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	108.00-110.00		109.00	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	192.50		192.50	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00-189.00		188.50	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	69.00		69.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		T	21.00	240
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00		38.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	29.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	98.00		98.00	80

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 6 JANUARY 2006.

The market tone on white meat was steady to weak. Demand light to moderate with the best interest noted on breast trim and scapula. Some have noted a better demand on destrapped tenderloins than breast meat. Offerings adequate to burdensome. The market tone on fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady to fully steady for next week's shipments due in part to the short processing schedules this week, frozen cautiously steady to steady. The market tone on thigh meat was mostly steady. Demand and offerings light. The market tone on institutional breasts was steady, 4-8 lb. breasts steady to barely steady. Demand light. Offerings light with spot availability noted on 4-8 lb. sizes. Domestic trading active on fresh MST, moderate on breast trim and scapula, balance slow. Export trading moderate on tom necks, balance slow. For domestic: fresh scapula 114-125, mostly 114-118; Grade A basted breasts - 8-10 lb. 135, 12-16 lb. 160 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 30, fresh thigh meat 97-98 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WTD VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	120.00		120.00	120	120.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	20	39.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	38.00		38.00	56	38.00	136
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	40	42.00	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.37	63	26.37	63
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	38.00	20	38.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00		43.00	40	40.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	112.00	20	112.00	20
NECKS, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.21	119	30.41	159
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	215.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	193.00-195.00		193.25	160	196.89	360
THIGH MEAT		F	95.00	40		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	98.00-98.75		98.49	35	98.76	75
BREAST TRIM MEAT	145.00-151.00		148.77	260	149.29	340
SCAPULA MEAT	108.00-109.00		108.44	214	108.64	334
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	185.00		185.00	120	186.88	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00		67.00	40	68.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	192.00		192.00	40	189.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	20.00-24.00		21.17	593	21.12	833
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	38.00	40	37.50	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00		28.00	80	28.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	96.00		96.00	40	97.33	120

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