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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on fresh and frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to weak. Demand and trading seasonally slowing. A few buyers noting retail movement not up to expectations. Some resale frozen value added hens traded at 79 cents delivered. Offering mixed ranging from light to instances burdensome with some sellers more willing to negotiate than others in order to move excess inventories. The market tone on scapula was steady to fully steady with the balance of white meat steady to instances weak. Demand light to moderate on scapula, balance of white meat light at best. Trading slow. Offerings of scapula light and spotty, balance of white meat adequate to ample for the limited buyer interest.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading moderate on tom drums, balance slow. Demand light to moderate with interest noted from Asia and Mexico. Offerings mixed.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)      **DECEMBER 13, 2007**

	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/	80-89	-	-	-	73.00	80	JAN	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	80-89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	80-89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	80-89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	80-89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	80-89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)      **DECEMBER 14, 2007**

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	80-88	82	82.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	80-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	80-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	80-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	80-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	80-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 DEC 14, 2007	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	85.25	88.00	73.45
CENTRAL REGION	87.17	87.83	70.00
WESTERN REGION	86.00 **	90.00	72.70 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	86.00 **	88.43	73.21
CENTRAL REGION	86.00 **	88.30 **	74.82
WESTERN REGION	86.00 **	89.67	72.40 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	123-145
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	118-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	116-145
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	116-145
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	119-145

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	120-129
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	83-87
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	83-87
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	83-87

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS (prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 17-DEC-2007

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>	
8-16 lbs. 108.98	9,270,000
16-24 lbs. 107.43	4,580,000
<b>PRICE TO BE DETERMINED</b>	
8-16 lbs. --	300,000
16-24 lbs. --	300,000
<b>Total Volume: 14,450,000</b>	

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

W/E 08-DEC-07

	---Young turkeys---			(Preliminary)		Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Old Banded	Avg	
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-	Live wt	
North East	864	15	24.50	(A)	866	24.50
South Atlantic	713	-13	35.27	(A)	715	35.27
North Central	2,245	5	33.76	(A)	2,247	33.76
South Central	890	9	18.76	(A)	892	18.76
West	475	-7	24.13	(A)	476	24.13
U.S. total	5,187(B)	3	28.99	9	5,196	28.99
To-date						
2007	229,658(B)			259	229,917	
To-date						
2006	224,403(B)			205	224,608	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 33,000; for the current year to date 1,213,000; for last year to date 1,334,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(In thousand pounds)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November	480,113*
December 1 - 8, 2007	120,503*
To date 2007	5,121,204*
To date 2006	5,020,475*

\*Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 08-DEC-07

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	2,260	2,894	33	9	5,196
Avg Wt	16.21	38.95	26.72	43.74	28.99
Last week	2,163	2,827	49	7	5,046
Same wk yr ago	2,141	2,704	19	0	4,864
Avg Wt	15.50	38.22	27.76	0.00	28.18
To-date/2007	98,151	130,294	1,213	259	229,917
To-date/2006	96,509	126,560	1,334	205	224,608

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 DECEMBER 2007.

The market tone on tom drums and wings was mostly steady, tom necks steady to barely steady. Demand light to instances moderate. Trading slow. Offerings of tom drums and full-cut wings light to adequate, tom 2-joint wings uneven, and tom necks adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady for the light demand. Offerings light and spotty. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was generally steady on fresh and steady to barely steady on frozen. Demand light. Offerings of fresh MST generally adequate, frozen MST adequate to fully adequate. Trading seasonally slow. For domestic: denatured hearts and livers 19 pet food, livers 22 pet food, breeder hen wings 45, frozen breeder hen meat 163, fresh heavy hen breast meat 174 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	135.00		135.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	199.00	153
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	129.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	59.00		59.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	59.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.00-49.00		48.40	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	58.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	53.00-57.00		54.65	170
NECKS, HEN		R	55.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	183.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	187.00	40
THIGH MEAT		R	96.80	102
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	97.00		97.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	73.00-74.00		73.50	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	71.50	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	170.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	175.00	6
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	18.43	70
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	58.50	22
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	49.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	60.00	520
TAILS		T	27.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	96.50	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.

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The market tone on scapula was steady to fully steady, wing meat and breast trim cautiously steady to steady, breast meat and destrapped tenderloins steady to instances weak. Demand on scapula light to moderate, balance seasonally light. Offerings of scapula light and spotty, breast trim and wing meat with skin adequate to fully adequate, breast meat and destrapped tenderloins adequate to ample. The market tone on tom drums was steady on heavier sizes and some unsettledness was noted on lighter sized product, tom full-cut wings were steady while some increased confidence was noted into export channels on 2-joints, tom necks steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate, best on tom drums with instances of increased interest noted on tom 2-joints. Offerings short to instances fully adequate. Trading slow to moderate. For domestic: livers 22 pet food, fresh scapula 82-84 mostly 82 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 57, fresh thigh meat 95 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	135.00	2	135.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00		158.00	200	158.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	129.00	40	129.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	58.00		58.00	40	58.45	142
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	58.00		58.00	40	58.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	58.00		58.00	40	58.20	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.00-49.00		48.50	40	48.78	182
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	59.00		59.00	28	58.73	148
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	54.00-55.00		54.58	96	54.83	348
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	187.00	40	188.00	160
THIGH MEAT	96.00		96.00	40	96.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00-98.00		96.93	129	96.95	169
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	120.00	40		
SCAPULA MEAT	71.00-73.00		72.00	80	72.75	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	71.50	80		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	168.00		168.00	40	168.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	175.00		175.00	56	175.00	56
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-17.00		16.00	80	16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	17.50-18.50		17.86	148	18.25	269
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	56.00-60.00		58.94	248	58.90	270
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	49.00	54	49.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	60.00	520	60.00	520
TAILS		T	27.50	40	27.11	257
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	96.50	80		

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