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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on fresh and frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was barely steady to weak. Demand was light. Trading was seasonally with no reported sales. Offerings in a full range, light to adequate for current needs. Bulk parts and meats market tone was steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings are mixed.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light to moderate with interest noted from Africa, Asia, Mexico and the Caribbean. Demand light to moderate. 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 20, 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/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 21, 2007	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.60 **	85.25	70.75
CENTRAL REGION	78.60 **	87.17	71.50
WESTERN REGION	78.60 **	86.00 **	70.0
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	78.60 **	86.00 **	70.40 **
CENTRAL REGION	78.60 **	86.00 **	70.30 **
WESTERN REGION	78.60 **	86.00 **	70.40 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	121-145
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	116-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	114-145
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	114-145
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#	82-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	82-83

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 24-DEC-2007

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE	
8-16 lbs. 109.17	3,100,000
16-24 lbs. 109.25	3,020,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED	
8-16 lbs. --	200,000
16-24 lbs. --	200,000
Total Volume:	6,520,000

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
W/E 15-DEC-07**

(Preliminary)

	---Young turkeys---			Old Banded	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt		-Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
North East	774	-10	24.53	(A)	775	24.53
South Atlantic	724	2	34.91	(A)	725	34.91
North Central	2,139	-5	33.84	(A)	2,140	33.84
South Central	781	-12	18.14	(A)	782	18.14
West	368	-23	23.90	(A)	369	23.90
U.S. total	4,786(B)	-8	29.17	5	4,791	29.17
To-date 2007	234,444(B)			264	234,708	
To-date 2006	229,197(B)			217	229,414	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date 1,241,000; for last year to date 1,356,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(In thousand pounds)
Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November	480,113*
December 1 - 15, 2007	232,286*
To date 2007	5,232,987*
To date 2006	5,128,784*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 15-DEC-07

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	1,969	2,789	28	5	4,791
Avg Wt	16.31	38.29	25.15	24.48	29.17
Last week	2,260	2,894	33	9	5,196
Same wk yr ago	2,117	2,655	22	12	4,806
Avg Wt	15.60	38.19	29.13	24.48	28.16
To-date/2007	100,120	133,083	1,241	264	234,708
To-date/2006	98,626	129,215	1,356	217	229,414

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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 20 DECEMBER 2007.

The market tone on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to weak, balance of white meat mixed. Demand was seasonally light. Offerings of white meat adequate. Trading on parts was light to moderate with most activity for export. Offerings are mixed. For Export: Fresh mechanically separated turkey 16 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	135.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	155.00-160.00		155.66	325
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	59.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	58.00		58.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	58.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	48.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	47.00		47.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	58.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		M	56.00	10
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	169.00-178.00		172.50	160
THIGH MEAT		F	96.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	97.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	72.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	83.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	160.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	175.00	56
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	17.86	148
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	58.50-61.00		59.50	324
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	49.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00-60.00		58.50	432
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	97.00-100.00		97.74	154

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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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	150.00		150.00	400	152.54	725
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	59.00		59.00	15	59.46	175
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	58.00	80	58.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	58.00	40		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.00		48.00	15	48.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	46.00		46.00	20	45.83	72
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00		58.00	20	58.00	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	53.00-55.00		53.55	55	53.92	65
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	176.00		176.00	80	176.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	168.00-178.00		172.06	360	172.38	680
THIGH MEAT		F	96.00	40		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	97.00		97.00	160	97.00	200
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		F	72.00	80		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	83.00	40	83.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	160.00	20	160.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	175.00	56		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	40	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.20	100	18.20	100
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	57.00-59.00		57.75	80	59.62	628
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	49.00		49.00	108	49.00	214
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00		58.00	54	59.56	1,954
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-17.00		16.83	240	16.86	280
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	97.00-98.00		97.67	120	97.71	274

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