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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 steady to weak. No trading was reported. Offering fully adequate for current inquiry. The market tone on bulk parts and meat items was mostly steady. Trading was slow to moderate. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for export. Offerings mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mixed, ranging from light to full adequate.

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

For December 27, 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/	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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 ENDING December 28, 2007	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	75.50**	78.60**	69.00**
CENTRAL REGION	75.50**	78.60**	69.00**
WESTERN REGION	75.50**	78.60**	69.00**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	75.50**	78.60**	69.00**
CENTRAL REGION	75.50**	78.60**	69.00**
WESTERN REGION	75.50**	78.60**	69.00**

*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#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-82
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-82

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 31-DEC-2007

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE	
8-16 lbs. 103.00	10,000
16-24 lbs. --	
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED	
8-16 lbs. --	
16-24 lbs. --	
Total Volume:	10,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 22-DEC-2007 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Banded	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg	Live wt		Avg	Live wt
	-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--	Live wt	
North East	846	9	24.41	(A)	851	24.41
South Atlantic	497	-31	37.70	(A)	502	37.70
North Central	1,958	-8	33.78	(A)	1,962	33.78
South Central	746	-4	18.73	(A)	750	18.73
West	297	-19	25.16	(A)	301	25.16
U.S. total	4,344 (B)	-9	29.21	22	4,366	29.21
To-date						
2007	238,788 (B)			286	239,074	
To-date						
2006	232,695 (B)			226	232,921	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 3,000; for the current year to date 1,244,000; for last year to date 1,382,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(In thousand pounds)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November	480,113*
December 1 - 22, 2007	334,348*

To date 2007	5,335,048*
To date 2006	5,208,543*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 22-DEC-2007 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms			
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,929	2,412	3	22	4,366
Avg Wt	16.12	39.71	28.10	26.38	29.21
Last week	1,969	2,789	28	5	4,791
Same wk yr ago	1,497	1,975	26	9	3,507
Avg Wt	15.88	37.99	26.14	24.03	28.43
To-date/2007	102,049	135,495	1,244	286	239,074
To-date/2006	100,123	131,190	1,382	226	232,921

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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 27 DECEMBER 2007.

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to instances weak, scapula steady to fully steady, balance of items mostly steady. Demand seasonally slow. Offerings mixed due in part to the shortened holiday processing schedules and vacation schedules. For domestic: hearts and livers 19.50 per food, tails 29.50 cents delivered. Retail features for this week were active on bone-in breasts, balance of items light to instances moderate.

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/	158.00		158.00	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	60.00-61.00		60.05	42
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	58.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	48.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	46.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	60.00		60.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	78.00		78.00	2
NECKS, TOM	56.00-57.00		56.20	10
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	176.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	176.00		176.00	120
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	97.00	160
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	160.00	15
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	57.75	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	49.00	108
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	58.00	54
TAILS	29.00		29.00	156
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.83	240
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	97.67	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.

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The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to instances weak, balance of items mostly steady. Demand was slow. Offerings were mixed. Parts trading was slow. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for export. Offering are mixed due to varied kill schedules. Domestic; fresh scapula 82-86 cents, fresh breast trim 128 cents, fresh wing meat 83 cents, 20-24 lb. plant grade breast basted 175, and small packages of 10-24 lb. A grade basted 1.85-2.00 cents. Export: frozen tom breast meat 185-193 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	135.00		135.00	15	135.00	15
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	5	158.00	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	59.00-60.50		59.76	81	59.86	123
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	57.00		57.00	80	57.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.50		48.50	194	48.45	214
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	46.00	20	46.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	60.00	8	59.29	28
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	66.00-76.50		67.20	86	67.44	88
NECKS, TOM	54.00		54.00	40	54.44	50
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	176.00	80		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	173.00-178.00		174.30	54	173.81	334
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	98.00		98.00	20	98.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	155.00		155.00	200	155.35	215
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	155.00-167.00		160.07	180	160.07	180
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	60	17.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	17.00-19.50		17.73	400	17.78	480
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	57.00		57.00	40	57.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	49.00	108		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	58.00	54		
TAILS		R	29.00	156	29.00	156
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	80	16.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	98.00		98.00	80	98.00	80

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