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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to instances weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Demand was slow for holiday fill-in demand and light to instances moderate for 2010. No trading reported. Offers were tight for prompt ship and light to fully adequate for deferred. Retailers bring out a wide variety of whole turkeys for Christmas and Hanukkah with offers of fresh whole turkeys outnumbering frozen. Both are heavily promoted at lower average advertised prices with some stores reducing prices further with coupons. Specialty turkeys and kosher turkeys are also popular this time of year. Whole turkeys will continue to be popular through the New Year celebrations. The market tone on white meat was steady to barely steady, tom bulk parts mostly steady, thigh meat fully steady to instances firm, and mechanically separated turkey barely steady at best. Demand was seasonally light to fair. Trading slow.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow. Demand was seasonally light for the fast approaching Christmas holiday. Offerings were mostly short to adequate.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB)
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	121-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	117-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	117-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	115-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	115-149

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB)
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	88-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	89-99
BREASTS 10-12#	115-125
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	102-121
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	88-98

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 21, 2009**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	75-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	75-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

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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 21 DECEMBER 2009.

The market tone on bulk parts remains steady for the light and selective buyer interest. Offerings were seasonally light to adequate. Trading was very light. The trade sentiment on white meat items was steady to barely steady and not fully tested. Demand was limited with offerings adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was fully steady to instances firm. Demand was light to moderate going into the holiday week with good interest for 2010. Offers were limited. For Domestic: fresh tom 3-joint wings 73, fresh tom necks 37, and fresh tails 29 cents delivered.

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/		F	164.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	102.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	56.00	30
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	55.00		55.00	16
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	52.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	75.28	141
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	71.00	43
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	72.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	101.71	85
NECKS, TOM		F	37.53	85
NECKS, HEN		F	37.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	170.00	40
THIGH MEAT		R	111.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	110.33	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	124.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	111.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	142.13	150
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	18.40	100
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	57.00	216
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	75.00	120
TAILS		R	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	115.00	94

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.