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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen consumer pack hens and toms was steady to at times weak. Demand was slow with some continued interest noted for 2010. No trading was reported. Offerings ranged light to adequate. The market tone was steady to barely steady on white meat items, steady to firm on thigh meat, and mostly steady on the balance of parts. Demand and trading was seasonally slow with best interest on fresh product for prompt shipment. Offerings were generally light due to reduced processing schedules for the New Year's holiday.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow. Demand was light to fair with continued interest on thigh meat. Offerings were mostly light.

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

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					
8-16 LB HENS					
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-81	-	-	-	
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-80	-	-	-	
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-81	-	-	-	
16-24 LB TOMS					
EASTERN REGION	75-81	-	-	-	
CENTRAL REGION	75-80	-	-	-	
WESTERN REGION	75-81	-	-	-	
FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/					
8-16 LB HENS					
EASTERN REGION					
CENTRAL REGION					
WESTERN REGION					
16-24 LB TOMS					
EASTERN REGION					
CENTRAL REGION					
WESTERN REGION					
OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/					
8-16 LB HENS					
EASTERN REGION				-	-
CENTRAL REGION				-	-
WESTERN REGION				-	-
16-24 LB TOMS					
EASTERN REGION				-	-
CENTRAL REGION				-	-
WESTERN REGION				-	-

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

W/E January 01, 2010	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.38 **	80.38 **	72.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	78.00	79.88 **	72.00 **
WESTERN REGION	78.38 **	80.38 **	74.25 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	78.38 **	80.38 **	71.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	78.00	79.88 **	71.50 **
WESTERN REGION	78.38 **	80.38 **	73.75

***BASED ON OFFERS

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY 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

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	102-121
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-95
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	88-95

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 04-JAN-2010

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 26-DEC-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young turkeys			Old	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	Breeders --Thousand head--		Avg Live wt
North East	409	-30	27.11	(A)	411	27.11
South Atlantic	526	-24	31.77	(A)	528	31.77
North Central	1,265	-40	35.55	(A)	1,267	35.55
South Central	442	-41	20.02	(A)	443	20.02
West	209	-49	25.64	(A)	210	25.64
U.S. total	2,851 (B)	-37	30.50	8	2,859	30.50
To-date 2009*	232,147 (B)			327	232,474	
To-date 2008*	245,127 (B)			482	245,609	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 10,000; for the current year to date* 1,171,000; for last year to date* 1,438,000.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 26-DEC -2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Thousands				
Head	1,017	1,824	10	8	2,859
Avg Wt	16.24	38.48	26.89	29.20	30.50
Last week	1,938	2,605	11	12	4,566
Same wk yr ago	1,277	1,817	4	2	3,100
Avg Wt	15.91	39.00	23.14	28.03	29.46
To-date/2009*	97,267	133,709	1,171	327	232,474
To-date/2008*	103,734	139,955	1,438	482	245,609
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	13,209	56,156	206	179	69,750
Last week	25,273	80,626	218	263	106,380
Same wk yr ago	16,254	56,690	70	43	73,057
To-date/2009*	1,285,479	3,941,593	23,672	7,681	5,258,425
To-date/2008*	1,340,933	4,214,532	27,444	10,951	5,593,860
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	

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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 31 DEC 2009.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady. Demand was generally slow with offerings mostly tight. The trade sentiment on white meat items was steady to barely steady. Demand was limited while offerings were adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were tight. Most inquiry centered on fresh product for prompt shipment. Trading was slow and not well tested due to the New Year's holiday.

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/		W	113.00	160	113.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	75.00	14	75.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	73.00	13	73.00	13
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	102.00	20	102.00	20
NECKS, TOM						
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		T	170.00	20	167.50	40
THIGH MEAT		W	113.00	13	113.00	13
THIGH MEAT--FRESH						
BREAST TRIM MEAT	121.00		121.00	40	121.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	104.00	80	104.00	80
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	140.00		140.00	25	140.00	25
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	142.00		142.00	42	142.78	102
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	30	19.00	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	40	21.00	40
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	57.00	40	57.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN						

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.