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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady with steady to firm with frozen hens reported at higher prices. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 102.00-105.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 103.00-105.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading very light on frozen basted equivalent hens at 104.50 cents shipping point for current deliveries.



The market on white meat is steady. The undertone on white meat is steady to weak with fresh stronger than frozen. The undertone on white meat is steady to weak with frozen weakest. Demand light to moderate. Offerings mixed ranging light to heavy, mostly moderate. The market on Grade A 4-8 lb. rib breast is steady with a steady to instances firm undertone. The market on institutional sized breasts is mostly steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on tom bulk parts is mostly steady with tails instances firm. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate with some finding tom necks less available in response to more being diverted for grinding needs. The market on thigh meat is steady at best. Demand light to moderate. Offerings moderate. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading light to moderate, mostly light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light with activity also reported on scapula, hen drums, hen full-cut wings and livers. The market is mostly steady with spot weakness found and some finding a weakening undertone on thigh meat. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to mostly moderate.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED TURKEY

SAN FRANCISCO

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions (cents per pound)

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	147-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	145-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	145-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	149-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	152-185

SOUTHERN (LA. AREA)

Delivered to Retailers (cents per pound)

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	114-130
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	115-131
BREASTS 10-12#	173-186
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	117-128
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	108-116
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	108-126
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	114-130

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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

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate. The market on white meat is steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings moderate. Thigh meat market was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: grade A breast non basted 10-12 lbs 176 cents, 16-20 and 20lbs./ and up 181 cents, frozen hearts 39 cents, fresh breast trim 95-98 cents and machine defatted gizzards 92 cents delivered. For export: frozen livers 28 cents, frozen hen drums 74 cents, frozen scapula 106 cents, frozen hen full cut wings 63-64 cents delivered to border or port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	133.00		133.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	166.17	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	110.00	800
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	72.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	68.00		68.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	76.00		76.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	63.00		63.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	65.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	97.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	121.00	2
NECKS, TOM	51.00-53.00		51.33	24
NECKS, HEN		R	46.00	2
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	196.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	207.56	97
THIGH MEAT	144.00		144.00	4
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	144.16	74
BREAST TRIM MEAT	94.00		94.00	26
SCAPULA MEAT		F	110.00	36
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	118.64	13
TENDERLOINS		F	188.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	185.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00		188.00	8
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	31.27	44
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	33.00		33.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	72.00-73.00		72.67	162
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	55.00	324
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	99.00	162
TAILS		F	52.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	34.00		34.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	142.00		142.00	22

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 & skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.