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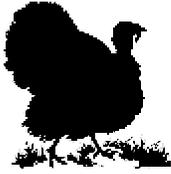
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady, instances firm on the lighter weight. Limited trading was reported on packer label hens and toms for deferred and immediate shipments. Demand was moderate. Offerings adequate to close. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on thigh meat, balance slow. Demand was mixed. Supplies light and held with confidence.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 09, 2004**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
					WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	75.00	120	OCT	-	-
					78.00	80	NOV		
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	73	73.00	80	77.00	40	OCT	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 SEPT 10, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	73.75 **	73.60 **	62.31
CENTRAL REGION	73.25 **	74.00	62.00
WESTERN REGION	73.00	73.50 **	61.50
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.75 **	73.40 **	59.33
CENTRAL REGION	73.25 **	74.00	58.70 **
WESTERN REGION	73.75 **	73.40 **	60.40

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-82
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-81

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-130

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 13-SEP-2004

	<u>HENS (8-16#)</u>		<u>TOMS (16-24#)</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (Promotions Included)	83.31	29	83.00	10
SALES (Promotions not included)	83.31	29	83.00	10
SALES (Promotions only)				
SALES (Price to be determined)		20		10

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August	435,710*
September 1-4, 2004	59,727*
To date 2004	3,414,207*
To date 2003	3,663,309*

Preliminary

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 4-Sep-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
North East	798	-2	21.10	(A)	798 21.10
South Atlantic	806	0	28.36	(A)	806 28.36
North Central	2,111	-5	31.06	(A)	2,111 31.06
South Central	481	1	20.42	(A)	481 20.42
West	401	9	23.31	(A)	401 23.31
U.S. total	4,597(B)	-2	27.31	0	4,597 27.31
To-date					
2004	151,699(B)			266	151,965
To-date					
2003	163,039(B)			500	163,539

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 54,000; for the current year to date 1,765,000; for last year to date 2,227,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 4-Sep-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Head	1,827	2,716	54	0 4,597
Avg Wt	15.68	34.80	23.63	0.00 27.31
Last week	1,878	2,750	49	14 4,691
Same wk yr ago	1,670	2,356	41	22 4,089
Avg Wt	15.40	34.38	22.05	27.87 26.47
To-date/2004	60,786	89,148	1,765	266 151,965
To-date/2003	65,508	95,304	2,227	500 163,539

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 09 SEPTEMBER 2004.

The market on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins was mostly steady, balance of fresh white meat steady to fully steady. The market on frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was barely steady to instances weak, balance of frozen white meat steady to fully steady. White meat demand was light to fair on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, fair to instances good on the balance of white meat. Some processors continued to note further processed demand not up to seasonal expectations on premium items. Offerings of tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins available, balance light. Trading light on all items and centered on frozen mechanically separated for export at steady to barely steady price levels. Frozen thigh meat for export from July production was noted at barely steady price levels while product with -30 days age was offered at 85-87 cents shipping point. Fresh wing meat with skin traded at 108 cents delivered domestic. For export: tom necks 22, fresh thigh meat 90.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	93.00		93.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	154.00	49
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	87.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	38.00	16
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	36.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	40.00		40.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.00-47.00		46.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	84.00		84.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	21.67	120
NECKS, HEN		W	20.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	161.00	100
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	209.00		209.00	80
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	86.00	140
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	95.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	159.00		159.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	187.42	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	62.60	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	240
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00		40.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-19.00		17.73	212
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00		81.00	80

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 on tom drums and full-cut wings was fully steady to firm, tom necks steady to fully steady and tom 2-joint wings steady. Demand light to fair. Some processors note a good ground turkey demand resulting in more product being used internally. Some interest on drums was also noted from various fairs, festivals and export. Offerings of tom bulk parts ranged from short to light with necks and 2-joint wings the most available. The thigh meat market continued mixed with new production commanding premiums and product with -90 days age at steady to barely steady price levels. Domestic trading centered on a moderate volume of 4-8 lb. breasts and on light volumes of fresh tom breast meat. Export trading centered on frozen thigh meat, balance slow.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	98.00		98.00	160	97.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	38	154.00	38
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	86.00-87.00		86.67	480	86.67	480
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	20	39.60	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	38.00	16		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	36.50	40		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	41.00-50.00		47.96	56	42.53	176
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.00		45.00	24	45.83	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	84.00		84.00	40	84.00	80
NECKS, TOM	21.00-23.00		21.22	90	21.48	210
NECKS, HEN		W	20.00	80	20.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	161.00		161.00	60	161.00	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	208.00-209.00		208.80	203	208.86	283
THIGH MEAT	80.00-90.00		85.00	160	85.00	160
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	87.00-90.00		89.40	100	89.40	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT	125.00-128.00		126.50	80	126.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	95.00	80		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	159.00	80	156.33	240
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	62.60	50		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	187.42	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	40	18.88	320
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	40.00	40	39.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	34.00		34.00	80	34.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.73	212	17.73	212
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00-82.00		80.56	288	80.65	368

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