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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 firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were light and held with confidence. Meats demand was active. Bulk parts demand was slow to moderate. Trading was slow. Offerings light and held with confidence.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom full-cut wings, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. Demand and offerings were both light to moderate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) SEPTEMBER 01, 2005

	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/	75-81	81	81.00	8	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-81	76-81	77.90	21	-	-	-	120	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-76	76	76.00	22	-	-	-	80	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	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 OF SEPT 02, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF AUGUST	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	76.71	77.55	73.60 **	EASTERN REGION	75.98	72.56	73.32
CENTRAL REGION	77.90	77.20 **	74.00	CENTRAL REGION	75.33	71.80	72.98
WESTERN REGION	77.80 **	74.00	73.50 **	WESTERN REGION	75.28	72.33	72.86
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	76.00	75.50	73.40 **	EASTERN REGION	74.26	71.73	72.50
CENTRAL REGION	76.00	78.00	74.00	CENTRAL REGION	74.24	71.95	72.32
WESTERN REGION	75.30 **	74.00	73.40 **	WESTERN REGION	74.04	71.63	72.52

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-81

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	116-129

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Sep 05, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE	
8-16 lbs. 82.16	311,500
16-24 lbs. 83.86	35,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED	
8-16 lbs. --	10,000
16-24 lbs. --	5,000

Total Volume:	361,500

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 27-Aug-2005 (Preliminary)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</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>	<u>WT</u>	<u>WT</u>
North East	765	1	23.34	(A)	767	23.34
South Atlantic	567	-19	31.18	(A)	569	31.18
North Central	2,246	4	30.42	(A)	2,248	30.42
South Central	739	10	18.46	(A)	740	18.46
West	368	4	23.73	(A)	369	23.73
U.S. total	4,685(B)	1	26.96	8	4,693	26.96
To-date						
2005	147,030(B)			130	147,160	
To-date						
2004	147,102(B)			266	147,368	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 9,000; for the current year to date 791,000; for last year to date 1,711,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

July	416,276*
August 1 - 27, 2005	402,815*

To date 2005	3,367,309*
To date 2004	3,314,663*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 27-Aug-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,953	2,723	9	8	4,693
Avg Wt	15.79	34.96	21.30	35.67	26.96
Last week	1,929	2,691	19	1	4,640
Same wk yr ago	1,878	2,750	49	14	4,691
Avg Wt	15.47	35.42	23.89	31.51	27.31
To-date/2005	59,088	87,151	791	130	147,160
To-date/2004	58,959	86,432	1,711	266	147,368

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 1 SEPTEMBER 2005.

The market tone on white meat was steady to firm with tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins in the strongest positions. Demand ranged from light on frozen wing meat with skin to good on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Offerings of frozen wing meat with skin light to instances fully adequate with older production in the longest position, balance of white meat ranged from short of buyers needs to light at best. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was mostly steady, however, frozen started to show some unsettledness for post holiday deliveries. Some concern was noted on the future of contracts into hurricane affected areas. Trading moderate on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance slow. Grade A non-basted 16-18 lb. breasts 170 cents delivered domestic.

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/		W	148.00	15
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	100.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	47.25		47.25	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	48.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.60	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	35.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	34.00	41
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	48.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	122.00		122.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	33.50	80
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	197.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	220.00-222.00		221.08	260
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	93.91	55
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	159.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT		F	105.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	178.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	204.00		204.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	69.00		69.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.50-26.50		25.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	27.00	16
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	47.00-47.25		47.08	60
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	36.00		36.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	25.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00-26.00		24.30	92
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	91.80	100

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 2 SEPTEMBER 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was steady at best, tom 2-joint wings firm, tom full-cut wings steady and tom necks steady to instances barely steady. Demand on tom 2-joint wings moderate to good, balance of tom bulk parts light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums adequate to fully adequate, tom 2-joint wings short, tom full-cut wings light to instances adequate and tom necks mixed ranging from light to instances fully adequate. The market tone on rib breasts steady to firm with some confident into 2006. Spot premiums were noted on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts for prompt shipments. Demand light to moderate with supplies held with confidence. Overall truck shortages were noted due in part to the upcoming holiday weekend, fuel concerns and shortages and hurricane recovery efforts. Trading was active on white meat for domestic shipments, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: hearts 24, body chopping skin 26, fresh wing meat with skin 85, fresh scapula 117-119, Grade A non-basted 14-16 lb. breasts 170, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 110 and Grade A basted 12-14 lb. breasts 150 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 91 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	109.00		109.00	80	109.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00		158.00	20	153.71	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	104.00-113.00		107.00	120	105.25	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	44.00-47.00		46.61	46	46.80	66
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	48.00	40	48.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.60	100	42.60	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00-35.00		34.40	47	34.68	87
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	34.00		34.00	40	34.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	47.00		47.00	160	46.17	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	120.00		120.00	40	121.00	80
NECKS, TOM	32.00-34.00		32.67	120	33.00	240
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	199.00-202.00		200.39	224	197.27	444
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	222.00-225.00		223.73	440	222.54	815
THIGH MEAT	90.50		90.50	40	90.50	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	93.91	55	93.91	55
BREAST TRIM MEAT	164.00		164.00	40	164.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00		111.00	8	111.00	8
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	69.00	40	67.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	200.00-202.00		201.38	58	201.85	238
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00		26.00	40	25.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	27.00	16	27.00	16
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	47.08	60	47.68	300
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	34.00		34.00	174	34.63	254
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00		26.00	92	25.66	224
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	92.00		92.00	52	91.69	192

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