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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. White meat market was steady to firm. Inquiry was active. Offerings short of needs.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow, with sales centered on limited sales of thigh meat, full-cut wings and tom drums, balance slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings mixed. Heavy toms (24-26 lbs) reported sold for October at 79 cents.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) SEPTEMBER 08, 2005

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-85	76-83	77.50	140	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	480	OCT
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-80	76-78	76.70	100	-	-	-	80	SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 09, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.44	76.71	73.75 **
CENTRAL REGION	79.50	77.90	73.25 **
WESTERN REGION	83.00	77.80 **	73.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	77.41	76.00	73.75 **
CENTRAL REGION	79.60	76.00	73.25 **
WESTERN REGION	77.25 **	75.30 **	73.75 **

**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#	75-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-82
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-82

**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.	85.50	240,000
16-24 lbs.	85.00	4,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	--
16-24 lbs.	--	--

Total Volume: 244,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 03-Sep-2005 (Preliminary)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>		
North East	743	-3	23.65	(A)	746	23.65
South Atlantic	681	20	30.84	(A)	684	30.84
North Central	2,171	-3	31.12	(A)	2,174	31.12
South Central	708	-4	18.24	(A)	710	18.24
West	345	-6	25.30	(A)	347	25.30
U.S. total	4,648(B)	-1	27.50	13	4,661	27.50
To-date						
2005	151,678(B)			143	151,821	
To-date						
2004	151,699(B)			266	151,965	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 43,000; for the current year to date 834,000; for last year to date 1,765,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August	454,100*
September 1 - 3, 2005	51,285*

To date 2005	3,469,878*
To date 2004	3,414,208*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 03-Sep-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>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,908	2,697	43	13	4,661
Avg Wt	16.16	35.55	24.80	32.40	27.50
Last week	1,953	2,723	9	8	4,693
Same wk yr ago	1,827	2,716	54	0	4,597
Avg Wt	15.68	34.80	23.63	0.00	27.31
To-date/2005	60,996	89,848	834	143	151,821
To-date/2004	60,786	89,148	1,765	266	151,965

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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 8 SEPTEMBER 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was steady to instance weak, tom necks steady to barely steady, tom full-cut wings steady to fully steady and gaining strength due in part to the strength of the wing meat, tom 2-joint wings fully steady to firm. Demand light to moderate on tom drums with increased interest noted at the lower trending price levels, tom necks light, tom full-cut wings light to moderate, tom 2-joint wings moderate to good. Offerings of tom drums adequate to ample, tom necks light to fully adequate, tom full-cut wings light, tom 2-joint wings short. Trading slow to instances moderate. For domestic: fresh breast trim 164, frozen hen breast meat 191 cents delivered. For export: hen necks 30, tom necks 32, fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey 26 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	109.50-111.00		110.25	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00		158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	101.00-103.00		102.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00-48.00		47.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	48.00		48.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	43.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	35.25	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	47.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	120.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	34.50	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	210.00		210.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	228.00-232.00		229.20	200
THIGH MEAT		F	90.50	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	91.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT	161.00-164.00		162.15	65
SCAPULA MEAT		F	111.00	8
TENDERLOINS		W	180.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	201.38	58
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	70.00		70.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	27.00	11
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00-44.00		43.67	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	35.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	26.00	92
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	91.00		91.00	40

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 tone on tom breast meat, tenderloins and breast trim was steady to firm; scapula steady to fully steady with caution noted; wing meat with skin steady to fully steady on new production, +3 months age steady to barely steady. Demand good on tom breast meat with continued interest noted from Canada and also on destrapped tenderloins and breast trim. Inquiry on the balance of white meat light to moderate. Offerings of frozen scapula mixed, wing meat with skin from new production light at best with older frozen production not as tight, balance short of buyers' needs. The warm weather in some parts of the country is continuing to result in lower than expected live weights. Offerings of hen and tom 2-joint wings short to light with supplies not as tight as previous weeks. Trading continued active on white meat items, balance slow to instances moderate. For domestic: hearts 24, fresh scapula 117-118, Grade A basted 20-24 lb. breasts 155 cents delivered. For export: mature hen drums 39, tom 2-joint wings 44.50 delivered early-mid October, frozen wing meat with skin (-9 months age) 58, fresh thigh meat 90-92, frozen thigh meat (value added) 100 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	112.00		112.00	216	111.53	296
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	20	158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	102.00	80	101.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	47.00		47.00	9	47.18	109
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	48.00	40	47.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	120	42.25	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00		31.00	100	33.62	247
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	35.00	20	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	47.00		47.00	120	47.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	120.00		120.00	40	120.00	40
NECKS, TOM	32.00-33.00		32.31	231	32.77	289
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	209.00-211.00		210.00	160	209.00	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	230.00-232.00		230.25	320	229.29	560
THIGH MEAT		F	90.50	40		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00-92.00		90.48	105	90.79	165
BREAST TRIM MEAT	168.00		168.00	40	163.89	185
SCAPULA MEAT	110.00		110.00	8	110.00	8
TENDERLOINS		W	180.00	40	180.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	194.00		194.00	40	194.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00-70.00		67.50	32	66.43	112
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	201.00-225.00		213.19	80	213.19	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00		26.00	80	24.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	26.00		26.00	4	26.73	15
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	46.00		46.00	40	45.97	378
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	31.00		31.00	104	33.40	260
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	26.00	92		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	91.00-93.00		91.67	120	91.20	200

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