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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone was fully steady to firm on 8-24 pound whole turkeys. Trading was light with spot loads of hens sold at 79 cents delivered to the Central Region for October shipments. Demand was light for current and deferred shipments. Whole bird supplies were tight to short as packers evaluate their progress packing previous commitments. Market activity on bulk meats and parts was quiet. Supplies of fresh breast meat were short of demand, destrapped tenders and whole tenders were in close balance, wing meat with skin was adequate and spot loads of scapula were available. The market tone was firm on white breast items, steady to fully steady on other white meats.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export activity was quiet. Inquiries noted on tom drums, thigh meat, mechanically separated turkey and smoked hens.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) SEPTEMBER 15, 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/	77-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-82	-	-	-	79.00	80	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 16, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	79.00	78.44	74.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	79.30 **	79.50	75.00
WESTERN REGION	79.90 **	83.00	74.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	79.00	77.41	73.90 **
CENTRAL REGION	78.40 **	79.60	74.00
WESTERN REGION	78.40 **	77.25 **	73.90

**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 19, 2005

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

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	85.74	272,000
16-24 lbs.	85.00	4,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

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

Total Volume: 276,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 10-Sep-2005 (Preliminary)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>PCT CHG</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>	<u>OLD BANDED</u>	<u>AVG LIVE WT</u>	
-THOUSAND HEAD-				-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
North East	721	-3	23.99	(A)	722
South Atlantic	686	1	30.73	(A)	686
North Central	1,838	-15	32.25	(A)	1,838
South Central	564	-20	18.08	(A)	564
West	319	-8	25.35	(A)	319
U.S. total	4,128(B)	-11	28.04	1	4,129

To-date 2005 155,806(B) 144 155,950

To-date 2004 155,695(B) 275 155,970

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 7,000; for the current year to date 841,000; for last year to date 1,826,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August	454,100*
September 1 - 10, 2005	143,894*

To date 2005	3,562,488*
To date 2004	3,503,116*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 10-Sep-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Head	1,682	2,439	7	1
Avg Wt	15.95	36.37	28.02	40.17
Last week	1,908	2,697	43	13
Same wk yr ago	1,564	2,371	61	9
Avg Wt	15.87	35.68	23.50	31.53
To-date/2005	62,678	92,287	841	144
To-date/2004	62,350	91,519	1,826	275

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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 15 SEPTEMBER 2005.

Asking prices continued higher for the limited supplies of white meat items. Market tone firm on breast meat items, steady to fully steady on fresh wing meat and scapula. Thigh meat was in close balance and trading was at steady prices. Supplies of tom parts were about adequate, tom drums were available. Fresh breast trim traded at 169 delivered. Export trading was fair. Spot loads of mature hen drums traded at 40 cents delivered port, tom necks at 34, fresh tom drums at 47.5 to 48 for current shipment, fresh tom drums and fresh thigh meat at open prices for deferred shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	111.83	218
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	165.00		165.00	1
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	100.00-105.00		103.43	140
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00		46.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	45.75	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	42.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.00		35.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	47.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	120.00	40
NECKS, TOM	35.00		35.00	14
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	210.00	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	246.00-250.00		248.67	60
THIGH MEAT	91.00		91.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	90.48	105
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	162.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	110.00	8
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	194.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	221.00		221.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	67.50	32
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	26.00	4
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	47.00		47.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	30.00-34.00		32.42	264
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	44.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
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 firm with offerings short of buyers needs. The destrapped tenderloin market was fully steady to firm and breast trim steady to firm. Demand moderate to good for the limited offerings. The market tone on scapula and wing meat with skin was steady to fully steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings light and spotty. Trading slow on all items. Trucks continue to be a problem for some resulting in spot premiums to some destinations. Tom full-cut wings traded at 41 cents delivered due to freight considerations.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	111.83	218	111.83	218
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	165.00	1	158.36	21
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	103.43	140	103.08	260
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	46.00	14	46.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	45.75	160	45.75	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	42.00	120		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	35.00	14	34.48	29
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WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	47.00	120		
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	120.00	40		
NECKS, TOM		R	35.00	14	35.00	54
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	210.00	160		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	248.67	60	242.57	140
THIGH MEAT		R	91.00	40	91.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	90.48	105		
BREAST TRIM MEAT	161.00-162.00		161.67	120	161.75	160
SCAPULA MEAT		F	110.00	8		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	194.00	20	194.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	67.50	32		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		R	221.00	40	221.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	80	22.20	200
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TAILS						
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