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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone continued steady to firm on retail sized hens and toms. Demand light to fair. Offerings were light to instances short. The undertone on tom drums was steady to barely steady, tom necks steady to fully steady, and tom wings steady to firm. Limited bulk part offerings centered on spot loads of drums. Fresh tom wings moved at 36.50, grade A nonbasted 8-10 lb breasts at 125 and plant grade nonbasted 12-14 lb breasts at 165, and frozen breeder tenderloins at 165.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Light export trading centered on thigh meat. Demand was light to moderate and supplies of drums were adequate, other export items were closely cleared.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 20, 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/ | 77-84 | 84 | 84.00 | 20 | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 75-84 | 77.5 | 77.50 | 20 | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 77-83 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 77-79 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 80 | SEP |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 77-82 | 77.5 | 77.50 | 20 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 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 21, 2005**

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| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 77-84 | 80-81 | 80.50 | 28 | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 75-84 | 79 | 79.00 | 14 | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 77-83 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 SEPTEMBER 2005.

The market on tom breast meat firm, destrapped tenderloins fully steady to firm, breast trim steady to firm, scapula steady to fully steady and wing meat with skin steady to fully steady. Demand good to very good on tom breast meat, good on destrapped tenderloins, moderate to good on breast trim, light to moderate on scapula and wing meat with skin. Offerings of tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins short of buyers' needs, breast trim spotty at best, scapula and wing meat with skin light to adequate. For export: fresh tom drums 49, tom hand cut and hand defatted gizzards 53 cents delivered.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | 111.00 | | 111.00 | 80 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/ | | M | 145.00 | 11 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | R | 103.43 | 140 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 47.00 | | 47.00 | 80 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH | | W | 45.75 | 160 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | | M | 43.00 | 80 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 35.00-38.00 | | 36.50 | 80 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | | | |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 47.00 | | 47.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | | | | |
| NECKS, TOM | 35.00 | | 35.00 | 40 |
| NECKS, HEN | | | | |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | | | |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/ | 268.00 | | 268.00 | 80 |
| THIGH MEAT | | M | 91.00 | 80 |
| THIGH MEAT--FRESH | | | | |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | M | 163.00 | 60 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | 113.00 | | 113.00 | 40 |
| TENDERLOINS | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | T | 194.00 | 20 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH | 228.00 | | 228.00 | 200 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | M | 69.15 | 52 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | F | 24.00 | 80 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/ | | M | 25.29 | 56 |

EXPORT TRADING

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|---|-------|-----|
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 46.00-48.00 | | 47.00 | 320 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | M | 32.00 | 52 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | W | 44.50 | 208 |
| TAILS | | M | 31.00 | 20 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | | | |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 91.00-95.00 | | 93.00 | 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.

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

| | RANGE |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 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

| | RANGE |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 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 |

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| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 09/21/05

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

CUMULATIVE

| SEASON | HEAVY WHITE | HEAVY WHITE | ALL BREEDS |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| JULY 1 TO JUNE 30 | | | |
| 2005-2006 | Data unavailable. | | |
| 2004-2005 | | | |