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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. Trading was slow. Offerings of frozen hens and toms was light to moderate. Trading on bulk parts and meats was light to good. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings were short to adequate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on thigh meat, tom drums and mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings are short to adequate 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) OCTOBER 06, 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/	79-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	79-87	81-87	83.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	79-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	79-81	81	81.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-82	82	82.00	40	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	79-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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)

W/E OCT 07, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	81.70 **	78.00	75.97
CENTRAL REGION	83.00	81.00	75.86
WESTERN REGION	78.75	86.00	76.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	79.70 **	79.50 **	75.81
CENTRAL REGION	79.33	79.73	76.00
WESTERN REGION	81.50	78.00	75.50 **

\*\*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#	78-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	78-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-84

**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 Oct 10, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>	
8-16 lbs. 87.76	584,000
16-24 lbs. 88.14	35,000
<b>PRICE TO BE DETERMINED</b>	
8-16 lbs. --	10,000
16-24 lbs. --	5,000
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Total Volume:	634,000

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE****PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 01-Oct-2005 (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	763	-12	24.04	(A)	765 24.04
South Atlantic	783	7	28.98	(A)	785 28.98
North Central	2,205	0	30.55	(A)	2,207 30.55
South Central	657	-4	18.06	(A)	658 18.06
West	336	-7	23.60	(A)	337 23.60
U.S. total	4,744(B)	-2	27.03	8	4,752 27.03

To-date  
2005 170,223(B) 168 170,391

To-date  
2004 168,889(B) 289 169,178

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date 928,000; for last year to date 2,034,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August	454,100*
September 1 - 30, 2005	457,311*

To date 2005 3,875,904\*

To date 2004 3,780,064\*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 01-Oct-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	2,064	2,667	13	8	4,752
Avg Wt	16.68	35.03	25.86	34.51	27.03
Last week	2,063	2,728	49	7	4,847
Same wk yr ago	1,650	2,615	58	3	4,326
Avg Wt	15.61	35.73	23.28	46.31	27.90
To-date/2005	68,835	100,460	928	168	170,391
To-date/2004	67,339	99,516	2,034	289	169,178

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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 6 OCTOBER 2005.

The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast meat items, steady to fully steady on other white meats. Limited supplies of fresh tom breast meat continued to trade at higher trending levels. Buyers and sellers had difficulties agreeing on prices for whole tenders due to the strength of destrapped tenders. Additional supplies of tom drums and mechanically separated turkey were available, necks, v-type wings and full cut wings were tight. Parts trading was light. Even when product was available, trucks were difficult to secure. Export trading was moderate.

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/		M	148.00	18
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	108.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	47.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	43.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	39.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	46.00	78
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	117.00	80
NECKS, TOM	45.00		45.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	257.00		257.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	325.00		325.00	20
THIGH MEAT		W	98.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	93.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	168.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	111.00	4
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	230.00		230.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	247.00		247.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	68.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	24.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	26.00	87
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	44.00		44.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	42.00-43.00		42.57	280
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	41.50	624
TAILS		M	31.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	26.00	50
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	94.00-95.00		94.56	360

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 7 OCTOBER 2005.

The market tone was steady to firm on white meat with some isolated caution noted. Demand light to good, mostly moderate to good. Some export interest was noted on frozen scapula. Offerings of white meat were short to instances light. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to firm. Demand moderate for the light offerings. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady on fresh; frozen fully steady to barely steady, mostly steady to barely steady. Trading was active on white meat for domestic shipments, moderate on tom drums for export deliveries, balance light. For domestic: breeder hen drums 44, fresh wing meat with skin 88-89, frozen Grade A 15-17 lb. WOGs 90, fresh scapula 127, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 130, Grade A basted 12-14 lb. breasts 170, fresh breast trim 174 cents delivered. For export: breeder hen drums 40, fresh tom drums 44-45.50 cents delivered.

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					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	135.00-164.00		137.90	10	144.39	28
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	45.00-46.00		45.43	70	45.43	70
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	43.00	40	43.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	46.00	78		
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	47.00		47.00	40	45.75	160
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	257.00	80	257.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	301.00-310.00		305.25	320	305.34	434
THIGH MEAT	94.00-95.00		94.83	48	95.19	168
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	93.00	40	93.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	168.00	40	166.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	230.00	40	230.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	68.00	120	68.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	247.00		247.00	80	248.40	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00		23.00	8	23.00	8
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	26.00	87		
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	45.00		45.00	156	45.10	288
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	42.57	280	42.57	280
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	41.50	624		
TAILS		M	31.00	40	31.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00		26.00	40	26.00	90
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	94.00-98.00		96.00	80	94.46	716

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