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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, instances firm. Small trading was reported for prompt shipments. Supplies were light. Bulk parts and meats demand was light to moderate. Offerings light to adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate. Demand was mixed and ranged from light to good. Offerings light to adequate.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) OCTOBER 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/	81-85	81	81.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	81-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	81-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	81-85	81-85	82.43	166	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	79-87	79-81.5	80.25	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	81-84	81-82.5	81.71	42	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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)

WEEK OF OCT 21, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	82.21	82.00	74.54
CENTRAL REGION	80.25	83.38 **	76.22
WESTERN REGION	83.40 **	86.00	77.10 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	81.71	81.50	76.36
CENTRAL REGION	80.90 **	80.38 **	76.25
WESTERN REGION	81.40 **	80.00	76.30 **

**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#	80-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-85

**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 24, 2005

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

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE	
8-16 lbs. 90.09	496,000
16-24 lbs. 90.95	42,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED	
8-16 lbs. --	10,000
16-24 lbs. --	5,000

Total Volume:	553,000

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 15-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	727	-7	23.64	(A)	728 23.64
South Atlantic	752	1	29.89	(A)	753 29.89
North Central	2,171	0	31.39	(A)	2,172 31.39
South Central	622	-2	19.33	(A)	623 19.33
West	282	-28	24.06	(A)	283 24.06
U.S. total	4,554(B)	-3	27.99	5	4,559 27.99

To-date

2005 179,494(B) 182 179,676

To-date

2004 177,475(B) 300 177,775

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 30,000; for the current year to date 971,000; for last year to date 2,120,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

September	457,310*
October 1 - 15, 2005	205,461*

To date 2005 4,081,365*

To date 2004 3,995,326*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 15-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	1,864	2,660	30	5	4,559
Avg Wt	16.66	35.94	25.32	36.72	27.99
Last week	1,955	2,749	13	9	4,726
Same wk yr ago	1,515	2,624	40	8	4,187
Avg Wt	16.00	36.18	24.89	30.54	28.76
To-date/2005	72,654	105,869	971	182	179,676
To-date/2004	70,552	104,803	2,120	300	177,775

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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 20 OCTOBER 2005.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to barely steady, balance of white meat steady to fully steady. Demand on fresh tom breast meat light to moderate, balance of white meat moderate to instances good. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat adequate to instances fully adequate, destrapped tenderloins light and spotty with offerings not as tight as previous weeks, balance short to light. For domestic: hearts 24, fresh scapula 129 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	117.00	16
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	115.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	42.35	43
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	46.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	42.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.00-51.00		49.35	89
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	45.00		45.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	47.00		47.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	48.00-48.50		48.22	27
NECKS, HEN		T	37.00	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	278.00		278.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	308.00-310.00		308.64	235
THIGH MEAT		T	96.00	12
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	96.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	166.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	117.00		117.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	228.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	244.00	83
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	70.00		70.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	24.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	24.41	51
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	45.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	46.00		46.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	32.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	95.00	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 drums steady to barely steady with spot weakness noted into export channels as processors move inventories into a better balance. The market tone on tom 2-joint wings continued steady to barely steady, tom necks and full-cut wings steady to firm. Demand moderate to good on tom drums into export channels with trading heavy on frozen for Asia for current shipments and on open priced fresh for November-December shipments to Mexico. Inquiry on tom 2-joint wings light to moderate, tom necks and full-cut wings moderate to good. Offerings of tom drums and 2-joint wings mixed, balance short. For domestic (fresh): wing meat 88-90, scapula 125-133 mostly 129-133, breast trim 168 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	119.00		119.00	120	119.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	148.00-154.00		151.75	32	154.15	52
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	115.00		115.00	80	115.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00		46.00	15	43.99	78
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	46.00	80		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	42.00	9	42.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	49.00		49.00	40	48.69	289
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	45.00	15	44.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00-47.00		44.54	136	45.10	176
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00-118.00		117.13	46	117.13	46
NECKS, TOM	47.00-52.00		49.95	110	49.34	153
NECKS, HEN		T	37.00	17	37.00	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	278.00	20	278.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	308.00-312.00		309.82	766	309.70	1,109
THIGH MEAT		T	96.00	12	96.00	12
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00		96.00	24	96.00	64
BREAST TRIM MEAT	170.00		170.00	15	166.63	95
SCAPULA MEAT		R	117.00	40	117.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	230.00		230.00	40	229.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	71.00		71.00	40	70.25	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	245.00-248.00		246.94	62	246.94	62
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	4	24.00	44
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00-26.00		25.56	25	25.56	25
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00-44.00		43.36	652	43.54	732
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	46.00	40	46.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	40	24.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	96.00		96.00	52	96.00	52

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