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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 light for fill-in orders of frozen. Fresh hens and toms are being bagged and will start to be shipped out next week for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings were light for both fresh and frozen whole birds and continue to be held with confidence. Inquiry was light to moderate. Bulk parts and meats trading was in a full range, slow to active. Demand was light to good. Offerings were light to moderate and held with confidence.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, thigh meat and tom-2joints, balance was slow. Demand was mixed. Offerings were 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 27, 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/	81-87	81	81.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	82-87	83-86	84.44	121	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-87	82	82.00	240	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	82-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	82-83	83	83.00	10.5	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	81.5-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	82-87	83	83.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	82-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	82-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	81.5-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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)

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 2005			
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	81.67	82.21	77.00
CENTRAL REGION	84.47	80.25	77.00
WESTERN REGION	81.98	83.40**	77.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	82.90**	81.71	76.00
CENTRAL REGION	83.00	80.90**	79.00
WESTERN REGION	81.50	81.40**	76.74

**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#	86-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	81-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	81-86

**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.	90.07	806,000
16-24 lbs.	89.24	375,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume: 1,196,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 22-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	878	21	23.73	(A)	879	23.73
South Atlantic	708	-6	29.65	(A)	709	29.65
North Central	2,225	2	31.21	(A)	2,226	31.21
South Central	781	26	18.41	(A)	782	18.41
West	298	6	25.18	(A)	298	25.18
U.S. total	4,890(B)	7	27.24	4	4,894	27.24
To-date						
2005	184,384(B)			186	184,570	
To-date						
2004	181,965(B)			308	182,273	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 25,000; for the current year to date 996,000; for last year to date 2,207,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

September	457,310*
October 1 - 22, 2005	312,097*

To date 2005	4,188,001*
To date 2004	4,097,308*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 22-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	2,041	2,824	25	4	4,894
Avg Wt	15.97	35.39	25.19	33.20	27.24
Last week	1,864	2,660	30	5	4,559
Same wk yr ago	1,806	2,597	87	8	4,498
Avg Wt	16.53	36.70	24.01	29.66	28.34
To-date/2005	74,695	108,693	996	186	184,570
To-date/2004	72,358	107,400	2,207	308	182,273

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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 27 OCTOBER 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was steady to barely steady, tom 2-joint wings steady to instances weak, tom full-cut wings and necks steady to fully steady. Demand on tom drums light to moderate, tom 2-joint wings light, balance moderate. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings light to instances burdensome, mostly moderate; frozen tom drums light to ample, mostly adequate to ample; tom necks and tom full-cut wings short to light. Offerings of institutional breasts short and spotty. Trading moderate on fresh 4-8 lb. breasts for November holiday needs for domestic shipments and on frozen tom drums for export, balance slow. For domestic (plant grade non-basted ri breasts): 10-12 lb. 150, 12-14 lb. 165, 14-16 lb. 170 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	119.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00-179.00		177.35	254
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	115.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	47.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	49.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	45.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	45.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	119.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	50.00	40
NECKS, HEN		M	40.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	278.00		278.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	303.00		303.00	80
THIGH MEAT		T	95.00	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	96.00	24
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	169.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	112.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	230.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	250.69	130
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	70.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	22.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	25.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00-45.00		44.13	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	46.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	37.00	312
TAILS		T	34.25	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00-24.00		23.67	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	97.00		97.00	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 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 moderate to instances good. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat adequate to fully adequate, balance short to instances adequate. Trading active on fresh 4-8 lb. breasts for the holidays and on white meat, balance slow. For domestic: tails 33, frozen Grade a 12-14 lb. WOGs 89, fresh wing meat 90, fresh scapula 126 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 96 cents delivered.

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/		F	119.00	120		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	300	164.70	554
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	112.00-115.00		113.50	80	113.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00-47.00		46.10	41	46.54	81
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	46.00		46.00	40	46.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20	42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	49.00		49.00	31	49.00	31
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	45.00	20	45.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.00-47.00		46.00	40	45.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00		117.00	20	118.33	60
NECKS, TOM	50.00		50.00	23	50.00	63
NECKS, HEN		M	40.00	20	40.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	278.00	25	278.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	300.00-308.00		302.25	480	302.36	560
THIGH MEAT		T	95.00	80	95.00	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00		96.00	30	96.00	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	169.00	40	166.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT	112.00		112.00	40	112.00	80
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	229.00-230.00		229.27	150	229.30	270
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	70.00	40	70.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	246.00-247.00		246.66	58	249.19	228
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	22.00	80	22.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00		25.00	8	25.00	48
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	44.00		44.00	208	44.06	648
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00		37.00	52	37.00	364
TAILS		T	34.25	40	34.25	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	23.67	120	23.16	328
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	96.00-99.00		97.50	80	96.28	384

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