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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was fully steady to firm. Inquiry light to instances moderate with distributive interest noted for the November holidays. Processor interest was noted for co-pack turkeys. Offerings light and spotty and held with confidence. Trading was moderate to active on white meat and parts. The market tone on white meat and thigh meat was steady to firm and parts steady to instances firm with wings strongest. Demand light to moderate. Offerings short to adequate with wings the least available.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate and centered on tom drums. Demand light to moderate with buyer resistance starting to be noted on the higher thigh meat asking prices. Inquiry was noted from Asia, Mexico and the Caribbean. Offerings short to barely adequate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 3, 2006**

	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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-76	-	-	-	86.00	120	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 4, 2006**

	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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	74	74.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 AUGUST 4, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JULY	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	76.20**	76.00	77.00	EASTERN REGION	74.95	72.95	72.56
CENTRAL REGION	75.20**	74.70**	73.50**	CENTRAL REGION	73.90	72.75	71.80
WESTERN REGION	75.70**	75.20**	72.23	WESTERN REGION	74.75	73.27	72.33
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	77.33	76.00**	72.50**	EASTERN REGION	74.88	73.05	71.73
CENTRAL REGION	74.00	74.70**	72.70**	CENTRAL REGION	73.86	72.61	71.95
WESTERN REGION	75.70**	75.20**	72.00	WESTERN REGION	74.75	73.27	71.63

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	75-82

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	112-120

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of August 07, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)      Volume (lbs.)

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	88.57	364,000
16-24 lbs.	86.33	15,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

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Total Volume:                      409,000

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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 29-JuL-2006 (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	760	0	23.08	(A)	760 23.08
South Atlantic	855	20	32.84	(A)	855 32.84
North Central	2,159	-3	30.90	(A)	2,159 30.90
South Central	735	11	18.39	(A)	735 18.39
West	336	7	21.97	(A)	336 21.97

U.S. total	4,845(B)	3	27.49	0	4,845 27.49
To-date					
2006	133,800(B)			151	133,951
To-date					
2005	128,397(B)			113	128,510

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 39,000; for the current year to date 712,000; for last year to date 716,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

June	483,517*
July 1 - 29, 2006	412,468*
To date 2006	3,011,470*
To date 2005	2,964,494*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

	<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>				
W/E 29-JuL-2006					
Head	2,041	2,765	39	0	4,845
Avg Wt	16.08	35.95	25.36	0.00	27.49
Last week	1,939	2,681	64	9	4,693
Same wk yr ago	2,036	2,660	34	8	4,738
Avg Wt	16.13	35.49	24.43	32.11	27.09
To-date/2006	57,438	75,650	712	151	133,951
To-date/2005	51,139	76,542	716	113	128,510

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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 03 AUGUST 2006.

The market tone on tom drums ranged from instances barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady; tom necks about steady; and tom wings steady to firm. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums short to instances fully adequate, mostly light to adequate; tom necks adequate; tom wings short to light. Trading slow. For domestic: frozen -20% mechanically separated turkey -90 days age 8 cents shipping point for pet foods, fresh breast trim 125, fresh scapula 128-132 cents delivered.

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/	92.00		92.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	32.00		32.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	32.60	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	41.00		41.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	44.00		44.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	106.00-112.00		110.00	60
NECKS, TOM		F	22.42	198
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	198.75	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	232.33	120
THIGH MEAT		W	81.00	200
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	78.08	102
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	125.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	175.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	220.00	50
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	99.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00-24.00		23.25	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.50-32.00		31.75	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	34.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	46.17	324
TAILS		T	28.50	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	77.50	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.

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The market tone on breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was fully steady to firm for prompt shipments, balance of white meat steady to fully steady. Demand good on breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, balance moderate to instances good. Offerings short to light. The market tone on rib breast was steady to fully steady for the light to moderate demand, best on institutional sizes. Offerings spotty. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady. Demand moderate to good for domestic and export with resistance starting to be noted from export buyers. Offerings light at best. Trading moderate to good. For domestic: frozen -20% mechanically separated -45 days age 18, mixed breeder wings 24, fresh scapula 125, Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 135 and 12-16 lb. 175, cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 30-31 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	92.00	10	123.80	25
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00-33.50		31.36	280	31.65	340
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	31.00-32.00		31.50	240	31.50	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	40	32.00	140
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	39.00-40.00		39.41	34	39.12	114
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	34.00		34.00	31	34.39	51
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	46.00		46.00	14	44.82	34
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	110.00	60	110.00	60
NECKS, TOM	21.00-27.00		24.38	234	24.38	234
NECKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	6	24.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	205.00		205.00	40	199.63	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	234.00-245.00		242.63	343	234.23	703
THIGH MEAT	77.00-81.00		77.63	95	79.92	295
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	77.00-79.50		78.04	272	75.19	734
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	120.00	40	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	127.00		127.00	18	125.62	58
TENDERLOINS	180.00		180.00	80	178.33	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	205.00		205.00	40	205.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	98.00		98.00	80	98.33	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	232.00-236.00		233.61	134	233.61	134
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.50		21.50	40	21.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00-25.00		23.22	256	22.97	696
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00		31.00	240	31.64	728
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	46.17	324		
TAILS	33.00		33.00	80	30.46	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	40	21.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	77.50	80		

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