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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were short to light. Limited trading was reported for prompt and deferred shipments. Bulk parts and meats market tone was steady to firm. Trading was slow to moderate. Offerings are limited and held with confidence.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on limited sales of tom drums, balance slow. Demand was light to instances moderate. Offerings short to light 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) **AUGUST 24, 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
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-82	-	-	-	86.80	100	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-82	-	-	-	86.00	80	SEP-OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-82	-	-	-	88.00	20	SEP	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	78-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	78-79.5	79.5	79.50	30	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	79-82.5	82.5	82.50	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-82	-	-	-	86.50	40	OCT	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	79-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	79-82.5	82.5	82.50	20	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-82	-	-	-	86.50	40	OCT	-	-

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 AUGUST 25, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.00	77.00	77.55
CENTRAL REGION	82.50	78.60**	77.20**
WESTERN REGION	80.10**	78.90**	74.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	78.00	80.50	75.50
CENTRAL REGION	80.70	77.00	78.00
WESTERN REGION	80.10**	82.00	74.00

**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#	79-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79-84
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	79-86

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	114-120

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of August 28, 2006

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

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	89.34	395,000
16-24 lbs.	88.33	15,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	90,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume: 505,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 19-Aug-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	758	12	23.43	(A)	759 23.43
South Atlantic	781	-9	32.42	(A)	782 32.42
North Central	2,146	-4	31.13	(A)	2,147 31.13
South Central	728	6	16.67	(A)	729 16.67
West	337	17	21.71	(A)	338 21.71
U.S. total	4,750(B)	0	27.23	5	4,755 27.23
To-date					
2006	148,064(B)			159	148,223
To-date					
2005	142,345(B)			122	142,467

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 18,000; for the current year to date 800,000; for last year to date 782,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

July	433,245*
August 1 - 19, 2006	290,611*

To date 2006	3,322,859*
To date 2005	3,266,106*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>			
W/E 19-Aug-2006				
Head	2,108	2,624	18	5 4,755
Avg Wt	16.91	35.53	25.24	30.37 27.23
Last week	1,850	2,850	34	1 4,735
Same wk yr ago	1,929	2,691	19	1 4,640
Avg Wt	15.68	35.21	25.64	42.67 27.05
To-date/2006	63,371	83,893	800	159 148,223
To-date/2005	57,135	84,428	782	122 142,467

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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 24 AUGUST 2006.

The market tone on frozen wing meat with skin was mostly steady, balance of white meat fully steady to firm. Demand moderate to good for prompt shipments. Offerings of wing meat with skin light at best, balance short to light. The market tone on rib breasts continued steady to firm. Demand light to moderate for the limited availability. Trading was active on white meat and tom bulk parts, balance slow. For domestic: hearts 21, tails 33, fresh wing meat with skin 102-102.50, fresh scapula 145, fresh breeder breast meat 212 cents delivered. Frozen thigh meat traded at 104 cents delivered port for Russia.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	118.00		118.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	112.00	16
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-41.00		40.06	192
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	41.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	54.00-59.00		56.92	221
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	56.00		56.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	54.50-56.00		55.52	59
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	107.00		107.00	100
NECKS, TOM	35.00-40.00		37.40	171
NECKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	269.00		269.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	320.00-345.00		337.00	380
THIGH MEAT	82.00		82.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	82.00-86.00		83.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT	134.00		134.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	144.00		144.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	253.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	317.00-323.00		320.60	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	101.00		101.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00-26.50		24.00	112
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00-41.00		40.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	55.00		55.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	29.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.50		18.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00		82.00	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.

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 25 AUGUST 2006.

The market tone on white meat was steady to instances firm. Demand moderate to good. Some processors taking advantage of the strong white meat markets and moving excess frozen inventories while they ponder future market conditions. Offerings short to light. The market tone on hen and tom bulk parts was steady to firm. Demand light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings short to light. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was mixed with some noting increased offerings due in part to the upcoming holiday processing schedules. Trading was active on white meat and increased activity was noted on full-cut wings as some processors start switching from producing wing meat to full-cut wings due to the price differentials, balance slow. For domestic: livers 10 shipping point for pet food, fresh wing meat 102-109, fresh breast trim 143, fresh scapula 142-151, Grade A non-basted - 8-10 lb. breasts 135, 10-12 lb. breasts 180, 12-16 lb. breasts 180, frozen breeder tom breast meat 215 cents delivered. For export: mixed defatted gizzards 48 shipping point, fresh thigh meat 79, fries 240 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/		R	118.00	40	119.67	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00		158.00	10	158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	112.00	16		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00		41.00	80	40.37	316
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	39.00		39.00	40	40.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	39.00		39.00	40	38.75	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	57.00-60.00		58.33	120	56.84	385
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	56.00	20	50.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	55.52	59	53.49	139
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	105.00		105.00	80	106.10	194
NECKS, TOM	36.00-39.00		37.00	120	35.93	384
NECKS, HEN		R	32.00	40	32.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	275.00		275.00	20	264.60	100
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	327.00-352.00		343.21	660	337.06	1,250
THIGH MEAT		R	82.00	20	80.50	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	79.00-83.00		81.00	60	83.32	138
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	134.00	40	133.67	60
SCAPULA MEAT		R	144.00	40	144.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	253.00		253.00	20	253.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	101.00	80	99.26	348
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	316.00		316.00	30	318.90	136
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	21.00	80	21.40	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00-23.00		22.29	17	23.23	295
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	104	39.91	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	55.00	104	55.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	29.00	104	29.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	120	19.40	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.50		81.50	80	81.67	120

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