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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to firm. Limited sales was reported on open priced hens and toms for prompt deliveries, and small volumes for deferred shipments. Offerings were short to light. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Inquiry was slow to moderate. Offerings were short to light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate. Offerings are light. Demand was light to moderate.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) SEPTEMBER 7, 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/	81-83	83	83.00	45	85.00	80	OCT	240	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	81-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	81-83	83	83.00	15	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	81-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	81-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) SEPTEMBER 8, 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/	82-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	82-83	-	-	-	84.50	80	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	82-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	82-83	-	-	-	84.50	40	OCT	20	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	SEP

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 SEPTEMBER 8, 2006		
	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	83.00	81.00**	78.44
CENTRAL REGION	81.94**	82.00	79.50
WESTERN REGION	81.88**	81.00**	83.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	83.00	81.50**	77.41
CENTRAL REGION	81.94**	82.00	79.60
WESTERN REGION	81.88**	81.00**	77.25**

**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#	81-94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	81-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	81-87

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 September 11, 2006

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	92.41	373,000
16-24 lbs.	91.00	15,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:		403,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 02-Sep-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	756	1	23.76	(A) 758	23.76
South Atlantic	711	-1	31.34	(A) 713	31.34
North Central	2,177	-3	30.74	(A) 2,179	30.74
South Central	593	-15	17.91	(A) 594	17.91
West	230	-22	22.95	(A) 231	22.95
U.S. total	4,467(B)	-5	27.55	8 4,475	27.55
To-date					
2006	157,228(B)			168 157,396	
To-date					
2005	151,678(B)			143 151,821	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 2,000; for the current year to date 850,000; for last year to date 834,000.00.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August	471,730*
September 1 - 2, 2006	19,730*
To date 2006	3 ,523,708*
To date 2005	3 ,469,878*

* 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 02-Sep-2006					
Head	1,801	2,664	2 8	4,475	
Avg Wt	16.86	34.78	26.00 27.78	27.55	
Last week	1,873	2,776	48 1	4,698	
Same wk yr ago	1,908	2,697	43 13	4,661	
Avg Wt	16.16	35.55	24.80 32.40	27.50	
To-date/2006	67,045	89,333	850 168	157,396	
To-date/2005	60,996	89,848	834 143	151,821	

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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 07 SEPTEMBER 2006.

The market tone on tom 2-joint wings was fully steady to firm, tom necks and drums steady to fully steady and tom full-cut wings about steady. Demand on tom drums, necks and full-cut wings was light to moderate with some noting increased interest on drums for grinding purposes. Tom 2-joint wing demand good. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings short of buyer's needs, tom necks and drums light and tom full-cut wings light to adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady with the market receiving some support from comparable red meat items. Demand light to moderate for the light offerings. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow. For domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 102, plant grade basted 16-18 lb. breasts 177-179 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/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	117.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00-40.00		39.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	40.00		40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	39.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	58.00		58.00	86
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	53.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00		58.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	106.00		106.00	2
NECKS, TOM	40.00-41.00		40.23	52
NECKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	360.00-373.00		367.41	340
THIGH MEAT	81.00-82.00		81.98	82
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	86.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	135.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	142.00	14
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	338.00		338.00	4
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	22.50	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-43.50		41.75	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	33.50		33.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00-81.50		81.28	92

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 breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was fully steady to firm for prompt shipments, wing meat and breast trim steady to fully steady and scapula at least steady. Demand was moderate to good for prompt shipments on breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, balance of white meat light to mostly moderate. Some interest was noted on contracts for 2006 and 2007. Offerings short to instances light with scapula the most available. The market tone on tom 2-joint wings was fully steady to firm for prompt shipments, however, instances of unsettledness was noted for deferred deliveries. The balance of tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Demand moderate. Offerings short to adequate. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 102-108 mostly 102, Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 140 and 12-16 lb. breasts 190 cents delivered. For export: Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 109 shipping point, fresh tom drums 38-39, tom 2-joint wings 51 delivered October-December, tom defatted gizzards 75 cents delivered October.

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/	130.00-161.00		136.14	14	136.14	14
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00-42.00		39.47	90	39.48	170
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	38.00-40.00		39.00	160	39.33	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	39.00	20	39.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	58.00	86	55.67	206
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	51.00		51.00	2	52.33	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00-60.50		59.49	134	58.81	372
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	106.00		106.00	40	106.00	42
NECKS, TOM	40.00-42.00		40.30	94	40.21	192
NECKS, HEN	36.00		36.00	3	37.24	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	362.00-392.50		376.98	538	373.13	918
THIGH MEAT		R	81.98	82	81.98	82
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	80.00-86.00		82.97	66	84.30	106
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	135.00	40		
SCAPULA MEAT		F	142.00	14		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	281.50		281.50	40	281.50	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	330.00-338.00		334.44	90	334.60	94
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.50-28.00		22.01	192	22.09	232
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	208	40.13	408
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	59.00		59.00	52	59.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	33.50	40	33.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00-21.00		20.75	160	20.50	240
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	79.00-82.00		80.74	95	81.97	362

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