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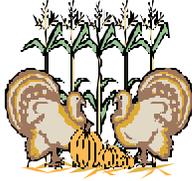
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to firm. Limited sales took place for prompt and deferred shipments. Demand was light to good best for deferred shipments. Offerings were short. Parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Demand was in a full range. The market tone on parts and meats was steady to firm. Offerings short to light.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow, and centered on small volumes of two-joint wings, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Demand was light to moderate. Interest was noted from Caribbean, Mexico, Asia and Russia. Offerings short to light.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 14, 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/	83-84	83	83.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-84	-	-	-	86.50	80	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	83-85	85	85.00	15	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	83-84.5	84.5	84.50	10	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	83-84	-	-	-	86.50	80	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	83-85	85	85.00	15	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	84-87	87	87.00	160	88.00	80	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	84-85	-	-	-	88.00	40	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 SEPT 15, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	83.00	83.00	79.00
CENTRAL REGION	87.00	81.94**	79.30**
WESTERN REGION	85.00	81.88**	79.90**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	84.50	83.00	79.00
CENTRAL REGION	83.20**	81.94**	78.40**
WESTERN REGION	85.00	81.88**	78.40**

**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#	82-95
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-87
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	83-89

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	112-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	112-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	112-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	116-120

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS (prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of September 18, 2006

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	92.66	380,000
16-24 lbs.	91.67	15,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:		410,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 09-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	720	-5	24.37	(A)	722 24.37
South Atlantic	515	-28	24.23	(A)	517 24.23
North Central	1,813	-17	30.82	(A)	1,815 30.82
South Central	618	4	18.28	(A)	620 18.28
West	281	22	25.45	(A)	282 25.45
U.S. total	3,947(B)-12		26.44	9	3,956 26.44
To-date					
2006	161,175(B)			177	161,352
To-date					
2005	155,806(B)			144	155,950

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 6,000; for the current year to date 856,000; for last year to date 841,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August	471,730*
September 1 - 9, 2006	103,418*
To date 2006	3,607,396*
To date 2005	3,562,488*

* 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 09-Sep-2006					
Head	1,875	2,066	6	9	3,956
Avg Wt	16.28	35.67	23.14	27.45	26.44
Last week	1,801	2,664	2	8	4,475
Same wk yr ago	1,682	2,439	7	1	4,129
Avg Wt	15.95	36.37	28.02	40.17	28.04
To-date/2006	68,920	91,399	856	177	161,352
To-date/2005	62,678	92,287	841	144	155,950

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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 14 SEPTEMBER 2006.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady; destrapped tenderloins steady to firm; breast trim steady to fully steady with fresh strongest; and scapula steady. Demand on tom breast meat light to good, mostly moderate to good. Destrapped tenderloin demand moderate to good, breast trim light to moderate with best interest noted on fresh, scapula light. Offerings of scapula light to mostly adequate, breast trim short to instances adequate with fresh the least available and destrapped tenderloins short. Offerings of fresh tom breast ranged short to adequate, mostly light with more industry members noting supplies not as tight as previous weeks and a less aggressive buyer interest. For domestic: hearts 22, tails 35, defatted gizzards 58, fresh wing meat with skin 102, fresh scapula 145-148, fresh breast trim 150 cents delivered. For export: frozen -20% MST 18.50 and frozen thigh meat 91 cents delivered October.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	119.50-120.00		119.99	82
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	114.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	39.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	54.00-58.00		56.84	380
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	52.00		52.00	58
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00-60.00		59.60	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	106.00-116.00		112.67	60
NECKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	82
NECKS, HEN	37.00		37.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	300.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	375.00-388.00		378.47	444
THIGH MEAT	86.00		86.00	46
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	85.48	42
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	135.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	143.00	40
TENDERLOINS	213.00		213.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	281.50	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	347.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	101.22	90
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00		23.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00		40.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	58.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	31.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	288
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	86.00		86.00	160

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 was steady to fully steady on tom necks, fully steady on tom drums and steady on tom wings. Demand was fair at best on tom wings, moderate to good on necks and drums. Offerings of necks and drums were light, wings adequate. Fresh scapula traded at 142; frozen breast pieces at 215 to 221; frozen mechanically separated turkey under 60 days age 17; and plant grade basted 18-20 pound bone-in breasts at 185. For export: Frozen tom breast meat 280; fresh tom drums 39; fresh thigh meat 83; tom necks 40; Russian frozen thigh meat 105; and tom gizzards 66 for September-October shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WTD AVG PRICE
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	121.00	1/	121.00	400	120.37	642
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	113.50		113.50	80	113.91	440
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	40.00	40	40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	41.00-45.00		42.33	90	42.33	90
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	38.00	11	37.52	21
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	56.84	380	57.11	540
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	52.00	58	51.28	113
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	59.60	100	59.50	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	112.67	60	112.67	60
NECKS, TOM	38.50		38.50	40	39.44	140
NECKS, HEN		R	37.00	11	36.52	21
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	300.00	40	300.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	375.00-382.00		377.19	330	375.94	1,174
THIGH MEAT		R	86.00	46	83.67	86
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	89.00		89.00	10	83.80	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	135.00	40	135.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	143.00	40	143.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	213.00	4	211.19	43
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	281.50	40		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	101.22	90	101.22	90
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	347.00	20	347.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00-23.00		22.58	85	22.99	359
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	40.00	120	40.25	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	58.00	52	58.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00		58.00	80	58.00	80
TAILS		W	31.00	104	31.43	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40	19.88	328
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	86.00-92.50		88.17	240	85.94	680

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