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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 fully steady to firm. Trading was inactive. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings tight and held with full confidence. Parts and meats trading was slow to moderate. Offerings was mixed, light to fully adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were light to fully 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 05, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

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					WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	88-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	88-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	88-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	88-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	88-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	88-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	88-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	88-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	88-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	88-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 OCT 06, 2006

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	92.00	86.50**	81.70**
CENTRAL REGION	96.50	86.50**	83.00
WESTERN REGION	88.50**	86.50**	78.75
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	92.00	86.50**	79.70**
CENTRAL REGION	90.93	86.00**	79.33
WESTERN REGION	88.20**	86.00**	81.50

**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#	87-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	87-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	89-94

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	114-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	114-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	114-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	118-125

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of October 09, 2006

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

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	95.73	511,000
16-24 lbs.	94.20	25,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

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

Total Volume: 551,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 30-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	845	10	24.13	(A)	846 24.13
South Atlantic	738	-6	31.53	(A)	738 31.53
North Central	2,318	2	32.31	(A)	2,318 32.31
South Central	749	60	18.80	(A)	749 18.80
West	343	19	26.19	(A)	343 26.19
U.S. total	4,993(B)	9	28.37	1	4,994 28.37
To-date					
2006	175,456(B)			179	175,635
To-date					
2005	170,223(B)			168	170,391

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 52,000; for the current year to date 960,000; for last year to date 928,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August	471,730*
September 1 - 23, 2006	427,095*

To date 2006	3,931,073*
To date 2005	3,875,904*

* 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 30-Sep-2006				
Head	2,055	2,886	52	1 4,994
Avg Wt	16.62	36.80	24.24	52.46 28.37
Last week	1,981	2,585	17	1 4,584
Same wk yr ago	2,064	2,667	13	8 4,752
Avg Wt	16.68	35.03	25.86	34.51 27.03
To-date/2006	74,982	99,514	960	179 175,635
To-date/2005	68,835	100,460	928	168 170,391

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 05 OCTOBER 2006.

The market tone on white meat was steady to weak, rib breasts steady to firm, tom bulk parts steady to barely steady, and hen bulk parts mixed with some not seeing the strength others are on 2-joint wings. Demand on white meat was nil to instances moderate. Demand has slowed on further processed items with some buyers attempting to reschedule previously committed loads. Tom bulk parts demand nil to light. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings light to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate; tom full-cut wings adequate to burdensome; tom drums and necks light to fully adequate, mostly adequate. Demand on hen bulk parts light to moderate for the mixed offerings. Trading was moderate on fresh tom breast for domestic shipments and on tom drums for export, balance slow. For domestic: Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts 124 November shipments, fresh wing meat with skin 100-102, Grade A non-basted 12-18 lb. breasts 190 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/	158.00		158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	117.00		117.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00-41.00		40.14	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	38.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	52.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.50		58.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	33.00-39.00		38.33	45
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	298.00-350.00		310.67	360
THIGH MEAT		R	95.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	98.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	142.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	287.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	330.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	102.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00		22.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-41.00		40.60	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	30.13	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	94.00-98.50		96.25	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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DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	10	156.50	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	117.00	40	117.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00-41.00		40.32	125	40.23	179
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	37.00-41.00		38.71	140	39.00	260
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	80	38.00	155
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	49.00		49.00	20	50.42	38
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	58.50	40	58.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	37.00-39.00		37.54	76	37.88	161
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	250.00-377.00		289.23	354	311.47	874
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	97.00-98.00		97.40	131	97.54	171
BREAST TRIM MEAT	126.00		126.00	20	126.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT	134.00-139.00		136.50	40	139.25	80
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	102.00	40	102.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	250.00-302.00		276.00	40	314.69	130
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	41	19.00	41
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	20.00-23.00		20.76	168	21.75	428
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00-46.00		41.30	608	41.06	1,088
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	31.00		31.00	5	30.15	189
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00-23.00		22.19	148	22.19	148
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	96.00-98.00		97.20	200	96.94	320

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