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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to instances firm. Demand light to moderate on fresh and frozen whole turkeys for current shipments with interest centered on the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. Trading was light for Thanksgiving Holiday needs. Offerings short to light and held with confidence. Most processors were noted as starting to turn their focus on fresh production for Thanksgiving with frozen taking a back seat. The market tone on white meat was steady to instances weak. Demand continued sluggish on most items for the adequate to ample offerings. The market tone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady with tom necks and 2- joint wings weakest. Demand light to moderate, best on tom drums. Offerings of tom drums and full-cut wings light to adequate, balance adequate to instances ample. Retail features for this week on whole turkeys for the approaching holiday season continues to lag behind last year's pace with average feature price levels 12-15 cents higher than the same period last year. Feature activity in 4-8 lb. breasts was down slightly from last week, but considerably more active than last year at this time.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

No trading reported for current shipments. Some trading was noted on frozen - 20% mechanically separated turkey at 18 cents delivered December. Demand light to instances moderate. Offerings mixed ranging from short to adequate.

### SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	125-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	122-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	121-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	121-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	121-149

### LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	95
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	
BREASTS 10-12#	185-190
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	103-112
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	102
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	95

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)    OCT 29, 2007

	<u>CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/</u>				<u>FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/</u>			<u>OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/</u>	
	<u>OFFERS</u>	<u>SALES</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>	<u>VOLUME (000)</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>	<u>VOLUME (000)</u>	<u>DEL. PER</u>	<u>VOLUME (000)</u>	<u>DEL PER</u>
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	95-98	97	97.00	60	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	95-98	96	96.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	95-98	97	97.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS	95-98	97	97.00	60	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	95-98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	95-98	97	97.00	160	-	-	-	-	-

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.

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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 29 OCTOBER 2007.

The market tone on tom drums and tom full-cut wings was mostly steady, tom necks steady to barely steady and tom 2-joint wings steady to instances weak. Demand light to moderate, best on tom drums. Offerings of tom drums and tom full-cut wings light to adequate, tom necks adequate to fully adequate and tom 2-joint wings mixed. The market tone on thigh meat continued steady to mostly fully steady. Demand light to moderate for the limited offerings. The market tone on frozen -20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) was mostly steady, fresh steady to barely steady. Trading slow for current shipments. Plant grade basted 20 lb. and heavier breasts traded at 175 cents delivered current and frozen -20% MST traded at 18 cents delivered December.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	135.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	160.00		160.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	60.00		60.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	57.75	320
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	54.00-56.00		54.73	63
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00-48.00		47.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	47.00		47.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	59.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	68.67	60
NECKS, TOM	56.00		56.00	40
NECKS, HEN		R	54.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	238.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	229.69	90
THIGH MEAT		W	88.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	96.00	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	88.00		88.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	86.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	225.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	240.00	29
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	40
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	59.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	49.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	54.08	316
TAILS		F	27.37	328
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	91.00	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.