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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 fully steady. No trading reported. Demand was light to moderate with limited offerings. The market tone on bulk parts and meats was generally steady to fully steady except for tom 3-joint wings, which were steady with some spot unsettledness, and tom breast meat, which was steady to barely steady. Demand ranged light to instances good with most interest on thigh meat and breast trim. Trading was fair to moderate. Offerings of tom breast meat, destrapped tenders, and tenderloins were adequate to instances ample, tom 3-joint wings adequate to instances more available, and adequate to close on the balance. Retail dark meat promotions retreat and prices are mixed. Ground turkey is a popular ad item this week in retail channels, but not as heavily featured as a year ago.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was moderate. Demand was in a full range of light to instances good with most interest centered on tom drums, 3-joining tom wings, tails, MST, and thigh meat. Offerings were light to adequate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS for MAY 13, 2008**

	OFFERS	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
		SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	88-90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	87-90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	88-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	88-90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	88-90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	88-91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION	88-90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	88-91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 MAY 2008.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was barely steady at best, frozen tom breast meat steady to barely steady, breast trim steady to fully steady, balance of white meat mostly steady. Demand on tom breast meat light to instances moderate, balance of white meat light to moderate with best interest noted on breast trim. Further processed demand on tom breast meat is not seasonally up to expectations, even though it has shown signs of improvement. Offerings of tom breast meat adequate to instances ample, destrapped tenderloins and frozen wing meat with skin adequate to fully adequate, balance of white meat light to instances adequate. Trading slow.

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/	179.00		179.00	6
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	115.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	53.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	49.81	491
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	51.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	51.50	320
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	48.00		48.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	58.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	69.58	190
NECKS, TOM		F	40.88	318
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	173.50		173.50	90
THIGH MEAT	101.00		101.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	105.00		105.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	116.00		116.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	173.50		173.50	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	28.00		28.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	35.00-37.00		35.60	171
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	55.86	378
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	48.00	165
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	60.56	264
TAILS	31.00-32.00		31.23	39
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	103.75	216

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.

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	120-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	120-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	120-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	120-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-149

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-119
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-89
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	89-90

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The trade sentiment on tom breast meat was steady to barely steady, breast trim steady to fully steady, and steady on the balance of white meat items. Demand was light to moderate with best interest on breast trim; tom breast meat light to fair with some improvement. Offers of tom breast meat, destrapped tenders, and tenderloins were adequate to instances ample with the balance of white meat items adequate to close for needs. The market tone was steady to fully steady on thigh meat, tom drums, tails, and tom necks; tom 3-joint wings steady with some spot unsettledness. Demand on bulk parts was fair to instances good. Bulk part offerings were mostly light to adequate; tom 3-joint wings mostly adequate to instances more available. For domestic: fresh scapula 101-110, mostly 101; fresh wing meat with skin 86; and fresh tom breast meat 123 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 51; frozen scapula 101; and frozen tom breast meat 176 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	115.00	160
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DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	49.81	491
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	51.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	51.00		51.00	53
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	48.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	59.00		59.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	69.58	190
NECKS, TOM	41.00-42.00		41.75	53
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	176.00		176.00	160
THIGH MEAT		T	101.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	105.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	116.00	80
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WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	173.50	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	28.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	34.00		34.00	200
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	54.00		54.00	54
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	48.00		48.00	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	60.56	264
TAILS	29.00		29.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	30.00		30.00	54
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	105.00		105.00	54

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