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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 was reported for prompt shipment, limited trading for deferred deliveries. Demand was light to moderate, best for out front deliveries. Offerings are light to moderate and held with confidence. The market tone on bulk parts and meats was mixed, mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. Offerings were light to adequate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, thigh meat, full-cut wings and two-joint wings, balance slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings 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)      JULY 02, 2008

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD VOLUME AVG	WTD VOLUME AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS								
EASTERN REGION 3/	91-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	91-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	91-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS								
EASTERN REGION	91-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	91-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	91-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS								
EASTERN REGION 3/	91-93	-	-	-	-	-	200	OCT-NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	91-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	91-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS								
EASTERN REGION	91-93	-	-	-	-	-	200	OCT-NOV
CENTRAL REGION	91-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	91-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 JULY 4, 2008	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JUNE	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	92.00	91.65 **	87.00	EASTERN REGION	91.45	89.19	82.12
CENTRAL REGION	92.00	91.55 **	85.50 **	CENTRAL REGION	91.32	89.02	81.95
WESTERN REGION	92.00 **	91.50 **	85.50 **	WESTERN REGION	91.29	90.14	81.93
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	92.00	91.50 **	85.50 **	EASTERN REGION	91.24	89.21	81.98
CENTRAL REGION	92.00	91.50 **	85.50 **	CENTRAL REGION	91.05	89.19	81.93
WESTERN REGION	92.00 **	91.50 **	85.50 **	WESTERN REGION	91.29	89.67	81.93

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	122-163
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	118-163
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	116-163
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	117-163
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	116-163

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-119
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	91-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	91-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	92-93

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 07-JUL-2008

<u>Price (cents/lb.)</u>	<u>Volume (lbs.)</u>
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<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>	
8-16 lbs. 100.32	189,000
16-24 lbs. 98.56	90,000
<b>PRICE TO BE DETERMINED</b>	
8-16 lbs. --	10,000
16-24 lbs. --	10,000
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<b>Total Volume:</b>	<b>299,000</b>

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 28-JUN-2008 (Preliminary)

	<u>-----Young turkeys-----</u>			<u>Old Banded</u>	<u>Total turkeys</u>	
	<u>Pct Chg</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>Live wt</u>		<u>--Thousand head--</u>	<u>Avg Live wt</u>
	<u>-Thousand Head-</u>	<u>Prev wk</u>	<u>Live wt</u>			
North East	793	6	25.03	(A)	797	25.03
South Atlantic	742	19	32.12	(A)	746	32.12
North Central	2,398	2	33.44	(A)	2,402	33.44
South Central	790	5	17.49	(A)	793	17.49
West	310	-16	25.82	(A)	313	25.82
U.S. total	5,033 (B)	4	29.04	18	5,051	29.04
To-date						
2008	122,579 (B)			261	122,840	
To-date						
2007	116,958 (B)			117	117,075	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

May	484,917*
June 1 - 28, 2008	462,795*

To date 2008	2,878,919*
To date 2007	2,643,587*

\*Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 28-JUN-2008 (Preliminary)

	<u>Young</u>		<u>Young Old</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Hens</u>	<u>Toms</u>			<u>Breeders</u>
	<u>-----Thousands-----</u>				
Head	2,111	2,893	29	18	5,051
Avg Wt	16.35	38.17	24.97	28.09	29.04
Last week	2,064	2,774	6	0	4,844
Same wk yr ago	2,057	2,701	38	0	4,796
Avg Wt	16.64	37.69	23.92	0.00	28.55
To-date/2008	51,174	70,821	584	261	122,840
To-date/2007	50,210	66,339	409	117	117,075

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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 03 JULY 2008.**

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady with some spot cautiousness noted, breast trim and scapula steady to fully steady, destrapped tenderloins steady and wing meat with skin steady at best. Demand light with some noting disappointing interest for post holiday needs. Offerings of scapula short of buyers' needs, breast trim short to light, destrapped tenderloins adequate, wing meat with skin and tom breast meat adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady. Domestic and export demand slow to moderate for the light offerings. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady to barely steady at best. Demand light with some noting increased interest from Mexico on fresh and frozen. Offerings available. Domestic and export trading slow to moderate. For domestic tails 38, fresh capula 106-126 mostly 106 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 36, fresh tom drums 51 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	135.00	360	135.00	360
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	179.00	9	179.00	9
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	124.50	80	124.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	54.00	20	54.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	52.00		52.00	40	52.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	51.00	80	51.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.00		48.00	40	46.13	320
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	47.13	23		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	59.00		59.00	80	59.60	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	77.00		77.00	80	77.00	80
NECKS, TOM		W	41.00	20	41.00	20
NECKS, HEN		F	38.00	15		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	170.67	60		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	170.00-174.00		171.78	360	172.59	742
THIGH MEAT		T	104.75	80	104.75	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	104.00	20		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	121.00	80	121.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	106.00		106.00	20	105.20	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS		F	167.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	174.00	20	174.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	173.00		173.00	15	173.80	75
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	26.00	40	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00-29.00	R	27.05	390	26.69	590
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	52.00-53.00		52.69	260	52.90	420
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	47.00		47.00	378	46.88	432
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	57.50		57.50	108	57.50	216
TAILS		T	40.00	40	40.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	26.00	120		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	103.00		103.00	140	103.07	150

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.