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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. Limited trading was reported for prompt shipments. Demand was light. Offerings light for immediate deliveries and light to moderate for deferred shipments. The market tone on bulk parts and meats was mostly steady. Trading was slow to moderate. Offerings were light to adequate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on mechanically separated turkey and on a light volume of tom drums, 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 10, 2008**

	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/	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)      **JULY 11, 2008**

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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	93	93.00	25	-	-	-	-	-
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 11, 2008	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	92.00 **	92.00	86.10 **
CENTRAL REGION	91.50	92.00	86.00 **
WESTERN REGION	92.00 **	92.00 **	86.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	92.00 **	92.00	85.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	92.08	92.00	85.50 **
WESTERN REGION	92.00 **	92.00 **	85.50 **

\*\*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#	116-163
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	118-163
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 14-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.	101.50	162,000
16-24 lbs.	100.39	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>272,000</b>

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 05-JUL-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>
North East	447	-44	27.46	(A)	449	27.46
South Atlantic	602	-19	31.53	(A)	604	31.53
North Central	1,876	-22	33.62	(A)	1,878	33.62
South Central	616	-22	18.59	(A)	618	18.59
West	258	-17	26.79	(A)	260	26.79
U.S. total	3,799 (B)	-25	29.04	10	3,809	29.04
To-date						
2008	126,378 (B)			271	126,649	
To-date						
2007	121,084 (B)			117	121,201	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date 597,000; for last year to date 444,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

June	480,871*
July 1 - 5, 2008	72,305*
To date 2008	2,969,300*
To date 2007	2,738,694*

\*Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 05-JUL-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	1,394	2,392	13	10	3,809
Avg Wt	16.02	37.63	27.14	28.21	29.66
Last week	2,111	2,893	29	18	5,051
Same wk yr ago	1,641	2,450	35	0	4,126
Avg Wt	16.19	37.20	33.45	0.00	28.81
To-date/2008	52,568	73,213	597	271	126,649
To-date/2007	51,851	68,789	444	117	121,201

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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 09 JULY 2008.

The market tone on tom 2-joint wings about steady, tom drums was cautiously steady to steady, tom necks steady to barely steady, and tom full-cut wings barely steady at best. Demand light to moderate, best on tom drums and into export channels. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings light to adequate, tom drums mixed ranging light to instances fully adequate, tom necks adequate to fully adequate and tom full-cut wings adequate to ample. The market tone on thigh meat was at least steady. Demand moderate with offerings held with confidence. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to instances weak. Demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate to ample. 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/		T	157.22	9
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	54.00		54.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	51.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	51.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00-46.00		44.67	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	47.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	58.00	32
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	77.00	80
NECKS, TOM		T	40.36	35
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	172.00		172.00	160
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	104.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		M	106.00	16
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS		M	166.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	172.00		172.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	27.00-28.50		27.50	179
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	53.00		53.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	42.00		42.00	108
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	57.50	108
TAILS		W	38.71	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	26.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	103.00		103.00	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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 JULY 2008.**

The market tone on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady at best, breast trim and scapula steady to fully steady with scapula strongest, wing meat cautiously steady to steady. Demand on scapula at least moderate, balance of white meat light to moderate. Offerings of scapula light and spotty, breast trim light to adequate, wing meat with skin adequate, destrapped tenderloins adequate to fully adequate and tom breast meat adequate to ample. The market tone on rib breasts was mostly steady. Demand light and spotty. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts light to adequate, institutional sizes mixed. Further processed demand moderate to good with activity not up to expectations for some. Domestic trading light to moderate, best on hen 2-joint wings. Export trading was active on frozen mechanically separated turkey for Mexico and the Caribbean.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	157.22	9	157.22	9
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	54.00-55.00		54.16	57	53.67	198
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	54.00		54.00	40	51.29	280
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	51.00	40	51.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00-47.00		45.86	94	45.82	384
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	47.00	10	47.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	58.00	32	58.00	32
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	72.00-74.00		72.15	260	72.15	260
NECKS, TOM	38.50-41.00		38.73	140	38.75	275
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	174.00		174.00	20	172.76	420
THIGH MEAT	106.00		106.00	30	106.00	30
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	104.00	40	103.53	114
BREAST TRIM MEAT	122.00		122.00	40	122.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	108.00		108.00	14	106.93	30
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS		M	166.00	12	166.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		R	172.00	40	172.55	55
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00-27.00		25.22	90	25.83	543
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	55.00		55.00	80	53.79	522
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	42.00	108	44.76	538
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	38.71	140	39.22	180
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00-27.00		26.24	496	26.22	736
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	103.00	80	103.29	280

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