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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole turkeys was steady to firm with fresh in the strongest position. Fresh demand for November holidays moderate to good. Fresh trading heavy at mostly 123-132 cents delivered November. Frozen demand slow. Additional offers were light with 8-12 lb hens the least available. The trade sentiment on bulk parts and meats was generally steady. Trading and demand was moderate for the adequate supplies.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen commodity hen trading reported at 111 delivered September. Frozen value added toms trading at 106 delivered October. Trading centered on tom full-cut wings, tom 2 joint wings, tom drums and thigh meat. Slow to moderate demand for the light to adequate supplies.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)      **AUGUST 14, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	95-98	-	-	-	103.00	40	SEPT	40	SEPT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	95-98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	95-98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	95-98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	95-98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	95-98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	95-98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	95-98	97-98	97.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	95-98	-	-	-	107.00	40	OCT	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	95-98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	95-98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	95-98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 AUG 15 , 2008	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	96.50 **	95.70 **	91.80
CENTRAL REGION	97.50	95.70 **	89.40 **
WESTERN REGION	96.50 **	95.70 **	89.50 **
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	96.50 **	95.70 **	90.00
CENTRAL REGION	96.50 **	95.00	88.50 **
WESTERN REGION	96.50 **	95.70 **	89.50 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<b>RANGE</b>
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	115-163

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

	<b>RANGE</b>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-120
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	94-95
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94-95
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	95-96

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(In Thousand Pounds)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

July	516,122*
August 1 - 9, 2008	28,740*
To date 2008	3,441,857*
To date 2007	3,290,124*

\*Preliminary

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS**U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 18-AUG-2008

	<b>Price (cents/lb.)</b>	<b>Volume (lbs.)</b>
<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>		
8-16 lbs.	107.31	147,000
16-24 lbs.	106.47	85,000
<b>PRICE TO BE DETERMINED</b>		
8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000
<b>Total Volume:</b>		<b>252,000</b>

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 09-AUG-2008 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Banded	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg	Live wt		Avg	Live wt
	-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--	Live wt	
North East	847	-3	24.69	(A)	848	24.69
South Atlantic	667	-12	33.98	(A)	667	33.98
North Central	2,421	1	31.82	(A)	2,421	31.82
South Central	745	0	17.38	(A)	745	17.38
West	389	5	23.96	(A)	389	23.96
U.S. total	5,069 (B)	-2	28.19	1	5,070	28.19
To-date						
2008	151,852 (B)			301	152,153	
To-date						
2007	145,528 (B)			170	145,698	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 30,000; for the current year to date 747,000; for last year to date 641,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 09-AUG-2008 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms		
	-----Thousands-----			
Head	2,186	2,853	30	1 5,070
Avg Wt	16.00	37.57	23.97	64.07 28.19
Last week	2,076	3,023	51	9 5,159
Same wk yr ago	2,075	2,703	54	1 4,833
Avg Wt	16.20	36.65	30.64	58.73 27.81
To-date/2008	63,496	87,609	747	301 152,153
To-date/2007	62,038	82,849	641	170 145,698
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>				
Current week	28,156	86,286	554	49 115,045
Last week	27,157	90,235	954	182 118,528
Same wk yr ago	27,060	79,747	1,274	45 108,126
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Dressing %	80.5%	80.5%	77.0%	77.0%

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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 14 AUGUST 2008.

The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat and frozen wing meat with skin was cautiously steady to steady, destrapped tenderloins and frozen tom breast meat steady to instances weak, fresh wing meat with skin mostly steady, breast trim steady to fully steady, and scapula fully steady. Demand on fresh tom breast meat light to moderate with some improvement as processors get ready for the upcoming holiday weekend. Destrapped tenderloins and frozen tom breast meat demand sluggish, wing meat with skin light to moderate with fresh the most active, breast trim demand light to moderate with interest going unfilled on poly lined product and scapula moderate to instances good. Offerings of scapula spotty, frozen breast trim light at best on waxed boxed, fresh tom breast meat at least adequate, destrapped tenderloins and frozen tom breast meat adequate to instances burdensome.

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/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	50.00-51.00		50.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	51.00		51.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	51.00		51.00	13
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.53	213
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	48.00		48.00	25
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	60.00		60.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	64.00		64.00	12
NECKS, HEN	37.00		37.00	26
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		M	172.71	62
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	103.00	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	179.00	8
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		T	25.00	60
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	52.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	41.00		41.00	108
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	42.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	27.00	108
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	105.00	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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 AUGUST 2008.

The trade sentiment on fresh and frozen tom drums, fresh and frozen thigh meat and tom full cut wings generally steady. Trading and demand moderate for the adequate supplies. Fresh and frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tender supplies adequate to fully adequate . For domestic: fresh tom wings 42, fresh tom necks 35 and fresh scapula 114-115.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE 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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	49.00-54.00		52.39	401	51.94	668
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	49.00-51.00		49.36	440	49.62	520
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	51.00	13	51.00	13
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	42.00		42.00	40	42.75	480
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	48.00	25	48.00	25
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00		58.00	38	58.11	106
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	33.00-36.00		35.29	105	35.44	239
NECKS, HEN		R	37.00	26	37.00	26
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		M	172.71	62	172.71	62
THIGH MEAT	101.00		101.00	40	101.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	103.00		103.00	51	103.00	101
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	115.00		115.00	10	115.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	73.00		73.00	2	73.00	2
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	162.00		162.00	80	163.05	130
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	27.00	40	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	26.00-28.00		27.89	57	26.51	142
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	51.00-53.00		52.51	328	52.22	494
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	41.00	108	42.01	464
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	57.00-60.00		57.93	448	57.93	448
TAILS		F	42.50	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	27.00	108		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	104.00		104.00	188	104.30	268

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