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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 fully steady. Inquiry was light to moderate. Offerings were limited for prompt deliveries, light to moderate for deferred. Retail activity for whole birds are hard to find. The market tone on bulk parts and meats was generally steady. Trading was light to moderate. Offerings were light to adequate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was moderate, instances good for post holiday shipping. Demand was in a full range, light to good. 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)      **AUGUST 28, 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/	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	97-100	98.5	98.50	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	97-100	98.5	98.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	97-100	98	98.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 29, 2008	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF AUGUST	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	98.30 **	98.25	91.00 **	EASTERN REGION	96.85	92.91	89.70
CENTRAL REGION	98.50	97.10 **	91.00	CENTRAL REGION	96.86	92.86	89.05
WESTERN REGION	98.30 **	97.10 **	92.50	WESTERN REGION	96.81	92.91	89.41
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	98.00	98.25	90.80 **	EASTERN REGION	96.85	92.92	89.33
CENTRAL REGION	98.50	97.00	92.29	CENTRAL REGION	96.76	92.93	88.59
WESTERN REGION	98.30 **	97.10 **	92.57	WESTERN REGION	96.81	92.91	89.11

\*\*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#	98-99
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98-99
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	98-100

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(In Thousand Pounds)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

July	516,122*
August 1 - 23, 2008	365,958*

To date 2008	3,779,075*
To date 2007	3,501,186*

\*Preliminary

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS**U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 01-SEP-2008

	<b>Price (cents/lb.)</b>	<b>Volume (lbs.)</b>
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<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>		
8-16 lbs.	112.19	162,000
16-24 lbs.	109.41	85,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

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**Total Volume: 267,000****TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 23-AUG-2008 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Banded	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg	Live wt		---Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
	-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	Live wt			
North East	766	-1	24.91	(A)	767	24.91
South Atlantic	815	12	31.61	(A)	816	31.61
North Central	2,370	-4	32.31	(A)	2,370	32.31
South Central	844	21	18.22	(A)	844	18.22
West	278	-11	26.87	(A)	278	26.87
U.S. total	5,073 (B)	2	28.45	2	5,075	28.45
To-date						
2008	161,893 (B)			330	162,223	
To-date						
2007	155,164 (B)			173	155,337	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 66,000; for the current year to date 841,000; for last year to date 711,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 23-AUG-2008 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Hens	Toms			
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	2,111	2,896	66	2	5,075
Avg Wt	16.42	37.30	23.86	57.17	28.45
Last week	2,076	2,864	28	27	4,995
Same wk yr ago	2,162	2,706	27	2	4,897
Avg Wt	16.16	36.47	25.85	25.37	27.44
To-date/2008	67,683	93,369	841	330	162,223
To-date/2007	66,241	88,212	711	173	155,337

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

Current week	27,903	86,957	1,213	88	116,161
Last week	26,338	85,788	520	553	113,199
Same wk yr ago	28,125	79,444	537	39	108,145

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Dressing %      80.5%      80.5%      77.0%      77.0%**USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS AND ANALYSIS BRANCH OFFICES**

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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 28 AUGUST 2008.

The market tone was generally steady on bulk parts and meats. Trading was slow coming up to the holiday weekend. Demand was light to moderate with many buyers taking a cautious position. Offerings of bulk parts and meats was light to adequate.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	133.00		133.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	125.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	53.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	54.00		54.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.50		44.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	59.57	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	75.00	40
NECKS, TOM	35.00		35.00	40
NECKS, HEN		M	37.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	174.00		174.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	172.00-174.00		173.53	170
THIGH MEAT	100.00-103.00		100.60	100
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	104.00	37
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	125.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	119.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	71.50	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	160.00		160.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	160.00-162.00		161.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	28.50-29.00		28.84	32
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	46.50-52.00		48.72	486
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	41.00-44.50		43.25	864
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	60.00		60.00	162
TAILS		R	44.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	103.00		103.00	54

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.

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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/		R	133.00	20	133.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	179.00		179.00	20	179.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	125.00	80		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	50.00-56.00		51.75	320	52.10	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	49.00-51.00		49.25	735	49.97	895
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	51.00		51.00	20	51.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00		44.00	54	44.37	214
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	46.00		46.00	20	46.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00-59.00		58.80	100	59.25	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	75.00		75.00	80	75.00	120
NECKS, TOM	34.00-36.00		34.89	190	34.68	310
NECKS, HEN	35.00		35.00	12	36.54	52
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	174.00	10	174.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	172.00-174.00		173.00	80	173.36	250
THIGH MEAT	100.00		100.00	40	100.43	140
THIGH MEAT--FRESH						
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	125.00	80	127.40	200
SCAPULA MEAT	122.00		122.00	8	122.00	8
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	71.50	40		
TENDERLOINS	160.00		160.00	25	160.00	25
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	160.00-162.00		160.48	33	158.22	193
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	160.00-162.00		161.00	40	161.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	29.00		29.00	25	28.24	105
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	28.00-29.00		28.13	46	27.96	158
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-54.00		51.11	1,132	50.63	1,792
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	43.00-45.00		44.66	701	44.11	2,049
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	59.00-64.50		60.87	684	60.53	1,042
TAILS	39.00-44.00		41.33	182	41.33	182
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	54	24.00	54
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	102.00		102.00	216	102.75	390

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