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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, instances firm. Light trading was reported for prompt shipments. Demand was light for prompt and light to moderate for deferred. Offerings were short to light for immediate availability and light to moderate for out front shipments. The market tone on bulk parts and meats remains steady. Trading was slow to moderate. Offerings were light to adequate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light to moderate, instances good. 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)      **SEPTEMBER 04, 2008**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD VOLUME AVG (000)	WTD VOLUME AVG (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>								
EASTERN REGION 3/	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	97-100	100	100.00	120	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>								
EASTERN REGION	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	97-100	100	100.00	120	-	-	-	-

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)      **SEPTEMBER 05, 2008**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD VOLUME AVG (000)	WTD VOLUME AVG (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>								
EASTERN REGION 3/	97-100	100	100.00	40	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	97-100	97.5	97.50	40	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>								
EASTERN REGION	97-100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	97-102	102	102.00	20	-	-	-	-
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 SEPT 05 , 2008	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION		100.00	98.30 **	93.00
CENTRAL REGION		97.50	98.50	91.50 **
WESTERN REGION		100.00	98.30 **	91.50 **
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				
EASTERN REGION		98.50 **	98.00	92.50
CENTRAL REGION		102.00	98.50	90.00
WESTERN REGION		100.00	98.30 **	91.63 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<b>RANGE</b>
TURKEYS Y HENS	122-164
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	122-164
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	123-164
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	123-164
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	125-164

**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#	99
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	99-101
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	101-102

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(In Thousand Pounds)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

July	516,122*
August 1 - 30, 2008	472,896*

To date 2008	3,886,013*
To date 2007	3,614,044*

\*Preliminary

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS**U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 08-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.	111.22	228,600
16-24 lbs.	110.61	90,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

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

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**Total Volume: 338,600****TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 30-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	712	-7	25.47	(A)	714	25.47
South Atlantic	643	-21	32.65	(A)	645	32.65
North Central	2,265	-4	31.96	(A)	2,266	31.96
South Central	712	-16	17.98	(A)	713	17.98
West	311	12	27.13	(A)	312	27.13
U.S. total	4,643 (B)	-8	28.60	7	4,650	28.60
To-date						
2008	166,536 (B)			337	166,873	
To-date						
2007	160,358 (B)			175	160,533	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 48,000; for the current year to date 889,000; for last year to date 748,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 30-AUG-2008 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Hens	Toms			
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,856	2,739	48	7	4,650
Avg Wt	16.02	37.20	23.58	30.92	28.60
Last week	2,111	2,896	66	2	5,075
Same wk yr ago	2,361	2,796	37	2	5,196
Avg Wt	16.47	36.20	24.07	31.37	27.15
To-date/2008	69,539	96,108	889	337	166,873
To-date/2007	68,602	91,008	748	175	160,533

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

Current week	23,935	82,022	872	167	106,996
Last week	27,903	86,957	1,213	88	116,161
Same wk yr ago	31,303	81,478	686	48	113,515

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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 04 SEPTEMBER 2008.

The market tone remains unchanged on bulk parts and meats generally steady, however tom breast meat and destrapped tenders showing a steady to weak undertone. Trading was slow to moderate with best movement into export channels. Demand was light to moderate for domestic and mostly moderate for export. Offerings of bulk parts and meats was light to adequate, tom breast meat and destrapped tenders are fully adequate for needs.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	133.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	163.00-179.00		170.33	15
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	53.00		53.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	50.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	51.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.33	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	46.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	59.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	72.00		72.00	40
NECKS, TOM	34.00		34.00	20
NECKS, HEN		F	35.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	167.00	108
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	170.00-174.00		172.00	120
THIGH MEAT	100.00-103.00		100.43	140
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	104.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	129.00		129.00	2
SCAPULA MEAT	127.00		127.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	72.00	20
TENDERLOINS		F	160.00	25
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	159.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	160.00-162.00		160.33	48
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	29.00	25
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	30.50	160
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	51.00-54.00		52.04	670
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	42.00-45.00		43.20	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	60.00		60.00	120
TAILS	48.00		48.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	24.00	54
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	105.46	148

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 05 SEPTEMBER 2008.**

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins was about steady, frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins steady to instances weak, balance of white meat steady on frozen and steady to fully steady on fresh. Demand on fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins slow to moderate while frozen remained sluggish. Demand on the balance of white meat was light to moderate, best on fresh. Offerings of tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins available, balance of white meat light to adequate with fresh in the best position. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady. Demand light for the adequate offerings. The market tone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady. Demand moderate to good for domestic and export. The increased activity is resulting in better balanced inventories. The market tone on MST and thigh meat was at least steady, however, some spot unsettledness was noted on thigh meat. Demand light to moderate with supplies held with mixed confidence.

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/		R	170.33	15	172.50	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	52.00-54.00		52.54	175	52.32	355
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	49.00-51.00		49.67	120	49.80	400
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	51.00	20		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	43.33	60	44.29	140
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	46.00	20		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00-59.00		58.50	80	58.67	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	72.00	40	72.00	40
NECKS, TOM	33.00-35.00		33.75	320	34.17	460
NECKS, HEN		F	35.00	12		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	167.00	108	167.00	108
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	174.00		174.00	40	171.67	240
THIGH MEAT		R	100.43	140	101.36	220
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	103.00		103.00	54	103.60	134
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	129.00	2	129.00	2
SCAPULA MEAT	121.00		121.00	20	123.22	115
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	72.00	20	72.00	20
TENDERLOINS		F	160.00	25		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	155.00		155.00	20	157.67	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	160.00		160.00	8	160.86	84
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	28.00		28.00	6	28.00	6
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-30.00		29.98	164	30.20	334
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	48.00-53.00		50.64	1,688	50.97	2,668
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	43.20	200	44.67	1,604
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	60.00		60.00	108	63.37	930
TAILS		R	48.00	40	45.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	24.00	54		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	103.50-104.0		103.90	196	104.57	344

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