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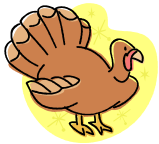
NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady. No trading was reported. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred shipments. Offerings were light to moderate. The market tone on tom breast meat, tenderloins and necks was steady to weak, balance of meats and bulk parts was steady to fully steady, except tom two joint wings steady to instances firm. Trading was slow to moderate. Offerings were light to adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate. Demand was light to moderate, buyers are cautious. 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 25, 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/	98-102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	92-102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	99-102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	97-102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	96-102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	99-102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 26, 2008**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	98-102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	96-102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	99-102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	97-102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	96-102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	99-102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 SEP 26, 2008	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JULY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	100.00**	99.79	93.60 **	EASTERN REGION			
CENTRAL REGION	99.00**	98.57	95.31	CENTRAL REGION			
WESTERN REGION	100.50**	99.00	93.40 **	WESTERN REGION			
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	99.50 **	99.00	95.00	EASTERN REGION			
CENTRAL REGION	99.00**	96.00	93.00	CENTRAL REGION			
WESTERN REGION	100.50 **	99.00	93.50 **	WESTERN REGION			

**BASED ON OFFERS

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	122-164
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	123-164
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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-120
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	110-120
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	99-100
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

August	472,896*
September 1 - 20, 2008	318,653*
To date 2008	4,204,666*
To date 2007	3,929,596*

* Preliminary

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 29-SEP-2008

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	111.80	225,000
16-24 lbs.	111.61	122,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000
	Total Volume:	**367,000**

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 20-SEP-08 (Preliminary)

	---Young turkeys---			Old	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt	Banded -Thousand head-		Avg Live wt
North East	711	-8	25.95	(A)	713	25.95
South Atlantic	765	6	32.47	(A)	766	32.47
North Central	2,271	2	32.43	(A)	2,272	32.43
South Central	865	11	18.11	(A)	866	18.11
West	320	-10	26.71	(A)	321	26.71
U.S. total	4,932 (B)	2	28.62	6	4,938	28.62
To-date 2008	180,373 (B)			368	180,741	
To-date 2007	174,461 (B)			202	174,663	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 59,000; for the current year to date 1,016,000; for last year to date 876,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 20-SEP-08

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
Head	2,072	2,801	59	6	4,938
Avg Wt	16.63	37.57	25.05	29.37	28.62
Last week	2,137	2,671	46	18	4,872
Same wk yr ago	2,036	2,801	28	21	4,886
Avg Wt	16.38	36.99	27.15	28.41	28.31
To-date/2008	75,523	103,834	1,016	368	180,741
To-date/2007	74,731	98,854	876	202	174,663
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	27,738	84,713	1,138	136	113,725
Last week	28,780	81,577	917	389	111,663
Same wk yr ago	26,846	83,405	585	459	111,295
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 25 SEPTEMBER 2008.

The market tone on tom necks was steady to instances weak, tom 2-joint wings steady to firm, balance of tom bulk parts steady to fully steady. Demand on tom necks light, balance of tom bulk parts light to moderate. Offerings of tom necks mixed with some processors in better shape than others, tom 2-joint wings light at best and generally held with confidence, balance of tom bulk parts light to adequate. Trading slow to moderate and centered on tom necks and fresh tom drums. Fresh breast trim traded at 133 cents delivered domestic and fresh tom drums 50 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	130.00		130.00	14
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	169.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	57.00		57.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	51.00-54.00		52.12	214
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	51.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00		44.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	48.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	63.00		63.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	75.00-77.00		76.00	40
NECKS, TOM	29.00-32.00		30.03	366
NECKS, HEN		W	35.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	174.00		174.00	240
THIGH MEAT	104.00		104.00	54
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	103.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	W		130.00	25
SCAPULA MEAT	122.50		122.50	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	73.00		73.00	25
TENDERLOINS		T	157.00	15
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	158.00		158.00	14
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	158.00		158.00	315
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	29.00-30.00		29.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-32.00		29.85	260
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	54.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	44.00		44.00	108
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	66.00	324
TAILS		R	46.40	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	29.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	103.30	134

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	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	127.00		127.00	20	128.22	36
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	169.00	10	169.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	53.00		53.00	28	55.05	88
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	50.00-51.00		50.42	240	51.24	574
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	50.00-51.00		50.47	85	50.57	105
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00-45.00		44.67	30	44.89	141
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	47.00		47.00	22	47.19	77
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	61.00-64.00		62.75	160	61.94	525
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	64.00-76.00		72.00	160	73.17	240
NECKS, TOM	32.00-34.00		32.33	312	31.46	838
NECKS, HEN	36.00		36.00	10	35.20	50
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	174.00	240	174.00	320
THIGH MEAT	100.00-104.00		102.01	182	102.47	236
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	103.00	40	103.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	130.00	25	130.00	25
SCAPULA MEAT	122.50-127.00		125.53	128	124.81	168
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	73.00		73.00	40	73.00	130
TENDERLOINS		T	157.00	15	157.00	15
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00-155.00		151.78	360	152.01	374
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	158.00		158.00	44	158.00	459
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	29.00		29.00	40	29.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	27.00-30.00		28.50	80	29.30	740
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	52.00-55.00		53.57	282	53.63	322
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	44.00	108	44.00	148
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	62.00-68.00		64.00	378	64.00	378
TAILS	46.00-48.00		47.00	80	47.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	29.00		29.00	40	29.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	103.30	134	103.21	188

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