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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. Trading reported on partial loads of packer label hens at 101 cents and toms at 99 cents. Demand was light as buyers are cautious. Offerings are mixed and remain light to adequate. The market tone on tom breast meat and tenderloins was steady to weak, wings fully steady to firm, balance of parts and meats steady. Trading was slow to moderate. Offerings were light to adequate, with wings and tom drums in the best position.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom two-joint wings and thigh meat, balance was slow. Demand was light to moderate. 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) **OCTOBER 02, 2008**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD VOLUME AVG	WTD VOLUME 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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 OCT 03, 2008	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER		
				CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS						
EASTERN REGION	100.00 **	100.00 **	95.00	8-16 LB HENS		
CENTRAL REGION	100.00	99.00 **	95.00	EASTERN REGION	99.86	96.85
WESTERN REGION	100.50 **	100.50 **	93.65	CENTRAL REGION	99.24	96.86
				WESTERN REGION	100.10	96.81
16-24 LB TOMS						
EASTERN REGION	99.50 **	99.50 **	94.10 **	16-24 LB TOMS		
CENTRAL REGION	100.00	99.00 **	94.10 **	EASTERN REGION	99.62	96.85
WESTERN REGION	100.50 **	100.50 **	93.58	CENTRAL REGION	99.50	96.76
				WESTERN REGION	100.10	96.81

**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 - 27, 2008	436,257*

To date 2008	4,322,270*
To date 2007	4,041,106*

*Preliminary

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYSU.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 06-OCT-2008

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
8-16 lbs.	113.80	192,000
16-24 lbs.	114.35	85,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

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

Total Volume: 297,000**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 27-SEP-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	788	11	25.21	(A)	790	25.21
South Atlantic	813	6	31.29	(A)	815	31.29
North Central	2,338	3	33.22	(A)	2,340	33.22
South Central	748	-14	19.88	(A)	750	19.88
West	337	5	26.42	(A)	338	26.42
U.S. total	5,024 (B)	2	29.22	9	5,033	29.22
To-date						
2008	185,397 (B)			377	185,774	
To-date						
2007	179,358 (B)			202	179,560	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 37,000; for the current year to date 1,053,000; for last year to date 895,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 27-SEP-2008 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Hens	Toms			
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	2,114	2,873	37	9	5,033
Avg Wt	17.25	38.07	25.14	31.23	29.22
Last week	2,072	2,801	59	6	4,938
Same wk yr ago	2,014	2,864	19	0	4,897
Avg Wt	16.34	37.01	24.27	0.00	28.46
To-date/2008	77,637	106,707	1,053	377	185,774
To-date/2007	76,745	101,718	895	202	179,560

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	29,356	88,047	716	216	118,335
Last week	27,738	84,713	1,138	136	113,725
Same wk yr ago	26,492	85,327	355	0	112,174

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 02 OCTOBER 2008.

The market tone on tom breast meat and tenderloins was steady to instances weak, tom 2-joint and full-cut wings fully steady to firm, and generally steady on the balance of tom bulk parts and meats. Demand was light to moderate at best with most interest on wings, drums, and thigh meat. Part and meat offerings were generally adequate with thigh meat and 2-joint and 3-joint wings close, tom drums barely adequate to close, and available on frozen tom breast meat, tom necks, and destrapped tenders. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh tom drums 50, fresh tom necks 32, and fresh wing meat 97-99 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	127.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	164.75	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	113.00		113.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	51.00-54.00		53.52	63
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	50.00		50.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	50.47	85
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	46.00		46.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	47.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	65.00		65.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	74.00	40
NECKS, TOM	33.00		33.00	14
NECKS, HEN		F	36.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	173.00		173.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	174.00	240
THIGH MEAT	104.00-105.00		104.57	93
THIGH MEAT--FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT	130.00		130.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	123.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	73.00		73.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	155.00		155.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	158.00	44
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	30.00		30.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00		30.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	54.00		54.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	43.00		43.00	108
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	64.00		64.00	108
TAILS		W	48.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	25.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

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
					WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	127.00	20		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	164.75	20	164.75	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	113.00	200	113.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	53.00		53.00	15	53.72	158
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	52.00		52.00	80	50.86	280
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	50.47	85		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	46.00		46.00	15	45.29	231
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	47.00		47.00	20	47.23	65
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	65.00	40	62.84	95
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	74.00	40	74.25	160
NECKS, TOM	34.00		34.00	15	32.77	109
NECKS, HEN	35.00		35.00	15	35.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	173.00	40	173.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/						
THIGH MEAT		R	104.57	93	103.30	153
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	103.00		103.00	20	103.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	130.00	40	130.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	123.50		123.50	41	123.25	81
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	73.00		73.00	40	73.00	120
TENDERLOINS	155.00		155.00	5	155.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	155.00	120	155.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	155.00-159.00		156.72	50	156.72	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	30.00		30.00	41	29.60	201
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00		30.00	72	30.00	352
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	54.00	40	54.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	43.00	108	45.14	378
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	64.00-66.50		65.67	162	67.00	810
TAILS		W	48.00	120	47.79	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	25.00	120	25.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	104.00		104.00	216	104.00	216

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