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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to weak; fresh whole turkeys was steady. Limited trading was reported for fill-in needs. Demand was light. Offerings of fresh whole turkey was light, frozen offerings were light to adequate, instances burdensome. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts, tom breast meat, tenders was steady to weak, balance of meats and parts steady. Demand was light. Offerings light to adequate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow and centered on a light volume of tom drums and full-cut wings. Demand was light. Offerings were light to adequate.

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**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 18, 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/ | 87-92 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 87-92 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 87-92 | 92 | 92.00 | 120 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 87-91 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 87-91 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 87-91 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 84-89 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 84-89 | 84 | 84.00 | 80 | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 84-89 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 84-88 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 84-88 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION | 84-88 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 NOVEMBER 2008.

The market tone on tom 2-joint wings was steady to instances weak, tom defatted gizzards steady to barely steady, balance of bulk parts mostly steady. Domestic demand seasonally light. Export demand slow resulting in downward pressure on tom 2-joint wings and defatted gizzards. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings adequate to instances burdensome, defatted gizzards light to instances fully adequate, balance of tom bulk parts light to adequate. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate with the focus on 2009 contracts. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Trading slow for current shipments. For domestic: fresh breast trim 145, plant grade basted 16-20 lb. breasts 145, 2009 contracts - Fresh -20% MST 26.50 shipping point and 24-25 cents delivered, fresh tom breast meat 180-182 cent floors and 230-242 cent delivered ceilings. Tom defatted gizzards 100 cents delivered export.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | R | 118.80 | 200 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/ | | M | 163.33 | 15 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | F | 115.00 | 120 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 55.00-55.50 | | 55.44 | 45 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH | 53.00 | | 53.00 | 80 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | | F | 53.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 50.00-52.00 | | 51.52 | 63 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | M | 47.00 | 15 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 61.00 | | 61.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | 79.00 | | 79.00 | 80 |
| NECKS, TOM | 30.00-32.00 | | 31.03 | 312 |
| NECKS, HEN | | W | 34.00 | 41 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | | | |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/ | 169.00 | | 169.00 | 5 |
| THIGH MEAT | | R | 103.00 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT--FRESH | | F | 103.18 | 66 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | F | 137.00 | 40 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | | | |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | | | |
| TENDERLOINS | | M | 149.00 | 5 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | F | 150.00 | 12 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH | | M | 150.00 | 10 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | 26.50 | | 26.50 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/ | | M | 26.00 | 20 |
| **EXPORT TRADING** | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | | F | 54.16 | 248 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | F | 53.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | | | |
| TAILS | | R | 31.00 | 104 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | 26.00 | | 26.00 | 108 |
| 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.

**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# | 129-139 |
| FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# | 139 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# | 95-96 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# | 95 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28# | 100-101 |

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The market tone on tom 2-joint wings was weak, tom defatted gizzards and tails steady to barely steady, balance of bulk parts mostly steady. Tom Breast meat and tenderloins weak balance of meats steady. Demand was light. Pre holiday export demand was slow due to buyers increased cautiousness. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings and defatted gizzards was mixed, moderate to fully adequate, balance of tom bulk parts light to adequate. Trading was slow for current shipments. For domestic: mechanically turkey for pet food 7 cents. Export: thigh meat 125 cents Russian approved and Frozen tom breast meat 158 cents delivered to port.

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| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | | F | 53.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 52.00 | | 52.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | 47.00 | | 47.00 | 25 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | T | 61.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | 77.00-78.00 | | 77.50 | 40 |
| NECKS, TOM | 32.00 | | 32.00 | 20 |
| NECKS, HEN | | W | 34.00 | 41 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | 158.00 | | 158.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/ | | T | 169.00 | 5 |
| THIGH MEAT | | R | 103.00 | 40 |
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| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | F | 137.00 | 40 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | | | |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | | | |
| TENDERLOINS | 147.00 | | 147.00 | 5 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | F | 150.00 | 12 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH | 148.00 | | 148.00 | 10 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | T | 26.50 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/ | 25.00 | | 25.00 | 40 |
| **EXPORT TRADING** | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 48.00-54.00 | | 49.99 | 148 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | 50.00 | | 50.00 | 108 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | | | |
| TAILS | | R | 31.00 | 104 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | T | 26.00 | 108 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | | | | |

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