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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 to barely steady. No trading was reported. Demand was light with most interest noted for deferred shipments. The market tone on bulk parts was steady to fully steady. The trade sentiment on meats was mixed, steady to barely steady. Trading was slow to moderate. Demand was light to moderate with most interest on bulk parts. Offerings were light to adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate. 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

for January 08, 2009	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/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-74	-	-	-	73.25	8400	JAN-FEB	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	69-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69-73	-	-	-	73.25	1400	JAN-FEB	-	-

for January 09, 2009	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/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	69-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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, DENTS PER LB, DELIVERED, (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS

W/E January 09, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	71.60 **	72.00 **	72.52
CENTRAL REGION	71.60 **	72.00 **	73.17
WESTERN REGION	72.05 **	74.25 **	73.40 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	71.10 **	71.50 **	73.00
CENTRAL REGION	71.10 **	71.50 **	73.13
WESTERN REGION	71.55 **	73.75 **	73.40 **

*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#	120
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	74-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	74-79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	87-94

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

NOTE: After today this report will be discontinued. However, the information it contains will continue to be released each week and can be found on the Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection (Thur) report (http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_py017.txt).

(In Thousand Pounds)
Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November	445,662*
December 1 - 31, 2008	514,150*
To date 2008	5,880,473*
To date 2007	5,478,104*

*Preliminary

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 12-JAN-2009

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	107.67	15,000
16-24 lbs.	103.00	5,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	2,000
16-24 lbs.	--	2,000
	Total Volume:	**24,000**

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 3-Jan-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young turkeys			Old	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	Banded --Thousand head--		Avg Live wt
North East	556	-9	25.33	(A)	558	25.33
South Atlantic	552	28	38.26	(A)	554	38.26
North Central	1,315	-1	38.50	(A)	1,317	38.50
South Central	476	-10	14.39	(A)	477	14.39
West	249	29	27.52	(A)	250	27.52
U.S. total	3,148 (B)	2	31.60	8	3,156	31.60
To-date 2008	251,933 (B)			491	252,424	
To-date 2007	242,102 (B)			286	242,388	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 9,000; for the current year to date 1,454,000; for last year to date 1,252,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 3-Jan-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Thousands				
Head	1,116	2,023	9	8	3,156
Avg Wt	16.41	40.00	31.04	28.92	31.60
Last week	1,277	1,817	4	2	3,100
Same wk yr ago	1,369	2,282	7	1	3,659
Avg Wt	16.74	40.28	26.22	62.33	31.45
To-date/2008	106,219	144,260	1,454	491	252,424
To-date/2007	103,465	137,385	1,252	286	242,388
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	14,651	64,736	212	176	79,775
Last week	16,254	56,690	70	43	73,057
Same wk yr ago	18,334	73,535	139	47	92,055
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Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.0%	76.0%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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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 08 JANUARY 2009.

The market tone on tom necks was fully steady to firm, tom drums steady to fully steady and tom wings mostly steady. Demand on tom necks was moderate to good with offerings short of buyers' needs. Tom drum demand was to moderate with offerings short to adequate. Tom wing demand was light instances moderate with best interest into export channels. Offerings were light to fully adequate and varied by processor. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to barely steady for the light at best demand with instances of a few sellers looking for buyer inquiry. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady with increased confidence starting to be noted on fresh. Demand light to fair for domestic and export shipments. Offerings adequate. Trading slow to moderate with fresh the most active. Fresh ground breast trim 113 cents delivered domestic. For export: mixed defatted gizzards 81-84, Russian frozen thigh meat 110, frozen tom breast meat 135 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	179.00		179.00	6
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	59.00		59.00	42
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	59.00		59.00	42
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	52.00		52.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	47.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	79.00		79.00	15
NECKS, TOM	33.00		33.00	40
NECKS, HEN		W	35.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	138.00	15
THIGH MEAT		W	103.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	103.00		103.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	83.00	120
TENDERLOINS		W	131.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	131.00	15
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	133.00		133.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.50-28.00		26.12	372
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	55.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	50.00		50.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	50.00		50.00	108
TAILS		W	45.10	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	28.50	80
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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The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was fully steady to barely steady for current shipments and steady to firm for deferred. The institutional rib breast undertone was steady to weak for current shipments. Demand on 4-8 lb. rib breasts was light for current shipments and moderate to good for deferred as buyers lock in product for Easter and the fall holidays. Institutional rib breast demand sluggish. Offerings of 4-8 lb. rib breasts mixed for current shipments and held with confidence for deferred. The market tone on breast meat was barely steady to weak, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim barely steady at best, scapula mostly steady and wing meat with skin at least steady. Demand tom breast meat sluggish with some sellers becoming more aggressive, balance of white meat light to instances moderate. Offerings frozen tom breast meat adequate to burdensome, destrapped tenderloins adequate to ample, wing meat with skin light, balance of white meat adequate to fully adequate. Trading heavy on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts for April-October shipments ranging from 118-133 cents delivered, light to moderate for current. For domestic (fresh): wing meat with skin 101-110, breast trim 110, scapula 117-118, tails 42, For export: fresh tom drums 55, fresh -20% MST 25, fresh thigh meat 103, frozen tom breast meat 135 cents delivered.

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/	112.00		112.00	80	112.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	179.00	6	179.00	6
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	54.00-55.50		55.06	208	55.79	330
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	59.00	42	54.04	242
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	52.00	40	52.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00-51.50		48.72	136	48.72	136
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	47.00	12	47.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	48.00-56.50		52.45	247	52.45	247
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	79.00	15	79.69	175
NECKS, TOM	30.00-34.00		33.08	52	32.33	292
NECKS, HEN	34.50		34.50	27	34.68	42
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	133.00		133.00	14	137.36	109
THIGH MEAT	103.00		103.00	2	102.34	122
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	103.00		103.00	56	103.00	66
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	116.00		116.00	36	116.00	36
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	83.00	120	83.00	120
TENDERLOINS		W	131.00	10	131.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	131.00		131.00	30	131.00	45
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		R	133.00	120	133.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	25.00-30.00		28.33	120	28.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	24.00-26.00		24.70	215	25.65	667
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	55.00-57.00		55.45	268	55.44	548
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	47.00-48.00		47.50	80	48.57	280
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	50.00	108	52.33	162
TAILS	43.00		43.00	40	43.94	320
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	28.00		28.00	40	28.50	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN						

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