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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Whole body trading not reported today. Light to moderate demand with reports of negotiations in progress for future deliveries. Offers were light to adequate. Trade sentiment on tom necks and tom drums fully steady to firm, tom full cut wings steady to barely steady, balance of parts steady. Trading and demand on white meat items steady to barley steady for the fully adequate to ample offers.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom full-cut wings and thigh meat. Demand was slow to moderate with offers 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) **FEBRUARY 05, 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/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 06, 2009**

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 FEB 06, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	72.70 **	72.00	75.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	72.70 **	71.50 **	75.50 **
WESTERN REGION	72.70 **	71.50 **	75.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	72.70 **	72.00	75.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	72.70 **	71.50 **	75.50 **
WESTERN REGION	72.70 **	71.50 **	75.50 **

**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#	74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-83

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 09-FEB-2009

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	95.04	163,000
16-24 lbs.	95.60	100,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	5,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000
	Total Volume:	**273,000**

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 31-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	745	-2	25.71	(A)	747	25.71
South Atlantic	852	7	35.23	(A)	854	35.23
North Central	1,944	-4	34.79	(A)	1,945	34.79
South Central	573	-13	17.02	(A)	574	17.02
West	317	-23	25.36	(A)	318	25.36
U.S. total	4,431 (B)	-5	30.37	7	4,438	30.37
To-date 2009*	18,097 (B)			43	18,140	
To-date 2008*	18,935 (B)			24	18,959	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 35,000; for the current year to date* 128,000; for last year to date* 56,000.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 31-Jan-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Thousands				
Head	1,785	2,611	35	7	4,438
Avg Wt	16.86	39.68	25.41	29.61	30.37
Last week	1,683	2,617	26	1	4,327
Same wk yr ago	1,877	2,867	16	1	4,761
Avg Wt	16.03	39.30	30.73	61.15	30.10
To-date/2009*	7,253	10,716	128	43	18,140
To-date/2008*	7,450	11,429	56	24	18,959
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	24,075	82,879	680	159	107,793
Last week	22,228	84,434	541	22	107,225
Same wk yr ago	24,071	90,138	376	47	114,632
To-date/2009*	95,960	340,702	2,655	997	440,314
To-date/2008*	94,987	366,166	1,169	535	462,857
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	--

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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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 05 FEBRUARY 2009.

The market tone on bulk parts remains steady to fully steady with tom drums and tom necks fully steady to firm and tom full-cut wings steady to barely steady. Trading was slow to moderate. Demand was mixed with interest to purchase tom necks and tom drums going unfulfilled. Offerings of bulk parts was short to adequate. White meat demand remains slow to appear. Offerings fully adequate. Trading and demand was light. Domestic: fresh tails 40 cents and fresh tom necks 45 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	107.00	15
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	124.00-151.00		125.86	28
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	105.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	60.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	59.00-61.00		60.25	400
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	55.00		55.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	49.00		49.00	52
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	47.00		47.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	57.00-58.00		57.73	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	80.00		80.00	15
NECKS, TOM	42.00-50.00		46.31	102
NECKS, HEN	40.00		40.00	24
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	133.00-136.00		134.50	80
THIGH MEAT	101.00-102.00		101.50	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	103.00		103.00	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT	106.00		106.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	116.00		116.00	8
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	92.00		92.00	40
TENDERLOINS	131.00		131.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	125.00		125.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	135.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	28.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	27.00		27.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	50.00		50.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	40.00		40.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
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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Trade sentiment on tom drums and tom necks fully steady to firm, tom full-cut wings steady to barely steady, balance on bulk parts steady to fully steady. Trading and demand was slow to moderate with some inquiry on tom necks and tom drums unfilled. Supplies of bulk parts in close balance to adequate. Trading and demand on white meat items fair at best for the fully adequate to ample offers. For domestic: plant grade 20-24 lb. breast 130. For export: mixed tails at 33.5 cents delivered port.

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/		W	107.00	15	107.63	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	125.86	28	126.68	38
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	105.00	15	105.00	55
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	58.00-61.00		60.50	100	60.25	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	58.00-60.00		58.74	190	59.76	750
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	55.00	20	54.54	65
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	50.00-51.00		50.29	140	50.05	270
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	47.00	20	47.00	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00		58.00	40	57.84	95
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	80.00	15	80.00	27
NECKS, TOM	44.00-48.00		46.50	100	46.53	411
NECKS, HEN		R	40.00	24	40.00	64
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	134.50	80	134.50	160
THIGH MEAT	102.00		102.00	80	101.84	167
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	103.00		103.00	120	103.18	220
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	106.00	40	106.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT	116.00		116.00	12	116.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	92.00	40	92.00	40
TENDERLOINS	133.00		133.00	8	131.64	25
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	125.00	40	125.00	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	135.00	10		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00		26.00	30	28.26	230
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	26.00-28.50		27.47	339	27.62	579
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	50.00		50.00	80	50.00	350
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	40.00	40	40.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	101.00		101.00	54	101.00	54

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