

# **USDA TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT**

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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. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings, with 2008 production in the longest position. Heavy trading was noted for deferred shipments. Deferred shipments of whole birds with ceiling prices 79 March, 80 April, 82 May, 84 June, 87 July, 89 August, 91 September and 97 October. Heavy volume of hens and toms transferred in storage at 84.25 to 88.25 for October. The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to good for the tight to barely adequate offerings. The trade sentiment on white meat items was barely steady to instances weak. Supplies were adequate to at times burdensome for the light to moderate demand.

#### **EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS**

Trading was limited. Demand was slow to moderate for the light to adequate offerings.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) MARCH 03, 2009

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORW	ARD SHIPMI	ENTS 6/	<b>OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/</b>	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS				. ,		, ,		` '	
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	76	76.00	39.50	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5	74-76	76	76.00	14	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	74-76.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	76	76.00	28	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5	74-76	76	76.00	41.50	-	-	-	-	-

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			AVG	(000)	AVG	(000)	PER	(000)	PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-	84.25	680	JUL	-	-
					84.25	680	AUG	-	-
					84.25	680	SEPT	-	-
					84.25	680	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-	84.25	680	JUL	12900	MAR-OCT
					84.25	680	AUG	-	-
					84.25	680	SEPT	-	-
					84.25	680	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-	84.25	680	JUL	2940	MAR-OCT
					84.25	680	AUG	-	-
					84.25	680	SEPT	-	-
					84.25	680	OCT	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	74-76.5	74.5	74.50	80	84.25	550	JUL	-	-
					84.25	550	AUG	-	-
					84.25	550	SEPT	-	-
					84.25	550	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	-	-	-	84.25	550	JUL	12860	MAR-OCT
					84.25	550	AUG	-	-
					84.25	550	SEPT	-	-
					84.25	550	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION	74-76	-	-	-	84.25	550	JUL	1300	MAR-OCT
					84.25	550	AUG	-	-
					84.25	550	SEPT	-	-
					84.25	550	OCT	-	-

<sup>1/</sup> 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 03 MARCH 2009.

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to weak, destrapped tenderloins barely steady at best, balance of white meat steady to barely steady. White meat demand slow to instances moderate, best on trims. Offerings of tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins adequate to instances burdensome, balance of white meat mixed ranging from light to fully adequate. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was barely steady to fully steady and institutional sized breasts steady to weak with some noting a possible floor in the market. Demand mixed with offerings held with varied degrees of confidence. Trading slow with movement most active into export channels. For domestic: livers 21 shipping point; breeder hen - drums 51, wings 44, necks 47; fresh wing meat with skin 102, Grade A non-basted breasts - 10-12 lb. 135, 12-14 lb. 140, 14-16 lb. 145, 18-20 lb. 155; plant grade basted 18-20 lb. breasts 120 cents delivered. For export: hen drums 54, hand-cut tom defatted gizzards 105.50, frozen tom breast meat 128 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	101.00		101.00	` 2 ´
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE AFRESH 2/		F	137.27	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	62.00		62.00	18
DRUMSTICKS, TOMFRESH	62.00		62.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	51.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	48.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	61.00		61.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	79.00-81.00		80.00	80
NECKS, TOM	59.00		59.00	10
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOMFRESH 3/	123.00		123.00	40
THIGH MEAT	100.00-104.00		100.80	100
THIGH MEATFRESH	100.00		100.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	88.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	123.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	116.26	95
DESTRAPPED TENDERSFRESH		F	125.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	35.33	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH 4/	37.00		37.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	66.00		66.00	54
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	50.00		50.00	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	60.00	216
TAILS	35.00-38.00		36.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	38.00		38.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	100.58	228

<sup>1/</sup> CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY			SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS			DELIVERED TO RETAILERS
		RANGE	<u>RANGE</u>
	TURKEYS Y HENS	122-164	FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# 110-120
	TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	123-164	FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# 110-120
	TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	123-164	FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# 76
	TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	123-164	FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# 76
	TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	125-164	FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28# 76-82

<sup>2/</sup> Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

<sup>3/</sup> Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

<sup>4/ 15-20%</sup> fat with skin added.

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The trade sentiment on tom breast meat continued steady to weak, destrapped tenderloins barely steady. White meat demand light to moderate for the adequate to instances burdensome offerings. Supplies of tom necks, drums and 2 joint wings tight to barely adequate. Other parts supplies were mostly adequate. Trading and demand was reported as slow to moderate for current deliveries and moderate to heavy for deferred shipments. For domestic: Frozen skin on breast meat- 135 March - May. For export: hearts- 22 FOB.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE AFRESH 2/ BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T F	101.00 137.27	2 11
DRUMSTICKS, TOM DRUMSTICKS, TOMFRESH DRUMSTICKS. HEN	61.00 62.00		61.00 62.00	20 80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	49.00-50.00	R T	49.50 48.00 61.00	40 20 40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN NECKS, TOM NECKS, HEN	57.00	Т	80.00 57.00	80 20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ BREASTS, B/S, TOMFRESH 3/ THIGH MEAT THIGH MEATFRESH	126.00-128.00	T T	127.14 100.80 100.00	280 100 40
BREAST TRIM MEAT SCAPULA MEAT WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	88.00	40
TENDERLOINS DESTRAPPED TENDERS DESTRAPPED TENDERSFRESH	123.00	R R	123.00 116.26 123.00	10 95 80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ MECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH 4/	36.00	R	35.33 36.00	60 120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS		T T R T	66.00 50.00 60.00 36.00	54 162 216 120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T F	38.00 100.58	40 228

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