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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS The market tone on frozen whole turkeys from 2009 production steady to fully steady, however 2008 production noted at lower trending price levels. Demand light to moderate, best for deferred shipments. Offerings of 2009 frozen hen and tom production light to adequate, 2008 spotty. The market tone on tom breast meat mostly steady with increasing confidence noted, wing meat with skin and destrapped tenderloins steady to fully steady, balance of white meat steady. Demand light to instances good, best on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins with offers adequate to available. The market tone steady to firm on tom bulk parts with necks, wings, and MST in the strongest position and held with confidence. Demand moderate to good. Offerings short to adequate with necks and wings in the tightest position. The market tone on thigh meat steady to instances weak. Demand light to moderate at best for the adequate to instances burdensome offerings. Trading active on fresh tom breast meat and tom necks, balance slow to moderate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS Trading active on thigh meat, balance slow to moderate. Most trading centered on tom drums, thigh meat, necks, scapula, tom gizzards, and whole birds. Demand light to good. Offerings mixed. Frozen commodity halal hens and toms traded at 92 cents delivered export for July shipment. Trading on frozen plant grade toms basted, netted, and timed at 70 cents for September delivery.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 07, 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/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-82	82	82.00	20	86.50	1720	SEPT	160	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	JULY
12-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	SEPT
CENTRAL REGION	77-82	82	82.00	20	86.50	600	SEPT	-	-
WESTERN REGION	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	JULY

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 MAY 08, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.25	77.50 **	88.80 **
CENTRAL REGION	79.67	79.00	87.25
WESTERN REGION	77.90 **	77.50 **	89.80 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	77.90 **	77.50 **	88.80 **
CENTRAL REGION	82.00	76.25 **	88.80 **
WESTERN REGION	77.90 **	77.50 **	89.30 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	107-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-106
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	104-107
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	102-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	110-111

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#	79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	79-81

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 11-MAY-2009

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	91.04	117,000
16-24 lbs.	91.43	35,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	5,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000
	Total Volume:	**162,000**

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 02-MAY-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young turkeys -Thousand Head-		Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	Old Banded -Thousand head-	Total turkeys -Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
North East	747		10	24.99	(A)	748	24.99
South Atlantic	660		-26	33.58	(A)	661	33.58
North Central	2,177		2	32.59	(A)	2,177	32.59
South Central	721		-9	19.33	(A)	721	19.33
West	325		3	25.52	(A)	325	25.52
U.S. total	4,630	(B)	-4	28.96	2	4,632	28.96
To-date 2009*	76,428	(B)			92	76,520	
To-date 2008*	79,916	(B)			159	80,075	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 45,000; for the current year to date* 477,000; for last year to date* 334,000.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 02-MAY-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Thousands				
Head	1,807	2,778	45	2	4,632
Avg Wt	16.34	37.11	31.04	57.74	28.96
Last week	2,128	2,634	38	1	4,801
Same wk yr ago	1,961	2,710	13	0	4,684
Avg Wt	16.15	38.71	23.50	0.00	29.22
To-date/2009*	31,679	44,272	477	92	76,520
To-date/2008*	32,708	46,874	334	159	80,075
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,329	81,441	1,068	88	105,926
Last week	28,335	78,992	1,018	27	108,372
Same wk yr ago	25,019	82,874	234	0	108,127
To-date/2009*	422,232	1,367,671	10,010	2,351	1,802,264
To-date/2008*	421,684	1,462,277	6,643	3,478	1,894,082
Dressing %	79.0%	79.0%	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 07 MAY 2009.

The market tone on tom drums was steady to fully steady, mostly steady; tails steady; balance of tom bulk parts fully steady to firm. Demand on wings and necks good, tails light, tom drums light to instances good, mostly moderate. Offerings of tom drums short to adequate, tails adequate, tom necks and wings short to extremely light for buyers' needs. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was fully steady to firm. Demand good for the spotty offerings. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to instances weak with lower trending bids and offering prices noted. Some industry members are watching for possible positive developments in response to the pork situation. Trading slow. For export: tom machine defatted gizzards 82 shipping point, frozen thigh trim 63 cents delivered

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	117.07	820
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	162.00		162.00	1
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	66.50		66.50	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	62.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	62.00	10
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	58.04	135
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	56.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	74.95	95
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	93.00	12
NECKS, TOM		W	70.50	30
NECKS, HEN		R	65.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	122.00-125.00		124.00	120
THIGH MEAT		F	91.00	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	94.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	101.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		W	95.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS		W	115.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	116.00	320
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	118.64	146
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	48.50	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	65.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	52.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	29.85	188
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	88.00	40

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 08 MAY 2009.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady as more industry member continued to express increased confidence in the market. Destrapped tenderloins and wing meat with skin steady to fully steady. Some of the increased confidence in the breast meat items is starting to spill over into the other white meat items with a few anticipating increased interest. Demand on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins moderate to instances good, balance of white meat light to moderate with more activity noted on scapula. Further processed demand moderate with some processors starting to note a seasonal improvement in finished product movement while other still take just regular commitments. The market tone on institutional breasts was steady at best while processors continued to work down inventories. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to fully steady with some Interest noted for the fall holidays. Some spot strength was noted on frozen thigh meat into select destinations, balance steady to instances weak. Trading slow to moderate, best on parts, fresh tom breast meat and thigh meat. For domestic (fresh): tom wings 55, scapula 99, wing meat with skin 102, breast trim 103-108, frozen - tom defatted gizzards 89, Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. 115 and 12-16 lb. breasts 125 For export: white trim 60, fresh tom drums 64, tom necks 71, scapula 95, tom defatted gizzards 99.50, Russian thigh meat 104-110 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/		T	117.07	820	117.07	820
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	162.00	1	162.00	1
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	63.00-67.00		64.37	175	65.30	536
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	62.50-65.00		63.32	131	63.08	291
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	61.00-62.00		61.80	50	61.83	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	61.00-63.00		62.26	155	58.50	410
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	55.00		55.00	7	55.68	22
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	73.00		73.00	40	74.74	175
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	93.00	12	94.74	92
NECKS, TOM	67.00-76.00		71.95	400	72.09	590
NECKS, HEN	67.00		67.00	23	67.00	23
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	123.00-127.00		125.10	412	124.62	732
THIGH MEAT		F	91.00	80		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	94.00	40	94.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	101.00	10		
SCAPULA MEAT	97.00-98.00		97.50	40	95.63	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS		W	115.00	12	115.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	120.00		120.00	40	118.59	226
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	48.00-55.00		51.16	276	50.08	516
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	64.00-70.00		66.83	458	66.36	618
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	29.85	188	29.97	268
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	92.00-98.50		94.17	740	93.66	820

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