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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment on whole turkeys was steady. Trading and demand light for current offerings. Retail promotion activity on turkey slow as focus turns to grilling items for the Memorial Day weekend. Whole turkeys return to the circulars, mostly hens for grilling. Trade sentiment on tom drums was cautiously steady, other bulk parts and MST steady to firm. Light to moderate demand for the mixed offers of drums. Offers adequate to short on the balance of parts items. Thigh meat market tone was irregular, about steady to weak. Offers on thigh meat adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. White meat trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Offers on white meat adequate for the light to moderate demand.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand was light to moderate for the short to adequate offers. Trading reported on thigh meat and tails. Many industry members taking extended holiday weekends.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 21, 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/	77-81.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1554	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	77-81.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1500	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	2000	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	2200	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 22, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.50 **	82.00	89.40 **
CENTRAL REGION	81.50	78.50 **	90.00
WESTERN REGION	78.50 **	78.50 **	90.40 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	78.50 **	82.00	90.00
CENTRAL REGION	81.50	78.50 **	89.40 **
WESTERN REGION	78.50 **	78.50 **	89.90 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	107-110
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-107
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	107
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	102-105
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#	80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-82

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 25-MAY-2009

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	93.75	110,000
16-24 lbs.	91.67	30,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	--
	Total Volume:	**150,000**

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 16-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	692		-1	25.03	(A)	694	25.03
South Atlantic	754		-4	33.76	(A)	755	33.76
North Central	2,233		4	32.25	(A)	2,234	32.25
South Central	756		-2	18.81	(A)	757	18.81
West	330		10	26.09	(A)	331	26.09
U.S. total	4,765	(B)	1	28.88	6	4,771	28.88
To-date 2009*	85,897	(B)			100	85,997	
To-date 2008*	89,834	(B)			184	90,018	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 10,000; for the current year to date* 508,000; for last year to date* 399,000.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 16-MAY-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Thousands				
Head	2,006	2,749	10	6	4,771
Avg Wt	16.10	38.21	26.65	26.00	28.88
Last week	1,956	2,727	21	2	4,706
Same wk yr ago	2,450	2,430	34	25	4,939
Avg Wt	18.78	38.85	25.57	38.96	28.80
To-date/2009*	35,641	49,748	508	100	85,997
To-date/2008*	37,381	52,054	399	184	90,018
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,522	82,982	204	119	108,827
Last week	25,118	82,652	478	72	108,320
Same wk yr ago	36,349	74,580	665	745	112,339
To-date/2009*	472,872	1,533,305	10,692	2,542	2,019,411
To-date/2008*	487,168	1,621,606	7,885	4,223	2,120,882
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 21 MAY 2009.

The market tone on tom drums was cautiously steady, with other bulk parts and mechanically separated turkey steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offers short to adequate. Availability of drums was mixed, short to instances fully adequate. The trade sentiment on white meat was steady to fully steady. Demand was slow to moderate while offerings were adequate. Fresh destrapped tenders were reported as being held with varying degrees of increased confidence. The market tone on thigh meat was steady at best to weak. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate to ample. Domestic: fresh scapula meat 99 cents delivered. Export: frozen thigh meat -6 months age 80, fresh tom full-cut wings 65 cents delivered. Import: frozen mechanically separated turkey 55 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	106.00	440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	132.00	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	100.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	63.00-64.00		63.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	62.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	62.00	27
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	72.00		72.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	63.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	80.00		80.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	93.00	2
NECKS, TOM	78.00		78.00	40
NECKS, HEN		F	68.00	27
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	128.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	130.00-133.00		132.00	120
THIGH MEAT		W	87.00	4
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	88.00		88.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	98.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	100.00		100.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	127.00		127.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	60.00		60.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		T	55.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	65.00-65.50		65.29	378
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		T	27.00	270
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	81.94	688

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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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	106.00	440	106.00	440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	100.00	400	98.57	560
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	65.00		65.00	40	63.95	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	61.00-63.00		62.04	250	62.04	250
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	62.00	27		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	67.00-73.00		69.29	140	69.76	247
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	63.00	2	63.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	75.00-80.00		77.67	75	78.41	346
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	93.00	2	98.71	42
NECKS, TOM	77.00-80.00		79.67	45	78.59	328
NECKS, HEN		F	68.00	27		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	129.00		129.00	20	128.33	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	128.00-134.00		130.00	120	128.17	480
THIGH MEAT		W	87.00	4	87.00	4
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	88.00	80	88.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		F	98.00	20		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	100.00	40	100.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	124.50-133.00		130.38	170	126.80	330
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	60.00	80	58.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	56.00		56.00	120	56.17	240
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	65.29	378	65.29	378
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	27.00-28.00		27.85	268	27.42	538
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.00		89.00	108	89.00	108

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