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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

 The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was mostly steady with cautiousness noted by some sellers in response to the seasonally slow buyer inquiry. No truck lot trading was reported. Offerings mostly adequate. The market tone on white meat and rib breasts was mostly steady. Demand light to moderate with breast meat interest consisting mostly of regular commitments. Offerings available. The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady at best with continued weakness noted on tom necks and tom wings. Demand light to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. The market tone on thigh meat was steady and mechanically separated turkey steady to barely steady. Demand light. Offerings of thigh meat adequate and mechanically separated turkey adequate to fully adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading active on tom drums, moderate on tom fully cut wings, balance light. Demand moderate to good on tom drums at mostly steady price levels and on tom full-cut wings at lower trending prices. Some inquiry noted on frozen thigh meat but buyers lacked seriousness. Offerings adequate to fully adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JULY 16, 2009**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	82-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78.5-82.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-82.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	82-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	78.5-82.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	81-82.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION	81-82.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 JULY 17, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	83.00 **	83.00 **	92.60 **
CENTRAL REGION	80.50 **	78.50	93.00
WESTERN REGION	81.75 **	81.75 **	92.60 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	83.00 **	83.00 **	93.25
CENTRAL REGION	80.50 **	78.50	93.00
WESTERN REGION	81.75 **	81.75 **	92.60 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	140-155
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	135-155
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	125-155
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	125-155
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-155

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED
TURKEY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-120
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	81-82

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 20-JUL-2009

<u>Price (cents/lb.)</u>	<u>Volume (lbs.)</u>
8-16 lbs. 93.81	134,000
16-24 lbs. 92.78	45,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs. --	5,000
16-24 lbs. --	5,000

Total Volume: 189,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 11-JUL-2009 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Banded	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg	Live wt		Av	Live wt
-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--	Live wt		
North East	724	24	24.86	(A)	725	24.86
South Atlantic	845	28	32.03	(A)	846	32.03
North Central	2,225	22	31.90	(A)	2,225	31.90
South Central	596	-9	18.84	(A)	596	18.84
West	356	16	23.90	(A)	356	23.90
U.S. total	4,746 (B)	18	28.62	2	4,748	28.62
To-date						
2009*	121,795 (B)			133	121,928	
To-date						
2008*	127,914 (B)			272	128,186	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 34,000; for the current year to date* 607,000; for last year to date* 610,000.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 11-JUL -2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	2,067	2,645	34	2	4,748
Avg Wt	18.07	36.86	26.80	57.99	28.62
Last week	1,764	2,251	13	16	4,044
Same wk yr ago	2,262	2,912	20	2	5,196
Avg Wt	16.56	38.22	24.67	34.13	28.74
To-date/2009*	51,632	69,556	607	133	121,928
To-date/2008*	53,461	73,843	610	272	128,186

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	29,885	78,006	697	89	108,677
Last week	23,083	67,303	235	310	90,931
Same wk yr ago	29,967	89,037	377	52	119,433

To-date/2009*	689,539	2,120,142	12,523	3,314	2,825,518
To-date/2008*	696,895	2,278,214	12,431	6,467	2,994,007

Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%
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(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 16 JUL 2009.

The market tone on bulk parts was mostly steady, instances weak on full-cut wing and necks. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate. The trade sentiment on white meat items and thigh meat was steady. Demand was light and trading was slow. Offerings were adequate.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	107.00		107.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	161.00	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	90.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	55.00		55.00	4
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	50.50		50.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	53.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	49.00-52.00		50.36	125
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	54.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	78.50-80.00		79.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	96.00	5
NECKS, TOM	32.00-34.00		32.57	7
NECKS, HEN		W	34.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/			136.50	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	135.00-138.00		79.00	20
THIGH MEAT		W	81.00	37
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	81.00		81.00	37
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	109.00	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS		W	125.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	132.00	12
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	30.00		30.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	30.86	298
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	53.00-59.00		56.75	216
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	43.00-50.00		47.60	270
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	71.67	162
TAILS		W	30.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	24.00	108
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	77.00-80.00		78.50	80

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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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/		R	107.00	40	107.40	50
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	161.00	5	161.00	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	90.00	40	90.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	52.00-54.00		52.55	78	53.39	137
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	50.00-52.50		51.43	230	51.57	350
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	51.00		51.00	10	52.09	22
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	51.00-52.00		51.13	105	50.67	245
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	52.00		52.00	10	53.00	32
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	78.50-79.00		78.67	60	79.38	177
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	98.00		98.00	11	97.85	49
NECKS, TOM	28.00-35.00		31.23	165	32.06	309
NECKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	10	33.83	30
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	130.00		130.00	80	130.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	136.50	80	136.78	204
THIGH MEAT	79.00		79.00	40	79.40	100
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	82.00		82.00	66	81.85	245
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	100.00-106.00		103.07	41	106.59	101
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	95.00		95.00	40	95.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	125.00	5	125.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	133.00		133.00	16	132.57	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	30.00	40	30.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-33.00		30.60	200	31.12	618

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-58.00		52.13	864	54.50	1,670
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	45.00-50.00		48.00	324	47.88	1,404
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	71.67	162	71.67	162
TAILS	28.00-29.00		28.57	94	29.46	174
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	24.00	108	24.00	108
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	79.00		79.00	20	79.31	260

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