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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady. Trading was reported hens for prompt shipment. Demand was light. Offerings continued adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on bulk parts was steady; MST and tails steady to barely steady. Demand was slow to moderate with offers adequate to fully adequate. The trade sentiment on thigh meat was steady to fully steady and white meat items steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate. Turkey is popular this week and featured in over half the 18,600 retail stores surveyed. "No price" promotions are active, encouraging consumers to buy one get one or to select from multiple items at a percent discount.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand was light to good with good inquiry noted on thigh meat, tom drums, and 3-joint tom wings. Most trading centered on tom drums, 3-joint tom wings, tails, thigh meat, tom defatted gizzards, mature hen drums, mature thigh meat, wing meat with skin, and whole birds. Trading was noted on frozen Grade A basted, netted, and timed hens toms for August delivery at 87, September 88, and October 89 cents. Offerings were 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 30, 2009**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME PER	DEL (000)
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	80-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	79.5-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	79.5-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	80-85	85	-	-	85.00	20	-	140	AUG-OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	79.5-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	79.5-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	AUG-OCT
WESTERN REGION	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 31, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JULY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				**8-16 LB HENS**			
EASTERN REGION	82.20 **	82.40 **	94.00	EASTERN REGION	82.68	82.00	92.91
CENTRAL REGION	84.20	82.00	94.40 **	CENTRAL REGION	81.08	80.55	92.86
WESTERN REGION	82.05 **	81.75 **	94.40 **	WESTERN REGION	81.82	81.00	92.91
16-24 LB TOMS				**16-24 LB TOMS**			
EASTERN REGION	81.45 **	80.12	94.40 **	EASTERN REGION	82.39	81.95	92.92
CENTRAL REGION	84.00	82.00	94.40 **	CENTRAL REGION	80.89	80.59	92.93
WESTERN REGION	82.05 **	81.75 **	94.40 **	WESTERN REGION	81.82	81.02	92.91

**BASED ON OFFERS

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-120
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	81-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	81-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	82-93

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 03-AUG-2009

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	96.28	144,000
16-24 lbs.	94.11	45,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	5,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000
	Total Volume:	**199,000**

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 25-JUL-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young turkeys				Old	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-		Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	Banded --Thousand head--		Avg Live wt
North East	748		7	24.19	(A)	751	24.19
South Atlantic	832		4	32.29	(A)	835	32.29
North Central	2,212		-1	31.85	(A)	2,215	31.85
South Central	696		55	18.09	(A)	699	18.09
West	361		4	23.85	(A)	363	23.85
U.S. total	4,849	(B)	7	28.17	14	4,863	28.17
To-date 2009*	131,177	(B)			149	131,326	
To-date 2008*	137,975	(B)			290	138,265	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 38,000; for the current year to date* 679,000; for last year to date* 659,000.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 25-JUL -2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Thousands				
Head	2,125	2,686	38	14	4,863
Avg Wt	16.54	37.40	26.42	24.79	28.17
Last week	1,920	2,579	34	2	4,535
Same wk yr ago	2,174	2,835	27	17	5,053
Avg Wt	15.75	38.02	25.81	37.13	28.37
To-date/2009*	55,677	74,821	679	149	131,326
To-date/2008*	57,865	79,451	659	290	138,265
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	28,125	80,375	768	266	109,534
Last week	26,465	76,627	1,023	66	104,181
Same wk yr ago	27,392	86,229	533	483	114,637
To-date/2009*	744,129	2,277,144	14,314	3,646	3,039,233
To-date/2008*	753,420	2,450,251	13,376	6,995	3,224,042
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 30 JUL 2009.

The market tone on white meat items was steady. Trading and demand was limited. Offerings were adequate. The trade sentiment on thigh meat was steady. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate. The market tone on tom bulk parts and mechanically separated turkey was mostly steady, with the exception of necks steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to instances fully adequate. Trading centered on tom drums and thigh meat. Export inquiry included tom drums, thigh meat and full-cut wings. Domestic: fresh tails 27 cents delivered. Export: frozen mature thigh meat 72 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	99.00	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	164.33	27
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	54.00		54.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	50.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	48.60	86
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	55.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	81.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	96.00	20
NECKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	34.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	137.00-142.00		139.50	80
THIGH MEAT		W	80.00	120
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	80.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	111.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT	100.00		100.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	104.00		104.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	132.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	133.00		133.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	31.50-32.00		31.88	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-51.00		50.35	308
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	44.00	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	29.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00		80.00	200

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/		F	99.00	240		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	164.33	27		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	51.00-55.00		52.31	369	52.74	614
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	49.00-50.00		49.67	120	49.75	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	50.00-51.00		50.08	158	49.40	367
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	55.00	20	55.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	81.00	40	81.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	27.00-29.00		28.19	111	27.79	671
NECKS, HEN		T	34.00	20	34.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	138.00-142.00		139.33	120	139.35	208
THIGH MEAT	78.00-82.00		80.44	360	80.27	522
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	82.00-83.00		82.40	400	82.18	450
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	111.00	160	111.00	160
SCAPULA MEAT	106.00		106.00	40	107.25	240
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	95.00		95.00	40	98.00	60
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	132.00	160	132.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		R	133.00	52	133.00	64
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	29.00-30.00		29.60	200	29.60	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.50-32.00		31.44	225	31.40	505
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-54.00		53.17	646	51.93	1,264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	49.50-50.00		49.60	270	49.60	270
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	26.00-31.25		28.12	134	28.23	154
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00-82.00		80.00	324	79.87	

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