

# **USDA TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT**

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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. No trading was reported. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred shipments. Offerings were adequate. The market tone on bulk parts, white meat items, and thigh meat was fully steady, instances firm on full cut wings and necks. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mixed and ranged from short to adequate. The trade sentiment on mechanically separated turkey was steady to barely steady. Demand was light. Offerings were adequate.

#### **EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS**

Trading was slow to moderate, instances good on tom drums. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings ranged from short to adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) AUGUST 27, 2009

<b>CURRENT SHIPMENTS</b>				FORW	ARD SHIPME	NTS 6/	<b>OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/</b>		
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL	VOLUME PER	DEL (000)
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	80-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	80-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	80-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	79.5-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	79.5-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	80-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) AUGUST 28, 2009

<b>CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2</b>	•			FORW	ARD SHIPME	NTS 6/	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/		
C	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS								, ,	
EASTERN REGION 3/	80-82	82	82.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	80-82	82	82.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	80-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	79-82	82	82.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	79-82	82	82.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	80-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<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.

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 AUG 28, 2009	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK
8-16 LB HENS	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	82.00	81.00 **	98.30 **
CENTRAL REGION	81.63	80.25	98.50
WESTERN REGION	81.00 **	81.00 **	98.30 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	82.00	80.75 **	98.00
CENTRAL REGION	82.00	80.25	98.50
WESTERN REGION	81.00 **	81.00 **	98.30 **
**BASED ON OFFERS			

<sup>3/</sup> 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.

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

	<b>RANGE</b>
TURKEYS Y HENS	113
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	110
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	110
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	108
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	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#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	81-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	81-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	81-92

### **NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS (prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 31-AUG-2009

Price (cents/lb.)		Volume (lbs.)				
PRICED AT TIME O						
8-16 lbs.	96.67	148,400				
16-24 lbs.	95.44	45,000				
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED						
8-16 lbs.		5,000				
16-24 lbs.		5,000				
	Total Volume	203,400				

## TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 22-AUG-2009 (Preliminary)									
	Υοι	Old	Total to	ırkeys					
		Pct (	Chg	Avg	Banded		Avg		
-Thousan	d Head-	Prev	wk	Live wt	Thousand	head	Live wt		
North East	674		-2	25.36	(A)	676	25.36		
South Atlantic	727		-6	33.50	(A)	728	33.50		
North Central	2,179		0	31.09	(A)	2,180	31.09		
South Central	728		6	18.06	(A)	729	18.06		
West	342		-6	24.80	(A)	343	24.80		
U.S. total	4,650	(B)	-1	28.14	6	4,656	28.14		
To-date									
2009*	149,875	(B)			190 1	50,065			
To-date		. ,							
2008*	158,235	(B)			329 1	58,564			
(A) Not publishe	(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations								

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Young

## LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Young

Young

76.5% 76.5%

Old

**Total** 

W/E 22-AUG -2009 (Preliminary)

	Hens	Toms	Toms Breeders		Turkeys				
		Thou	sands						
Head	2,018	2,626	6	6	4,656				
Avg Wt	16.86	36.81	23.82	29.90	28.14				
Last week	2,017	2,658	26	16	4,717				
Same wk yr ago	2,111	2,896	66	2	5,075				
Avg Wt	16.42	37.30	23.86	57.17	28.45				
To-date/2009*	63,735	85,380	760	190	150,065				
To-date/2008*	66,314	91,087	834	329	158,564				
Ready-to-Cook W	Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage								
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Current week	27,213	77,332	109	137	104,791				
Last week	27,771	78,179	541	323	106,814				
Same wk yr ago	27,730	86,417	1,205	87	115,439				
To-date/2009*	854,565	2,590,413	15,967	4,529	3,465,474				
To-date/2008*	862,293	2,797,348	16,595	7,861	3,684,097				

80.0%

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Dressing %

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<sup>(</sup>B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 6,000; for the current year to date\* 760,000; for last year to date\* 834,000.

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

<sup>80.0%</sup> (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 27 AUG 2009.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady to fully steady with the balance of white meat items steady. Demand was light to moderate with most trading centering on fresh tom breast meat. Offerings were adequate. The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady, instances firm for full-cut wings and necks. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mixed, ranging tight to adequate with tom full-cut wings in the strongest position. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady. Demand and trading was limited with most inquiry centering on fresh thigh meat. Offerings were usually adequate with fresh being the tightest. Domestic: frozen tails 24 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE AFRESH 2/	102.00-179.00		139.71	28
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	51.00		51.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOMFRESH	50.50-53.00		51.50	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	52.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	60.00-65.00		64.44	45
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	62.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	78.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	00.00.40.00	M	97.80	25
NECKS, TOM	36.00-40.00	N 4	39.46	55
NECKS, HEN		M	40.00	2
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ BREASTS, B/S, TOMFRESH 3/	141.00-145.00		142.62	420
THIGH MEAT	141.00-145.00	R	81.00	420
THIGH MEATFRESH	87.50	Ν	87.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	07.50		07.50	40
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00-113.00		111.40	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	111.00 110.00	W	103.25	40
TENDERLOINS		•••	100.20	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERSFRESH		Т	133.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		Т	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH 4/		W	25.20	122
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	56.00	324
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		V V	30.00	024
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	75.10	600
TAILS		M	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		<del></del>	55	

<sup>1/</sup> 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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE AFRESH 2/ BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	139.71	28	139.71	28
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	52.00-55.00		54.55	47	54.08	132
DRUMSTICKS, TOMFRESH	49.00-51.50		49.83	120	50.95	400
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	51.00		51.00	10	51.17	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	63.00-65.00		64.14	88	63.84	173
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	62.00-63.00		62.55	28	62.52	68
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	77.00-80.00		77.24	87	77.60	167
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	97.00-99.00		98.00	10	97.86	35
NECKS, TOM	36.00-41.00		38.93	182	39.04	317
NECKS, HEN	41.00		41.00	10	40.83	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	122.00-127.00		124.55	880	124.55	880
BREASTS, B/S, TOMFRESH 3/	137.00-147.00		140.83	240	141.65	1,090
THIGH MEAT	81.00		81.00	80	81.00	80
THIGH MEATFRESH	85.00-90.00		86.76	216	86.49	296
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	108.00-112.00		108.36	220	109.31	320
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	103.25	40	103.25	40
TENDERLOINS	125.00		125.00	12	125.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	132.00		132.00	12	132.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERSFRESH	135.00		135.00	40	133.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		Т	20.00	40	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH 4/	27.00		27.00	12	25.37	134
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	55.00-65.00		59.38	864	58.45	1,188
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	78.00-80.00		79.00	216	76.13	816
TAILS	27.00		27.00	40	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	70	21.00	00
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	84.00		84.00	40	84.00	40

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