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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 fully steady, instances firm. Demand for frozen whole turkeys was light to moderate. Active trading was reported for prompt and deferred deliveries. Offers of frozen whole turkeys were short to light. Active work schedules for shipping and production for both fresh and frozen whole birds have processors on a tight schedule as the holiday nears. Pre-holiday retail ads are generating much interest at the retail level. The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings short to adequate. The trade sentiment for white meat was steady and not fully tested. Offerings light to fully adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was fully steady to firm. Inquiry was good for the short offerings.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate and centered on tom drums, mechanically separated turkey and tails. Demand was light. Offerings 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) NOVEMBER 05, 2009

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL	VOLUME PER	DEL (000)
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	82-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	82-86.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	82-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	82-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	82-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	82-85	-	-	-	84.50	800	DEC	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	82-86.5	85	85.00	12	84.50	800	DEC	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	82-87	87	87.00	100	84.50	1500	DEC	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	82-87	85-87	86.63	123	84.50	1500	DEC	-	-
WESTERN REGION	82-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 NOV 06, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	83.00	82.50	94.00
CENTRAL REGION	84.47	85.50	91.73
WESTERN REGION	83.50 **	82.70 **	93.00 **
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	85.50	84.50	90.90 **
CENTRAL REGION	85.99	82.70 **	92.00
WESTERN REGION	83.50 **	82.70 **	92.10 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	113-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	109-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	109-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	107-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-149

**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#	82-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-93
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	84-94

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 09-NOV-2009

	<u>Price (cents/lb.)</u>	<u>Volume (lbs.)</u>
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<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>		
8-16 lbs.	105.87	22,659,500
16-24 lbs.	105.88	22,875,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	500,000
16-24 lbs.	--	500,000
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<b>Total Volume:</b>		<b>46,534,500</b>

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 31-OCT-2009 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Banded	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
North East	799	1	25.29	(A)	800	25.29
South Atlantic	641	-3	31.79	(A)	641	31.79
North Central	2,266	-1	30.89	(A)	2,266	30.89
South Central	882	-5	16.99	(A)	882	16.99
West	707	67	24.88	(A)	707	24.88
U.S. total	5,295 (B)	4	27.04	1	5,296	27.04
To-date						
2009*	196,406 (B)			294	196,700	
To-date						
2008*	207,382 (B)			427	207,809	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 11,000; for the current year to date\* 1,032,000; for last year to date\* 1,299,000.

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

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 31-OCT-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	2,420	2,864	11	1	5,296
Avg Wt	17.57	35.04	24.75	32.04	27.04
Last week	2,075	2,991	24	15	5,105
Same wk yr ago	2,731	2,965	25	7	5,728
Avg Wt	18.04	37.76	26.93	27.04	28.30
To-date/2009*	82,309	113,065	1,032	294	196,700
To-date/2008*	86,860	119,223	1,299	427	207,809

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

Current week	34,012	80,286	208	25	114,531
Last week	28,382	83,724	517	336	112,959
Same wk yr ago	39,414	89,567	512	144	129,637
To-date/2009*	1,086,682	3,328,691	20,885	6,860	4,443,118
To-date/2008*	1,112,746	3,566,618	24,703	9,657	4,713,724
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Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	

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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 05 NOV 2009.

The market tone on bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mostly limited as many processors focus attention toward holiday whole bird production. The market undertone on white meat was steady. Demand was light with offerings mixed, light to moderate. The trade sentiment on thigh meat was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offers were short to barely adequate. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady. Demand was light for the adequate offers. Today's trading centered on tom drums and thigh meat.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	129.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	179.00	370
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	57.00		57.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	52.50-56.00		53.64	280
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	52.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	72.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	68.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	76.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	97.00	5
NECKS, TOM		W	41.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	173.11	180
THIGH MEAT		T	103.00	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	104.00		104.00	280
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	125.00	4
SCAPULA MEAT		T	114.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	118.00	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	142.00	58
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		T	25.00	40
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	53.00		53.00	54
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	70.00	120
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	54
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	98.00	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 06 NOV 2009.

The market tone on white meat was mostly steady with spot strength noted on frozen tom breast meat into export channels. Demand light to moderate for the mixed availability. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady for current shipments with spot unsettledness noted, steady to fully steady for December. The market tone institutional sized breasts was steady. Demand light to moderate, best on 4-8 lb. breasts. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts short to instances fully adequate and institutional sized breasts adequate. The market tone on tom 2-joint was steady to instances weak, tom necks cautiously steady to steady, tom drums and full-cut wings steady to fully steady. Demand on tom 2-joint wings slow, tom necks light to moderate, tom full-cut wings and drums moderate to good. Offerings ranged from tight on tom full-cut wings to instances fully adequate on tom 2-joint wings. Trading slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh -20% MST 14 pet food, fresh tom necks 38-39, Grade A 4-8 lb. 116 December, Grade A non-basted rib breasts – 12-14 lb. 125, 14-16 lb. 130, 16-18 lb. 135, 18-20 lb. 145; plant grade basted rib breasts – 14-16 lb. 115, 16-18 lb. 120, 18-20 lb. 125 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 38, tom hand cut hand defatted gizzards 100, frozen tom breast meat without tenderloins 153 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/		M	129.00	80	129.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	179.00	370	179.00	370
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	55.00-59.00		58.26	86	57.86	126
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	52.50-56.00		54.25	80	52.87	1,040
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	55.00		55.00	40	53.40	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	78.00		78.00	34	74.70	108
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	68.00	12		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	70.00-72.00		71.00	80	72.67	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	97.00	5		
NECKS, TOM	39.00-41.00		40.13	160	40.55	314
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	173.11	180		
THIGH MEAT		T	103.00	80	103.00	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	103.00-105.00		104.54	130	104.17	410
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	125.00	4	125.00	84
SCAPULA MEAT		T	114.00	80	114.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	118.00	120	118.00	160
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	142.00	58	142.82	98
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		T	25.00	40	25.00	40
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	54.00-58.00		56.30	188	55.56	242
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	70.00	120	70.00	120
TAILS	32.00		32.00	40	32.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00		26.00	40	23.13	94
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	98.00	40	99.46	148

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