

### TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

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#### NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms ranged steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Whole turkey demand for the holiday and last minute fill-in was slow with demand for 2010 light to moderate. No trading reported. Offers were very limited for prompt ship and light to fully adequate for deferred. The market tone on white meat was steady to barely steady, tom bulk parts mostly steady, thigh meat fully steady to firm, and MST barely steady at best. Demand was seasonally light to fair. Trading was slow for the light offerings.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS No trading was reported. Best interest continues on thigh meat, tom drums, and tails. Demand was seasonally light for the Christmas holiday. Offerings were mostly limited.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A. CENTS PER LB. DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10.000 LB LOTS)

OFFERS	SALES	WTD	VOLUME	
		AVG	(000)	
75-84	-	-	-	
75-83	-	-	-	
75-84	-	-	-	
75-84	-	-	-	
75-83	-	-	-	
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### **FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/**

**8-16 LB HENS** 

**EASTERN REGION CENTRAL REGION** WESTERN REGION

#### **16-24 LB TOMS**

**EASTERN REGION CENTRAL REGION** WESTERN REGION

#### **OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/**

**8-16 LB HENS** 

**EASTERN REGION CENTRAL REGION** WESTERN REGION

#### **16-24 LB TOMS**

**EASTERN REGION CENTRAL REGION** WESTERN REGION

#### 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

W/E December 25, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	80.38 **	85.00 **	72.33 **
CENTRAL REGION	79.88 **	84.70 **	72.33 **
WESTERN REGION	80.38 **	85.00 **	74.58 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	80.38 **	85.00 **	71.83 **
CENTRAL REGION	79.88 **	84.70 **	71.83 **
WESTERN REGION	80.38 **	85.00 **	74.58 **
*BASED ON OFFERS			

<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. 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.

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	121-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	117-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	117-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	115-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	115-149

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	102-121
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	88-98

#### **TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 19-DEC-2009 (Preliminary)

Young turkeys			Old	Total turkeys		
-Thousan		Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	BreedersThousand	head	Avg Live wt
North East	587	-12	26.46	(A)	590	26.46
South Atlantic	691	-5	35.31	(A)	694	35.31
North Central	2,118	-4	32.55	(A)	2,120	32.55
South Central	749	-15	19.45	(A)	751	19.45
West	409	-12	22.50	(A)	411	22.50
U.S. total	4,554	(B) -8	29.13	12	4,566	29.13
To-date		` '				
2009*	229,296	(B)		319 2	29,615	
To-date		` '				
2008*	242,029	(B)		480 2	42,509	
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<sup>(</sup>A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

W/E 19-DEC -2009 (Preliminary)

#### **LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS
U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 28-DEC-2009

Price (cents/lb.)		Volume (lbs.)			
PRICED AT TIME OF S	ALE				
8-16 lbs.	107.00	2,000			
16-24 lbs.					
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED					
8-16 lbs.					
16-24 lbs.					
	Total Volume	<b>2</b> ,000			

Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Bre	Young Old Breeders				
1,938	2,605	11	12	4,566			
16.30	38.69	25.92	28.67	29.13			
2,277	2,661	21	3	4,962			
o 2,280	2,694	20	15	5,009			
16.53	40.89	28.75	30.12	29.72			
96,250	131,885	1,161	319	229,615			
102,457	138,138	1,434	480	242,509			
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage							
25,273	80,626	218	263	106,380			
29,514	81,327	403	90	111,334			
o 30,151	88,126	437	343	119,057			
1,272,270 1,324,679	3,885,437 4,157,842	23,466 27,374	7,502 10,908	5,188,675 5,520,803			
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80.0%

76.5% 76.5%

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Dressing %

80.0%

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<sup>(</sup>B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 11,000; for the current year to date\* 1,161,000; for last year to date\* 1,434,000.

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

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 24 DEC 2009.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady. Demand was slow. Offerings were light. The trade sentiment on white meat items was steady to barely steady. Demand was limited and not well tested with offerings adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to instances firm. Demand was light to moderate while offerings were tight. Reported trading into domestic and export channels was slow due to reduced processing schedules for the Christmas holiday. For domestic: fresh mechanically separated turkey (pet food) 14 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/	119.00		119.00	160	119.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE AFRESH 2/		F	164.00	10		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	102.00	20		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	56.00	30		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMFRESH		W	56.00	2	55.03	58
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	52.00	15		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	75.28	141		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	71.00	43		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	72.00	18		
NECKS, TOM		Т	37.00	160	37.00	160
NECKS, HEN		F	37.00	10		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOMFRESH 3/		F	170.00	40		
THIGH MEAT		R	111.00	40		
THIGH MEATFRESH		F	110.33	120		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	124.00	80		
SCAPULA MEAT						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	111.00	20		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERSFRESH		W	142.00	40	142.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	40	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH 4/		W	19.00	80	19.00	80
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	58.73	197	58.73	197
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	74.00	11	74.00	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS		W	32.00	40	32.00	40
		VV F	32.00 17.00	-	32.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		Г	17.00	120		

<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.