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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. Offerings were light to adequate. The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady, instances firm on tom drums and necks. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings of bulk parts was mixed and ranged from short to adequate. The market tone on white meat was steady to barely steady. Demand for white meat was light. Trading was slow. Offerings were adequate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were light 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)      JANUARY 29, 2009

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD VOLUME AVG (000)	WTD VOLUME AVG (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	
8-16 LB HENS								
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-74	-	-	-	-	1000	FEB	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS								
EASTERN REGION	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-74	-	-	-	-	400	FEB	-
WESTERN REGION	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)      JANUARY 30, 2009

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8-16 LB HENS								
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS								
EASTERN REGION	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 JAN 30, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JANUARY			
				CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO	
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	72.00	75.00	74.00	EASTERN REGION	71.73	75.64	73.74
CENTRAL REGION	71.50 **	73.95	76.26	CENTRAL REGION	71.63	75.73	73.70
WESTERN REGION	71.50 **	73.50	74.90 **	WESTERN REGION	71.88	76.42	73.74
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	72.00	71.25 **	74.00	EASTERN REGION	71.20	74.88	73.79
CENTRAL REGION	71.50 **	71.25 **	76.31	CENTRAL REGION	71.23	74.31	73.65
WESTERN REGION	71.50 **	73.50	74.90 **	WESTERN REGION	71.55	76.12	73.74

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<b>RANGE</b>
TURKEYS Y HENS	122-164
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	123-164
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	123-164
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	123-164
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	125-164

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

	<b>RANGE</b>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-120
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	110-120
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-83

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 02-FEB-2009

<b>Price (cents/lb.)</b>	<b>Volume (lbs.)</b>
<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>	
8-16 lbs. 98.93	129,000
16-24 lbs. 100.33	60,000
<b>PRICE TO BE DETERMINED</b>	
8-16 lbs. --	5,000
16-24 lbs. --	5,000
<b>Total Volume:</b>	<b>199,000</b>

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 24-Jan-2009 (Preliminary)

	<b>-----Young turkeys-----</b>			<b>Old Banded</b>	<b>Total turkeys</b>	
	<b>Pct Chg</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Live wt</b>		<b>Avg</b>	<b>Live wt</b>
<b>-Thousand Head-</b>	<b>Prev wk</b>	<b>Live wt</b>	<b>--Thousand head--</b>			
North East	740	-3	25.59	(A)	741	25.59
South Atlantic	626	-21	38.62	(A)	626	38.62
North Central	1,996	-1	36.13	(A)	1,996	36.13
South Central	665	1	16.03	(A)	665	16.03
West	299	-28	27.23	(A)	299	27.23
U.S. total	4,326 (B)	-7	30.98	1	4,327	30.98
To-date						
2009*	13,666 (B)			36	13,702	
To-date						
2008*	14,175 (B)			23	14,198	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 26,000; for the current year to date\* 93,000; for last year to date\* 40,000.

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

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 24-Jan-2009 (Preliminary)

	<b>Young</b>		<b>Young Breeders</b>	<b>Old</b>	<b>Total Turkeys</b>
	<b>Hens</b>	<b>Toms</b>			
	<b>-----Thousands-----</b>				
Head	1,683	2,617	26	1	4,327
Avg Wt	16.51	40.33	27.21	29.23	30.98
Last week	1,938	2,661	46	33	4,678
Same wk yr ago	1,787	2,764	19	0	4,570
Avg Wt	16.07	40.15	24.49	0.00	30.67
To-date/2009*	5,468	8,105	93	36	13,702
To-date/2008*	5,573	8,562	40	23	14,198
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	22,228	84,434	541	22	107,225
Last week	25,765	83,982	986	732	111,465
Same wk yr ago	22,974	88,780	356	0	112,110
To-date/2009*	71,885	257,823	1,975	838	332,521
To-date/2008*	70,916	276,028	793	488	348,225
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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 29 JANUARY 2009.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady at best, frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins steady to weak with frozen tom breast meat weakest. The market tone on breast trim and scapula was steady to barely steady and wing meat with skin steady. Demand slow to instances moderate with most industry member attending a major poultry convention. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to fully steady with most of the strength for deferred shipments. The market tone on institutional sized breasts was barely steady at best for current deliveries with some possible optimism noted as people start looking towards the spring. Demand light. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts light to adequate and institutional sizes adequate to ample. Trading moderate on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts, balance slow. For domestic: Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 135 and 16-18 lb. breasts 154, plant grade basted 14-16 lb. breasts 130 and 16-18 lb. breasts 145 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	108.00		108.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.23	13
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	105.00-107.00		106.00	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	61.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	58.30	162
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	52.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	51.00		51.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	47.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	58.00		58.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	80.00	20
NECKS, TOM	44.00		44.00	40
NECKS, HEN		W	38.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	134.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	136.00		136.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	102.00	15
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	103.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	106.00		106.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT		F	113.73	220
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	89.00	10
TENDERLOINS		W	131.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	125.00		125.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	133.00	84
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	29.00		29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	27.50	40
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	57.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	48.00		48.00	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	59.00	108
TAILS		W	41.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	30.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	101.00	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 30 JANUARY 2009.**

The market tone on tom drums and tom necks was steady to firm, tom 2-joint wings steady to fully steady and tom full-cut wings barely steady at best. Demand moderate to good on tom drums and necks, light to moderate on tom 2-joint wings, and slow on tom full-cut wings. Some sellers noted having to tie in tom full-cut wing sales with other items in order to move inventories. Offerings of tom full-cut wings adequate to instances ample and tom drums, necks and 2-joint wings light at best and held with confidence. The market tone on large tom tails steady into export channels. Demand light for the mixed offerings. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light with offerings ranging light to fully adequate and varying by processor. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to firm for the limited offerings. Demand moderate. Trading slow to light with some increased activity noted on frozen breast trim and frozen destrapped tenderloins. For domestic: Grade A non-basted breasts - 8-10 lb. 135, 12-16 lb. 145; plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 130 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE	WTD AVG PRICE	WTD VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	108.00	2	108.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	161.00		161.00	1	161.00	1
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	106.00	320	106.00	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	59.00		59.00	5	59.64	125
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	57.00-58.00		57.67	120	57.69	362
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	52.00	20		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	49.00-50.00		49.33	180	49.85	260
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	47.00	15	47.00	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	57.00		57.00	36	57.69	116
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	80.00	20	80.00	20
NECKS, TOM	41.00-42.00		41.60	100	41.67	192
NECKS, HEN		W	38.00	10	38.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	134.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	136.00	40	134.62	208
THIGH MEAT		F	102.00	15		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	103.00	20		
BREAST TRIM MEAT	106.00		106.00	120	106.00	240
SCAPULA MEAT		F	113.73	220		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	89.00	10	89.89	90
TENDERLOINS		W	131.00	5	131.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	125.00		125.00	240	125.00	280
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	135.00		135.00	10	133.15	134
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	29.00	40	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	27.50	40	27.88	160
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	57.00	40		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	48.00	162	52.40	270
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	59.00	108	59.00	108
TAILS	41.00		41.00	40	41.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	30.00	40		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	101.00	40	101.00	82

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