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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. Fairly good sales were reported for deferred deliveries. Demand was light. The market tone on bulk parts was steady to firm, except tom drums and thigh meat was mixed. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were short to light. White meat market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums and thigh meat, balance of items was slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings short to barely adequate.

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

for May 28, 2009	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-81	-	-	-	83.00	160	JUN	440	AUG-OCT
					85.00	440	JUL		
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	OCT
CENTRAL REGION	78-81	-	-	-	83.00	120	JUN	400	AUG-OCT
					85.00	200	JUL		
WESTERN REGION	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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)

W/E May 29, 2009	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MAY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	79.50**	78.50**	90.13**	EASTERN REGION	78.71	76.59	89.19
CENTRAL REGION	79.50**	81.50	90.29	CENTRAL REGION	78.74	76.10	89.02
WESTERN REGION	79.50**	78.50**	90.75**	WESTERN REGION	78.50	76.57	90.14
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	81.00	78.50**	90.13**	EASTERN REGION	78.75	76.57	89.21
CENTRAL REGION	79.50**	81.50	90.33	CENTRAL REGION	78.59	75.49	89.19
WESTERN REGION	79.50**	78.50**	90.38**	WESTERN REGION	78.50	76.55	89.67

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	107-110
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-107
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	107
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	102-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	110-111

**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#	110-120
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-82

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 01-JUN-2009

<u>Price (cents/lb.)</u>	<u>Volume (lbs.)</u>
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE	
8-16 lbs. 94.80	51,300
16-24 lbs. 92.40	25,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED	
8-16 lbs. --	5,000
16-24 lbs. --	5,000
Total Volume:	86,300

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 23-MAY-2009 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Banded	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg	Live wt		Avg	Live wt
	-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--	Live wt	
North East	582	-16	22.61	(A)	583	22.61
South Atlantic	558	-26	30.96	(A)	558	30.96
North Central	1,623	-27	33.56	(A)	1,623	33.56
South Central	821	9	17.73	(A)	821	17.73
West	334	1	24.46	(A)	334	24.46
U.S. total	3,918 (B)	-18	27.47	1	3,919	27.47
To-date						
2009*	89,815 (B)			101	89,916	
To-date						
2008*	94,711 (B)			202	94,913	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 3,000; for the current year to date* 511,000; for last year to date* 410,000.

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

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 23-MAY-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,861	2,054	3	1	3,919
Avg Wt	16.27	37.62	20.55	41.18	27.47
Last week	2,006	2,749	10	6	4,771
Same wk yr ago	2,036	2,830	11	18	4,895
Avg Wt	16.27	38.24	24.42	28.22	29.03
To-date/2009*	37,502	51,802	511	101	89,916
To-date/2008*	39,417	54,884	410	202	94,913
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,921	61,051	47	32	85,051
Last week	25,522	82,982	204	119	108,827
Same wk yr ago	26,169	85,493	205	389	112,256
To-date/2009*	496,793	1,594,356	10,739	2,574	2,104,462
To-date/2008*	513,337	1,707,099	8,090	4,612	2,233,138
Dressing %	79.0%	79.0%	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 28 MAY 2009.

The market tone on tom drums mixed, other bulk parts was steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were short to adequate, with tom full-cut wings in the tightest position. The trade sentiment on white meat was steady to fully steady. Demand was slow to moderate with offerings adequate. The undertone on thigh meat was steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings were fully adequate for present needs. Domestic trading centered on tom drums and tom necks, while the largest volume traded for export was frozen thigh meat. Domestic: fresh hen breast meat 129, fresh breast trim 103 cents delivered. Export: frozen thigh meat (Russian approved) 110 cents, fresh tom drums 61 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 A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	63.00-64.00		63.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	61.00-63.00		61.40	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	70.00-71.00		70.63	32
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	84.00		84.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	75.50-81.00		78.93	112
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	129.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	134.00-136.00		135.16	86
THIGH MEAT	84.00		84.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	86.00		86.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		T	99.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	99.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	131.00		131.00	90
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	60.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	58.00		58.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	64.00		64.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	29.00		29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	88.00		88.00	566

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 29 MAY 2009.

The market tone on tom drums was unsettled, with other bulk parts and mechanically separated turkey steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate while offerings were short to adequate. Some items were reported as becoming more available in certain areas. The trade sentiment on white meat was steady to fully steady. Demand was slow to moderate. Offerings were adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to weak. Demand was light with offerings fully adequate for current requirements. Trading was light to moderate at the close of the week with anticipation of first of the month business and the return of normal weekly processing schedules. Domestic: fresh scapula meat 98.5 to 103, fresh ground wing meat 98 cents delivered. Export: frozen thigh trim 62 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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	64.00		64.00	40	63.50	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	61.40	200	61.67	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	61.00-62.00		61.44	90	61.44	90
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	70.63	32	70.63	32
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	67.00		67.00	20	67.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	81.00		81.00	100	81.86	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	96.00		96.00	15	96.00	15
NECKS, TOM		R	78.93	112	78.93	112
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	129.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	136.00		136.00	30	134.90	178
THIGH MEAT		R	84.00	20	84.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	86.00	20	86.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	97.00-99.00		98.77	172	98.79	192
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	104.50		104.50	40	101.75	80
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	130.50-135.00		133.71	28	131.64	118
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	56.00		56.00	40	56.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	56.00		56.00	68	56.43	188
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	65.50		65.50	120	64.07	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	29.00	40	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	85.00		85.00	80	87.63	646

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