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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on hens and toms. Limited trading reported. Demand mixed and ranged from light to good. Supplies adequate to closely balanced with some asking for premiums for 8-10 lb. hens. Domestic sales fair. Parts and meats trading light to moderate centering on 4-8 lb. plant grade breast for August and September.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand generally fair. Movement centered on frozen thigh meat and tom drums to Asia and Mexico. Balance of trading limited.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 10, 2000**

	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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	75	75.00	40	74.50	80	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70	70	70.00	800	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-73	70.5-73	72.58	240	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	72-73	72.33	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	70	70.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**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 AUGUST 11, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	73.00	73.00	73.00
CENTRAL REGION	72.33	72.60**	72.50**
WESTERN REGION	73.50**	73.84	72.60**
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	70.00	70.00	72.60**
CENTRAL REGION	69.50**	69.60**	71.80**
WESTERN REGION	70.50**	72.13	72.00**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	90-92
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	87-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	78-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-80

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	86-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-102

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT .. U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 14-AUG-2000**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	77.52	84	74.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	77.52	84	74.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)  
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JULY	518,177 *
AUGUST 1-5	105,153 *
To date 2000	3,123,940 *
To date 1999	3,052,803 *

\* PRELIMINARY

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 05-Aug-2000  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL TKY	AVG
	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVGRSTR				
	HEAD	PW	WT	---	THOUSAND	HEAD---	WT
N EAST	825	-16	22.08	(A)	(A)	826	22.08
S ATL	846	11	25.99	(A)	(A)	847	25.99
N CENT	2,327	2	28.38	(A)	(A)	2,329	28.38
S CENT	705	10	19.80	(A)	(A)	706	19.80
WEST	544	25	20.37	(A)	(A)	545	20.37
U.S.TOTAL	5,247(B)	3	23.32	0	6	5,253	23.32
TO DATE							
2000	142,941(B)			166	883	143,990	
TO DATE							
1999	146,654(B)			55	1,055	147,764	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 52,000 for the year 672,000; last year to date 466,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 05-Aug-2000**

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,358	2,837	52	6	5,253
AVG WT	16.27	32.30	24.51	22.30	25.02
LAST WEEK	2,231	2,807	74	8	5,120
YR AGO	5,449(B)		20	58	5,527
AVG WT	24.74(B)		23.70	23.76	24.72
TO-DATE/2000	142,435(B)		672	883	143,990
TO-DATE/1999	146,243(B)		466	1,055	147,764

(B) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 10 AUGUST 2000.**

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins, however, some cautious optimism was noted as industry members start watching for ramifications in the market place from the latest heat wave. Hen drum and hen full-cut wings steady to fully steady with some in the West not as confident as the other parts of the country. Fresh tom breast meat demand was light to fair with the best interest noted for prompt shipments, light to instances fair on the balance of items. Some note inquiry on tom 2-joint wings going unfilled. Export and domestic trading light. Export trading was mostly for Asia and Russia with limited activity noted for Mexico. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat and frozen thigh meat adequate to fully adequate, tom drums and tom 2-joint wings starting to be held with increased confidence. For export: fresh tom drums 23.50, fresh thigh meat 54 cents delivered.

<b>DOMESTIC TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE RANGE</b>	<b>L.S.T. CODE 1/</b>	<b>WTD AVG PRICE</b>	<b>VOLUME (000)</b>
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	100.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	31.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	21.38	65
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.50	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	53.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	12.00	80
NECKS, HEN		R	13.00	30
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	164.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	178.00		178.00	80
THIGH MEAT	56.00		56.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00		56.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	107.00	60
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	148.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	174.67	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	45.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/				

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.23	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00-16.00		14.80	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00-54.50		54.20	260

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** AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 AUGUST 2000.

Fresh tom breast meat undertone becoming mixed and ranged from barely steady to instances fully steady with some noting increased interest for next week's shipments. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat uneven and ranged from light to fully adequate with close trimmed product the least available. Offerings of scapula light, breast trim becoming more available, and wing meat is readily available. The dark meat market continued active centering mostly on thigh meat for export to Asia and some noted for Mexico and Russia at steady to barely steady price levels. Defatted gizzard undertone unsettled with some noting the market is firm and asking premiums while others call it weak and are willing to discount. The mechanically separated turkey market is slow. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. Plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts traded at 99 cents delivered September. For export: frozen mature thigh meat 52, mixed hen and tom defatted gizzards 52 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 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/	98.00		98.00	120	98.50	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.56	320	25.43	638
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	40	31.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	21.38	65	21.38	179
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	40	21.58	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	53.00	20	53.00	20
NECKS, TOM	13.50-16.00		14.50	100	12.56	354
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	164.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.00-178.00		177.21	280	176.46	1,380
THIGH MEAT	53.00-55.00		53.40	200	53.83	240
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00-55.00		54.73	110	55.04	270
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	120.00	40	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	107.00	60	107.00	60
TENDERLOINS	137.00		137.00	40	137.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	141.00-148.00		144.38	128	145.37	182
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	175.00		175.00	40	174.80	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	35.00-41.00		37.13	320	38.00	360
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.50	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-17.00		16.04	240	16.04	240
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.50-25.00		24.75	160	24.99	796
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.50		22.50	104	21.83	312
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	200	15.32	460
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.50-56.00		55.51	884	54.59	2,032

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