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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to firm on hens and toms. Offerings varied by plant and label and were mostly tight to adequate. Inquiry was light due to the holiday weekend. No trading reported. Trading on bulk meat was fair. Bulk parts trading centered on spot loads.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

A fair volume of mechanically separated turkey and thigh meat moved into export channels. Inquiry was light to moderate and centered on thigh meat.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 31, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-75	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-72	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 01, 2000**

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EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
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WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-

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	SEPTEMBER 01, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF	SEPTEMBER 01, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS					8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION		74.50 **	76.00	74.19	EASTERN REGION		73.61	71.55	73.57
CENTRAL REGION		73.60 **	73.96	73.38	CENTRAL REGION		72.92	70.91	72.69
WESTERN REGION		74.50 **	74.20 **	74.00	WESTERN REGION		73.82	71.30	73.05
16-24 LB TOMS					16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION		71.50 **	73.00	72.50 **	EASTERN REGION		70.72	68.53	72.67
CENTRAL REGION		70.65 **	71.05	70.69	CENTRAL REGION		69.99	67.55	71.60
WESTERN REGION		71.40 **	70.00	72.00	WESTERN REGION		70.71	68.30	71.95

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	90-94
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	87-94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	76-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-80

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	85-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-104

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 04-SEP-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)	79.00	80	76.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	79.00	80	76.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS	
JULY	389,003*
AUGUST 1-26, 2000	421,117*
To date 2000	3,439,904*
To date 1999	3,386,407*

* PRELIMINARY

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 26-Aug-2000 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL TKY	AVG			
	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVGRSTR					BANDED	HEAD	WT
N EAST	942	1	21.47	(A)	(A)	947	21.90			
S ATL	922	13	25.62	(A)	(A)	927	26.50			
N CENT	2,387	1	27.38	(A)	(A)	2,392	27.57			
S CENT	660	5	19.26	(A)	(A)	665	19.68			
WEST	598	9	21.17	(A)	(A)	602	22.25			
U.S.TOTAL	5,509(B)	4	24.44	0	24	5,533	24.44			
TO DATE										
2000	159,078(B)			166	936	160,180				
TO DATE										
1999	163,338(B)			55	1,208	164,601				

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 41,000 for the year 822,000; last year to date 529,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-Aug-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS			
HEAD	2,445	3,023	41	24	5,533
AVG WT	15.43	31.73	23.29	26.70	24.44
LAST WEEK	2,279	2,950	74	27	5,330
YR AGO	5,425	(B)	17	26	5,468
AVG WT	23.99	(B)	24.12	25.46	24.00
TO-DATE/2000	158,422	(B)	822	936	160,180
TO-DATE/1999	162,864	(B)	529	1,208	164,601

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

(B) 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 31 AUGUST 2000.

Domestic trades of fresh and frozen meats centered on spot loads at steady prices. A few loads of tom v-type wings traded at higher levels and full cut wings were steadier. Market activity slowed due to the upcoming holiday weekend. Trading was fairly active into export channels and centered on tom drums, tom wings and thigh meat.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	109.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	100.00	360
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	86
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00-23.00		22.00	132
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00-34.00		32.80	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	56.75	160
NECKS, TOM	13.00		13.00	40
NECKS, HEN		M	15.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	162.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	180.00		180.00	30
THIGH MEAT	56.00		56.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00		56.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	121.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	134.00		134.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	143.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	173.00	70
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	37.00-38.00		37.33	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	16.06	520
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-26.50		26.17	600
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.00		23.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	19.50	360
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00-56.00		54.85	488

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 1 SEPTEMBER 2000.

Trading on fresh tom breast meat was at steady prices. The market tone was fully steady on thigh meat, tom drums and tom full cut wings and some sellers asked for higher trending prices on those items. Necks were slow to clear and weak. Fresh wing meat with skin on moved at 38-40 cents. A load of hearts traded at 15 cents. Export trading was fair on mechanically separated turkey and thigh meat.

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/		F	109.00	40		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	100.00	360	100.00	360
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.54	74	26.36	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	26.00		26.00	10	26.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	40	32.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00		21.00	54	21.75	256
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	32.80	200	32.80	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	56.75	160		
NECKS, TOM	11.00-13.00		11.73	74	11.81	214
NECKS, HEN		M	15.00	40	15.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	162.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	178.50-180.50		179.97	720	179.58	1,240
THIGH MEAT		R	56.00	6	56.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	56.00	40	56.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	121.00	40	121.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS		R	134.00	40	134.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	143.00	40	143.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	173.00	70	174.45	110
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	37.33	60	38.30	182
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	40		15.00
40 MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	40	16.05	560
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	26.17	600	26.13	808
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	23.00	208	22.00	520
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	19.50	360	19.61	464
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-17.00		16.08	392	15.83	512
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00-60.00		57.59	216	55.73	1,356

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