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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The trade sentiment for hens and toms steady to firm. Supplies of whole birds adequate to closely balanced. Moderate sales reported for prompt shipments. Light to moderate sales for deferred shipments for October. Trading on parts and bulk meats slow as offering prices trending upward.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light. Trading centering on moderately heavy volume of tom drums, limited on balance of parts items.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 21, 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
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-78	-	-	-	83.00	30	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	76	76.00	40	77.50	40	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	-	-	-	79.00	10	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	72	72.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-78	78	78.00	80	-	-	-	400	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-78	75-77	75.99	1200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	74	74.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	SEPTEMBER 22, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION	77.57	76.00	77.50 **	
CENTRAL REGION	75.99	75.50	77.00	
WESTERN REGION	76.60 **	75.00	76.83	
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	74.00	72.00	72.80 **	
CENTRAL REGION	73.67	71.00	74.00	
WESTERN REGION	73.30 **	73.00	72.00	

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-102
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-81

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

	RANGE
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 25-Sep-2000**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	81.64	244	78.33	60
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	81.64	244	78.33	60
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

AUGUST	505,286*
SEPTEMBER 1-16, 2000	214,486*
To date 2000	3,738,560*
To date 1999	3,662,343*

\* PRELIMINARY

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 16-Sep-2000  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	--YOUNG TURKEYS--			FRYER RSTR	OLD BANDED	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVG WT				
N EAST	827	3	22.43	(A)	(A)	837	22.43
S ATL	878	11	25.32	(A)	(A)	888	25.32
N CENT	2,429	26	26.69	(A)	(A)	2,438	26.69
S CENT	556	20	19.13	(A)	(A)	565	19.13
WEST	557	9	22.33	(A)	(A)	566	22.33
U.S. TOTAL	5,247(B)	17	24.52	0	47	5,294	24.55

TO DATE

2000 174,145(B) 166 1,036 175,347

TO DATE

1999 177,207(B) 55 1,320 178,582

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 52,000 for the year 1,000,000; last year to date 559,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-Sep-2000**

HENS	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG OLD TOTAL		
	TOMS	BREEDERS			
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	2,286	2,909	52	47	5,294
AVG WT	15.34	31.77	23.07	26.89	24.55
LAST WEEK	2,043	2,414	37	30	4,524
YR AGO	4,805	(B)	13	29	4,847
AVG WT	24.95	(B)	24.46	28.48	24.97
TO-DATE/2000	173,311	(B)	1,000	1,036	175,347
TO-DATE/1999	176,703	(B)	559	1,320	178,582

(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 21 SEPTEMBER 2000.

Bulk parts trade sentiment steady to firm on drums and wings, necks steady to fully steady. Demand was fair for the short to instances adequate offerings. Trading was light and centered on tom drums for export at steady to higher trending price levels. Frozen whole tenderloins traded at 135 cents delivered port. The release of the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Monthly Cold Storage Report yesterday received a generally favorable reception by the industry.

<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/		W	107.25	480
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	98.00		98.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	31.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00		26.00	23
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00-36.00		33.67	86
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	56.00	80
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	10
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	168.00		168.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	195.00		195.00	40
THIGH MEAT		M	61.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	60.00-63.00		61.33	36
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	122.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	109.00	160
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	142.11	360
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	184.00	30
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	46.00		46.00	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	16.48	580
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-34.00		31.94	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00		62.00	120

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 22 SEPTEMBER 2000.**

White meat trade sentiment was generally steady to firm with breast meat and tenderloins the strongest. The dark meat undertone was steady to fully steady with drums and thigh meat the strongest. Meat demand was fair to good with both domestic and exports helping to drive some dark meat items (including drums). Rib breast trade sentiment steady to fully steady on all sizes. Rib breast inquiry was light to moderate. Trading light on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts with no net at 101 cents delivered mid-October. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts uneven and ranging from short to light. Some have noted offerings of institutional breasts being held in firmer hands and 10-12 lb. sizes especially tight. Domestic trading light. Fresh whole tenderloins traded at 145 cents delivered. Export trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of tom drums, balance light. Some defatted gizzards traded at 71 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	107.25	480	107.25	480
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	40	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	98.00	120	98.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	40	30.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	31.00	40	29.40	100
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	40	32.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	26.00	23	24.63	264
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	25.00		25.00	40	25.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	33.67	86	34.84	209
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	56.00	80	56.00	80
NECKS, TOM		R	14.00	10	14.84	287
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	161.00-165.00		163.00	160	161.82	330
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	194.00-197.00		195.50	160	192.49	700
THIGH MEAT		M	61.00	40	61.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	58.00-62.00		60.14	140	60.39	176
BREAST TRIM MEAT	120.00		120.00	40	121.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT		W	109.00	160	109.00	160
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	20	139.00	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00		150.00	40	150.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	185.00-187.00		185.67	120	182.80	300
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	43.00-45.00		44.60	100	44.92	130
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		17.14	70	16.55	650
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-31.00		30.18	572	30.55	1,156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.00	80	18.13	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	156	63.34	596

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