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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to firm on hens and toms. Demand and trading light. Inquiry mostly for immediate shipments for distributive movement. Offerings mixed, generally light to adequate with processors holding inventories with confidence. Bulk meat and parts trading slow.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand slow. Limited sales going to Mexico and Russia.



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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-79	-	-	-	83.00	20	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	76	76.00	25	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-77	74-75	74.50	20	79.00	20	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-74	71	71.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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 29, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF	SEPTEMBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS					8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION		77.80 **	77.57	78.00 **					
CENTRAL REGION		76.00	75.99	77.87					
WESTERN REGION		77.00	76.60 **	77.10 **					
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION		74.50	74.00	72.00					
CENTRAL REGION		71.00	73.67	73.96					
WESTERN REGION		74.00	73.30 **	72.70 **					

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	95-102
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-82

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 02-OCT-2000

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	80.00	20		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	80.00	20		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		240		
60				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

AUGUST	505,286*
SEPTEMBER 1-23, 2000	321,718*
To date 2000	3,845,792*
To date 1999	3,776,801*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-2000 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u>				
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	867	5	22.00	(A)	(A)	872	22.00
S ATL	869	-1	26.11	(A)	(A)	874	26.11
N CENT	2,423	0	27.08	(A)	(A)	2,428	27.08
S CENT	612	10	18.95	(A)	(A)	616	18.95
WEST	650	17	22.20	(A)	(A)	654	22.20
U.S.TOTAL	5,421(B)	3	24.61	0	23	5,444	24.62
TO DATE							
2000	179,566(B)			166	1,059	180,791	
TO DATE							
1999	182,993(B)			55	1,369	184,417	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 60,000 for the year 1,060,000; last year to date 582,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-2000

<u>HENS</u>	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>THOUSANDS</u>	<u>THOUSANDS</u>	
HEAD	2,352	3,009	60	23	5,444
AVG WT	15.71	31.57	24.59	27.67	24.62
LAST WEEK	2,286	2,909	52	47	5,294
YR AGO	5,763	(B)	23	49	5,835
AVG WT	24.51	(B)	24.74	26.06	24.52
TO-DATE/2000	178,672	(B)	1,060	1,059	180,791
TO-DATE/1999	182,466	(B)	582	1,369	184,417

(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.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2000.

Boneless skinless white meat undertone steady to instances firm. Demand light to instances good, mostly fair. Frozen destrapped tenderloins from production just-made commanded premiums over -3 month and older product. Offerings mostly light. Thigh meat undertone was steady to firm with cautiousness noted. Inquiry mostly fair to good for the light offerings. The mechanically separated turkey (MST) market continued strong on frozen for the limited offerings. The fresh MST market, however, started showing signs of slowing with some noted at 11.50 cents delivered for pet foods. Trading was light on all items and centered on frozen destrapped tenderloins. Some processors have indicated a willingness to curtail the taking orders of 4-8 lb. breasts as they start concentrating on whole body turkeys for the upcoming holidays. Line run fresh 20 lb. and heavier canner pack traded at 56 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	104.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	100.00		100.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	32.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	27.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	25.00	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	34.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	58.00	40
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	7
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	165.22	360
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	196.91	55
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	63.00	18
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	132.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00-155.00		153.60	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	186.91	46
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	44.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	16.29	480
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-31.00		30.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00		27.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	23.20	150
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.90	196
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	66.11	380

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.

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The market tone was mostly steady on fresh breast meat. Supplies of scapula and fresh wing meat were tight. Fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) was more available as hot dog sales eased. Fresh whole tenders moved at 145. A large volume of frozen thigh meat was booked for export November through December, 2000. Frozen whole tenders sold at 132 delivered port, and breeder breast meat moved at 158 to the border.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WTD AVG PRICE
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	104.00	120	104.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	100.00	40	98.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.50-32.00		31.05	106	31.37	231
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	33.00		33.00	40	32.87	46
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.50-27.00		26.09	54	24.60	254
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	25.00	7	25.00	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	34.33	120	34.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	58.00	40	58.00	40
NECKS, TOM	13.50		13.50	14	14.22	291
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	6	15.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	164.00-165.00		164.33	120	165.00	480
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	194.00-196.00		195.00	120	193.68	495
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	63.00		63.00	40	64.02	118
BREAST TRIM MEAT	127.00		127.00	80	127.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00		111.00	80	111.00	80
TENDERLOINS		W	132.00	40	132.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	157.00		157.00	20	153.31	260
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	186.91	46	185.17	166
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	50.00		50.00	12	44.78	92
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	80	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	20	16.28	500
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00-32.00		31.25	160	30.90	580
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	64	24.63	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	23.50		23.50	280	23.30	470
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.50		19.50	40	18.62	516
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-69.00		67.88	170	66.31	614

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