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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for toms and hens steady, instances firm in the East. Demand light with most sales taking place for distributive use. Offerings of hens and toms mixed. Bulk parts and meats slow as buyers are only trying to cover the light demand.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand light. Most interest noted from Mexico and Russia with limited activity reported. Supplies light to adequate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 05, 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/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-79	78	78.00	30	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-78	77-78	77.07	560	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-77	75	75.00	12	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	74	74.00	480	-	-	-	-	-
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 OCTOBER 06, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.00	77.80 **	78.90
CENTRAL REGION	77.07	76.00	78.00
WESTERN REGION	77.00 **	77.00	77.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	75.00	74.50	75.50
CENTRAL REGION	74.00	71.00	73.00 **
WESTERN REGION	73.50 **	74.00	73.50 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98-102
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-83
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**

	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 09-OCT-2000

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS LBS PRICE (000)	TOMS LBS PRICE (000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	80.20 95	
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	80.20 95	
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)	40	20

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**  
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

## SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

AUGUST	505,286*
SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2000	430,654*
To date 2000	3,954,728*
To date 1999	3,864,968*

\* PRELIMINARY

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**  
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 30-Sep-2000  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVGRSTR	OLD BANNED	TOTAL TKY	AVG
	HEAD	PW	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---	WT	
N EAST	855	-1	21.60	(A)	(A)	860 21.60
S ATL	858	-1	26.79	(A)	(A)	863 26.79
N CENT	2,459	1	28.01	(A)	(A)	2,464 28.01
S CENT	602	-2	18.54	(A)	(A)	607 18.54
WEST	590	-9	23.76	(A)	(A)	594 23.76
U.S.TOTAL	5,364(B)	-1	25.27	0	24	5,388 25.27
TO DATE						
2000	184,930(B)			166	1,083	186,179
TO DATE						
1999	188,171(B)			55	1,412	189,638

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 77,000 for the year 1,137,000; last year to date 596,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 30-Sep-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,099	3,188	77	24	5,388
AVG WT	15.42	31.76	24.39	26.73	25.27
LAST WEEK	2,352	3,009	60	23	5,444
YR AGO	5,164	(B)	14	43	5,221
AVG WT	26.38	(B)	26.71	26.42	26.39
TO-DATE/2000	183,959	(B)	1,137	1,083	186,179
TO-DATE/1999	187,630	(B)	596	1,412	189,638

(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 5 OCTOBER 2000.**

Undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts steady on plant grades with a moderately heavy volume reported for current shipments, Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts mixed with offerings of packer label 10% basted with a net noted at 107 cents delivered and 111-116 cents delivered on private labels. Undertone steady to fully steady, mostly steady on tom drums with higher asking prices being met with buyer resistance. Trading and offerings light. Thigh meat trading was noted at steady price levels with some industry members noting a less aggressive buyer interest. Frozen thigh meat offerings short to light and not as tight when compared to previous weeks. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings were light to instances burdensome with some sellers looking for bids, hen 2-joint wings light at best.

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/	154.00		154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	98.00		98.00	600
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.56	32
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	31.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	33.00		33.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.17	240
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	34.00		34.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	57.00-58.00		57.33	60
NECKS, TOM	13.00-16.00		15.22	54
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	169.00		169.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	193.00-196.00		194.22	180
THIGH MEAT		T	68.00	24
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	63.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	122.00		122.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	111.00	80
TENDERLOINS		T	135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	156.00-157.00		156.80	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	184.17	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	50.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.00		16.33	60
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	31.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	36
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	23.00		23.00	22
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00-19.50		19.19	196
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00-68.00		67.83	193

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 6 OCTOBER 2000.

Trade sentiment generally steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins, frozen tom breast meat steady to fully steady, frozen destrapped tenderloins, wing meat with skin and scapula steady to firm. White meat demand fair to sometimes good. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins light to adequate; wing meat with skin, frozen destrapped tenderloins and scapula short of buyers' needs. Domestic trading centered on a moderate volume of fresh tom breast meat, balance light. Export inquiry light to good, mostly fair to good with most of the interest coming from Mexico and Russia. Some interest was noted from Asia, however, most buyers remain reluctant to pay current market levels. Export trading slow.

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/	110.00-111.00		110.67	60	110.67	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	40	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	98.00	600	98.47	680
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.50	60	30.62	148
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	31.00		31.00	20	31.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	34.00		34.00	40	33.00	103
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	40	26.32	295
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	34.00	40	34.29	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	57.00		57.00	40	57.20	100
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	40	14.13	206
NECKS, HEN		R	15.00	10	15.00	21
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	168.00-170.00		169.33	60	167.64	220
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	193.50-196.00		194.80	300	193.85	800
THIGH MEAT		T	68.00	24	68.00	24
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00-66.00		65.00	80	65.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	122.00	40	122.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	110.00		110.00	40	110.00	40
TENDERLOINS		T	135.00	40	135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	155.00		155.00	20	156.64	220
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	185.00		185.00	80	184.50	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	51.00		51.00	40	50.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.50-18.00		16.73	196	16.47	736

## EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	31.00	80	31.03	524
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	25.00	36	26.54	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	23.00	22	23.00	22
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	19.19	196	19.05	336
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	67.83	193	67.83	193

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