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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for hens and toms steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand light. Trading limited for prompt shipments as most sales going to distributors. Offerings of whole birds light. Most concerns of processors centered on making deliveries of fresh and frozen whole birds for the upcoming holiday. Bulk parts and meats trading slow.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand slow. Limited sales taking place and centering on frozen thigh meat. Inquiry very light as buyers resist increased offering prices. Supplies light to adequate, mostly light.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 12, 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/	75-78	77-78	77.40	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-78.5	78-78.5	78.30	200	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-76	76	76.00	24	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	77-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-79	78-79	78.80	400	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	74	74.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 <b>OCTOBER 13, 2000</b>	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.00	78.00	78.75 **
CENTRAL REGION	77.30	77.07	79.00
WESTERN REGION	78.08	77.00 **	77.88 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	75.13 **	75.00	73.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	73.26	74.00	72.25 **
WESTERN REGION	73.75 **	73.50 **	76.00

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-82

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	91-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-104

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 16-OCT-2000

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>
	<u>HENS PRICE (000)</u>	<u>LBS TOMS PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	82.96	228 80.00
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	82.96	228 80.00
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

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

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

SEPTEMBER 430,654\*  
OCTOBER 1-7, 2000 110,438\*

To date 2000 4,065,165\*  
To date 1999 3,887,010\*

\* PRELIMINARY

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**  
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 07-Oct-2000  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>AVGRSTR</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL TKY</u>	<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>---THOUSAND HEAD---</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	864	1	21.83	(A)	(A)	867 21.83
S ATL	922	7	26.47	(A)	(A)	925 26.47
N CENT	2,495	1	27.72	(A)	(A)	2,498 27.72
S CENT	607	1	18.87	(A)	(A)	610 18.87
WEST	578	-2	23.85	(A)	(A)	581 23.85
U.S.TOTAL	5,466(B)	2	25.19	0	15	5,481 25.19
TO DATE						
2000	190,396(B)			166	1,098	191,660
TO DATE						
1999	192,138(B)			55	1,438	193,631

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 72,000 for the year 1,209,000; last year to date 609,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 07-Oct-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,303	3,091	72	15	5,481
AVG WT	15.72	32.25	24.88	24.17	25.19
LAST WEEK	2,099	3,188	77	24	5,388
YR AGO	3,954	(B)	13	26	3,993
AVG WT	25.39	(B)	27.92	26.19	25.40
TO-DATE/2000	189,353	(B)	1,209	1,098	191,660
TO-DATE/1999	191,584	(B)	609	1,438	193,631

(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 12 OCTOBER 2000.**

Trade sentiment steady to instances weak, mostly steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat with instances of lower trending offering prices being noted out of next week's production. Some fresh tom breast meat noted being offered out of this week's production. Fresh destrapped tenderloin undertone steady for the light to adequate offerings and fair demand. Frozen tom breast meat undertone steady, frozen destrapped tenderloins steady to firm. Demand light on frozen tom breast meat, fair to good on frozen destrapped tenderloins for the limited offerings. Frozen thigh meat trade sentiment mixed. Some processors have raised their offering prices to 68 cents shipping point and 70 cents delivered while others report frozen thigh meat offered at 66-68 cents delivered. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts and frozen destrapped tenderloins for current shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	110.67	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00		99.00	520
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00-35.00		32.00	69
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	31.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.29	70
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00-35.00		32.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	57.00	40
NECKS, TOM	13.50-15.00		14.76	290
NECKS, HEN		R	15.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	169.33	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	193.50-195.00		194.00	100
THIGH MEAT		W	68.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	65.00-70.00		68.20	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	122.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00		111.00	40
TENDERLOINS	143.00		143.00	9
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	157.00-163.00		157.69	520
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	185.00		185.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	54.00		54.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.42	480

## EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	31.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	24.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	104
TAILS	20.00		20.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.00		68.00	160

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 13 OCTOBER 2000.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was generally steady although availability ranged from adequate to instances tight. Frozen de-strapped tenders traded at steady to higher trending prices. Wing meat and scapula were strong and supplies were limited. Tom full cut and v-type wings were usually available. Tom drum inquiry was light and the market was about steady. Two loads of closely trimmed scapula sold at 119 for December deliveries. Two loads of fresh wing meat with skin moved at 55 cents and one load of fresh tenders at 140, both for current shipment. Export trading was fairly active on thigh meat, although resistance has been noted. Demand for frozen mechanically separated turkey exceeds the current supply.

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	110.67	60		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00-100.00		99.67	60	98.79	780
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00-31.00		30.45	110	31.05	179
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	31.00	20		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	32.00	40	32.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00-27.00		25.58	19	26.95	129
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	32.50	80	32.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	57.00	40		
NECKS, TOM	14.00-16.00		14.50	40	14.62	390
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	80	165.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	193.00		193.00	120	193.19	430
THIGH MEAT		W	68.00	40	68.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	63.00-66.00		64.80	100	66.50	200
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		R	111.00	40	111.00	40
TENDERLOINS	135.00		135.00	80	135.81	89
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	158.00-163.00		161.75	160	158.63	760
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	185.00	40	184.13	275
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	55.00		55.00	26	54.39	66
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.42	480	16.37	540
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.50		31.50	80	31.33	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	24.00	26	24.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.00	104	30.00	104
TAILS		R	20.00	120	20.75	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	104	19.00	416
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-69.00		67.25	648	67.40	808

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