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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms steady to fully steady with a few reporting light weight hens in the best position. Limited sales reported of prompt shipments of hens and toms at quoted price levels. Supplies are mixed. Demand generally slow and selective. Bulk parts trading was slow with availability of product limited.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on moderate volume of frozen thigh meat, balance of items for export light. Supplies generally limited and held with confidence.

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) SEPTEMBER 06, 2001

	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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	68	68.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	65-67	65.88	160	67.00	320	OCT	680	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	69.00	40	OCT	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-63	62.5	62.50	40	-	-	-	1040	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	65.00	40	OCT	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	67	67.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-63	62	62.00	100	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 SEP 07, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	67.40	66.71	74.50
CENTRAL REGION	66.36	66.35	75.80
WESTERN REGION	67.38**	67.00	75.56**
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	63.00	62.29	72.56**
CENTRAL REGION	62.14	61.50	72.00
WESTERN REGION	63.00**	62.00	72.19**

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-76

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 10-SEP-2001**

	<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)	73.84	62	70.00	15
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	73.84	62	70.00	15
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

JULY	446,822 *
AUGUST 1-31, 2001	462,849 *
To date 2001	3,428,107 *
To date 2000	3,524,074 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 01-Sep-2001  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>---YOUNG TURKEYS---</u>			<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u>		<u>BANDED</u>	<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>LIVE WT-THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD-LIVE</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	867	0	21.38	(A)	868	21.38
S ATL	829	6	27.25	(A)	830	27.25
N CENT	2,381	-1	28.09	(A)	2,382	28.09
S CENT	427	-7	19.99	(A)	427	19.99
WEST	496	-6	23.22	(A)	496	23.22
U.S.TOTAL	5,000(B)	-1	25.61	3	5,003	25.61
TO DATE						
2001	166,534(B)			410	166,944	
TO DATE						
2000	166,388(B)			975	167,363	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 42,000; for the year 1,461,000; last year to date 869,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** WEEK ENDING 01-Sep-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>			
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,033	2,925	42	3	5,003
AVG WT	15.47	32.68	23.95	28.21	25.61
LAST WEEK	1,892	3,098	60	12	5,062
SAME WK YR AGO	2,373	2,864	89	23	5,349
AVG WT	15.45	31.96	23.86	31.47	24.50
TO-DATE/2001	70,147	94,926	1,461	410	166,944
TO-DATE/2000	165,519	(A)	869	975	167,363
CHECK TOTAL	11,532,653	144,995	111,056	246,222	388,083

(A) 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 06 SEPTEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat was mostly steady, fresh destrapped tenderloins and wing meat with skin fully steady to firm, and steady to fully steady on the balance of white meat items. Demand was the most active on fresh destrapped tenderloins and wing meat with skin with the balance of items ranging light to fair. Offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins and wing meat with skin were light at best, uneven on the balance of white meat items. Trading of all items centered on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. Frozen breeder breast meat traded at 143 cents delivered. Frozen thigh meat offerings mixed with some buyers noting offerings not as tight as previously reported.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	103.00-104.00		103.06	127
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	94.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	33.00-36.00		33.40	50
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	34.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	17
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.78	76
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	34.00-35.00		34.39	66
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00-51.00		50.57	70
NECKS, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.55	31
NECKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	32
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.50-187.00		185.80	100
THIGH MEAT		W	67.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	67.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	119.86	140
SCAPULA MEAT		F	123.73	220
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	150.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	154.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	72.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.29	680
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.00-34.00		32.89	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	27.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-18.00		17.72	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.00-70.00		68.91	440

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 undertone on tom breast meat was mostly steady. However, there was increased unsettledness noted on fresh tom breast meat with a few sellers reporting sales at higher price levels while some buyers cancel loads. The undertone on wing meat with skin continued firm with part loads of fresh noted at 79-87 cents delivered. Offerings of frozen destrapped tenderloins were uneven with trading noted at mostly steady prices. The undertone on thigh meat was steady to firm, however, some buyers noted increased spot availability. Demand fair. Mechanically separated turkey (MST) and drum offerings ranged short to light for buyers' needs with inquiry for prompt shipments going unfilled. Domestic trading centered on light to fair volumes of fresh tom breast meat and fresh MST while exports centered on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat, balance light. For domestic: hearts 29, 10-12 lb. Grade A non-basted breasts 115 cents delivered. For export: defatted gizzards 43, frozen mature thigh meat 65 cents delivered.

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/		R	103.06	127	103.06	127
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	8	95.00	8
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	34.00-37.00		34.47	95	34.04	345
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	34.00-35.00		34.33	60	34.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	35	32.00	52
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00		30.00	6	30.73	136
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	35.00	40	35.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	34.39	66	34.55	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	50.57	70	50.44	90
NECKS, TOM		R	30.55	31	30.38	45
NECKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	29	30.00	61
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	165.00	20	165.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.50-192.00		188.24	340	187.00	620
THIGH MEAT		W	67.00	80	67.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	65.00-68.00		66.00	60	66.40	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	119.86	140	119.86	140
SCAPULA MEAT	122.00-123.50		122.75	40	122.75	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	148.00-151.00		148.60	100	149.00	140
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	157.00		157.00	40	157.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	72.00-74.00		72.67	120	72.40	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	40	17.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		17.14	430	16.62	1,110
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	32.89	280	32.80	360
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	29.00		29.00	40	29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	29.00		29.00	80	29.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	80	17.32	328
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-68.00		66.10	408	67.53	1,032

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