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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. Trading was fairly good for both prompt and deferred shipments. Supplies remained mixed by regions but sufficient for trade needs. Bulk part trading was light to moderate with most activity noted on fresh mechanically separated. Offerings of parts was limited.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light with most activity noted on tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Demand was fairly good. Activity slow as inventories less than adequate.

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	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/	68-69	68.5-69	68.79	68	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	68	68.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-69	68.25-69	68.84	190	68.87	460	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	67.75-69	68.17	120	72.50	40	NOV	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	68-69	68.98	490	72.50	160	DEC	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	65	65.00	150	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	63.75-65	64.69	160	65.00	420	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	63-64	63.01	1210	-	-	-	-	-

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 14, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.83	67.40	76.00
CENTRAL REGION	68.17	66.36	75.50
WESTERN REGION	68.91	67.38 **	75.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00	63.00	72.00
CENTRAL REGION	64.69	62.14	71.00
WESTERN REGION	63.01	63.00 **	73.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**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 17-SEP-2001**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	75.36	500	70.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	75.36	500	70.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

AUGUST 462,849*
SEPTEMBER 1-8, 2001 92,177*

To date 2001 3,520,284*
To date 2000 3,634,598*

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 08-Sep-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)**

	<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	799	-8	21.12	(A) 801	21.12
S ATL	777	-6	27.55	(A) 779	27.55
N CENT	2,043	-14	28.33	(A) 2,044	28.33
S CENT	350	-18	19.87	(A) 351	19.87
WEST	498	0	23.98	(A) 499	23.98
U.S.TOTAL	4,467(B)	-11	25.76	7 4,474	25.76
TODATE					
2001	171,001(B)			417 171,418	
TODATE					
2000	170,882(B)			1,005 171,887	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 27,000; for the year 1,488,000; last year to date 906,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 08-Sep-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	1,816	2,624	27	7	4,474
AVG WT	15.53	32.83	26.02	25.62	25.76
LAST WEEK	2,033	2,925	42	3	5,003
SAME WK YR AGO	2,043	2,414	37	30	4,524
AVG WT	15.51	32.51	24.94	28.88	24.75
TO-DATE/2001	71,963	97,550	1,488	417	171,418
TO-DATE/2000	169,976(A)		906	1,005	171,887

(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 13 SEPTEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and hen necks was about steady with the balance of items ranging from steady to firm. Demand on all items ranged slow to moderate with some sellers noting a less aggressive buyer call this week which some blame on the recent tragic events. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat and hen necks were available with the balance of items generally limited and held with confidence. Some spot availability was noted on frozen destrapped tenderloins and isolated increased offerings on mechanically separated turkey. Trading light on all items. Private label Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts traded at 105 cents delivered October and fresh tom drums 34 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	103.00		103.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	95.00	8
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	34.00	9
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	34.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	34.00		34.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	34.00		34.00	18
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00		37.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	50.57	70
NECKS, TOM	34.00		34.00	18
NECKS, HEN		F	30.00	29
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	165.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.50		185.50	80
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	67.82	77
BREAST TRIM MEAT	123.00		123.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	125.00		125.00	40
TENDERLOINS	142.00-143.00		142.39	66
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	148.00		148.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	159.00		159.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	74.51	51
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.81	540

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	36.00		36.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	29.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-18.00		17.33	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	68.11	180

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 trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to instances barely steady. Demand was in a full range, mostly fair. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat ranged from light to fully adequate, mostly adequate with instances of sellers noted looking for bids. Trade sentiment on wing meat, breast trim, scapula and fresh destrapped tenderloins was fully steady to firm for the light to fair demand. Offerings limited. Trade sentiment on 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady to fully steady for the light to adequate offerings. The tom bulk parts was undertone strong and hen parts and 4-8 lb. breasts were steady to fully steady, trading centered on a fair volume of fresh MST for domestic shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	103.00	40	103.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.50-95.00		93.33	120	93.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	36.00-38.00		36.90	169	36.75	178
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	34.33	60		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	34.00-36.00		35.00	80	34.52	132
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	33.00-37.00		34.72	137	34.37	185
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	35.00	40	34.57	70
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00-38.00		37.13	138	36.74	166
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00-51.00		50.73	55	50.73	55
NECKS, TOM	31.00-33.00		31.33	24	30.73	177
NECKS, HEN		F	30.00	29		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	165.00	20	165.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.00-188.00		186.23	260	184.73	900
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	70.00		70.00	20	68.27	97
BREAST TRIM MEAT	121.00		121.00	40	122.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		R	125.00	40	124.78	92
TENDERLOINS		R	142.39	66	142.39	66
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00		150.00	40	148.86	280
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	159.00	40	152.11	190
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	74.51	51	74.51	51
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	40	17.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.09	460	16.94	1,000
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	36.00		36.00	40	35.43	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	29.00	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	29.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-19.00		18.33	60	17.41	232
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-70.00		69.86	140	68.88	320

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