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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on hens and consumer sized toms. Demand slow to fair with inquiry and trading centered mostly on light volumes. Offerings were short to light on hens, tight to adequate on consumer sized toms with private labels of both hens and toms the least available. Bulk parts and meat trading light. Offerings of bulk parts were uneven with some items starting to signs of increased availability. White meat offerings ranged from readily available on fresh tom breast meat to tight on trims.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. Demand light to instances fair with interest noted for Russia. Offerings of frozen thigh meat ranged light to adequate with availability dependant upon delivery time frame requested, frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey and drums spotty.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) SEPTEMBER 27, 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
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	70	70.00	60	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	66	66.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71	70	70.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
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EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	66	66.00	60	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	65	65.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

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 28, 2001	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	70.13	69.28	77.80**	EASTERN REGION	68.81	66.38	76.53
CENTRAL REGION	68.00	69.00	76.00	CENTRAL REGION	67.74	65.38	75.76
WESTERN REGION	69.07	68.80**	77.00	WESTERN REGION	68.56	66.62	76.20
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	66.00	64.64	74.50	EASTERN REGION	64.61	62.76	73.33
CENTRAL REGION	64.00	64.00	71.00	CENTRAL REGION	63.72	61.28	72.07
WESTERN REGION	65.00	64.80**	74.00	WESTERN REGION	64.36	62.62	72.99

**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#	70-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-76

**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 01-OCT-2001**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	76.35	224	70.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	76.35	224	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 1-22, 2001	336,679*
To date 2001	3,764,786*
To date 2000	3,845,792*

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 22-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	855	-1	21.41	(A) 856	21.41
SATL	861	-7	27.49	(A) 862	27.49
N CENT	2,438	0	27.95	(A) 2,440	27.95
S CENT	417	-1	20.45	(A) 418	20.45
WEST	538	3	24.64	(A) 539	24.64
U.S.TOTAL	5,109(B)	-1	25.82	6 5,115	25.82
TO DATE					
2001	181,284(B)			429 181,713	
TO DATE					
2000	181,550(B)			1,075 182,625	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 83,000; for the year 1,666,000; last year to date 1,018,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-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	1,969	3,057	83	6	5,115
AVG WT	15.03	32.82	24.07	26.82	25.82
LAST WEEK	2,152	2,927	95	6	5,180
SAME WK YR AGO	2,352	3,009	60	23	5,444
AVG WT	15.71	31.57	24.59	27.67	24.62
TO-DATE/2001	76,084	103,534	1,666	429	181,713
TO-DATE/2000	180,532(A)		1,018	1,075	182,625

(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 27 SEPTEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Demand was slow to instances fair for the adequate to sometimes ample offerings. Some spot load cancellations were noted. Fresh destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady with some buyers starting to indicate offerings not as tight as previous weeks. Demand was light to fair. Wing meat, breast trim and scapula trade sentiment fully steady to firm for the limited offerings. Demand fair. The undertone on tom 2-joint wings was starting to become unsettled with some still calling the market firm while others note offers at 35-36 cents delivered. Trading light on all items. Export demand was light to fair. Some spot premiums were noted on frozen thigh meat for prompt export shipments to Mexico to fill last minute needs.

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/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00-40.00		39.68	126
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		T	39.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	37.00		37.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-37.00		36.75	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	36.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00-40.00		38.43	203
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	50.00	60
NECKS, TOM	35.50-36.00		35.94	90
NECKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	165.00	47
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	180.50-188.00		184.71	140
THIGH MEAT		F	70.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	68.00		68.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	128.25	40
TENDERLOINS		R	143.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	143.67	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	150.00-163.00		157.93	150
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	75.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	300
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00-38.00		37.43	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	37.00	20
TAILS		W	27.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50-18.00		17.64	384
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-74.00		71.54	252

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 drums was mixed, but mostly steady. The tom 2-joint wing undertone was steady to instances weak and tom full-cut wings and necks were steady to fully steady, mostly fully steady. Demand for tom bulk parts was uneven and ranged light to fair. Offerings of tom drums ranged short to instances adequate, tom 2-joint wings in a full range, tom full-cut wings and necks short of buyers' needs. Some sellers have reported increased activity on hen tray pack parts resulting in closer balanced inventories. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady with inventories held varying degrees of confidence. Trading light on all items. Fresh whole tenderloins traded at 142 cents delivered domestic and tom defatted gizzards at 70-75 cents delivered export. Defatted gizzards unsettled with some able to command premiums while others lack buyer interest.

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	80	39.25	265
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	39.00		39.00	40	39.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	36.00		36.00	80	36.20	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	35.00		35.00	40	36.37	257
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	36.00	20		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	38.43	203	38.45	211
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	50.00	60		
NECKS, TOM	34.00		34.00	20	35.27	194
NECKS, HEN		R	30.00	20	30.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	180.00-180.50		180.25	80	181.90	420
THIGH MEAT		F	70.00	20		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	70.00		70.00	40	69.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		F	128.25	40		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	144.00		144.00	60	143.78	180
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	157.93	150	157.53	190
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	75.00		75.00	20	75.00	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	70	19.00	110
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		18.14	111	17.29	971
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	40	37.71	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	29.00		29.00	28	27.42	132
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.64	384	17.64	384
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-70.00		69.20	200	70.17	772

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