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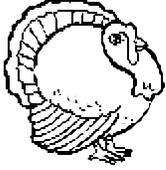
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for 8-16 lb. frozen hens was steady, instances firm on 8-10 lb. weights. Toms 16-24 lb. mixed, mostly barely steady. Offerings generally adequate, with lighter weights closely balanced. Demand light. Bulk parts and meat trading light, instances moderate on fresh tom breast meat when insufficient offerings persist. Demand uneven. Offerings mostly adequate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading light with most interest noted for frozen thigh meat. Buyers remain cautious and selective while reviewing current stocks.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 10, 2002**

	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/	66-72	68-72	70.58	138	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-69.25	66-69.25	66.36	360	-	-	-	320	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	58	58.00	360	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	66-72	66	66.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-69.25	65	65.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66.68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	58	58.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2002.**

Trade sentiment steady to firm on fresh tom breast meat with sized or close trim product in strongest position. Fresh destrapped tenderloin and fresh wing meat trade sentiment steady to fully steady, mostly fully steady for prompt shipments. Fresh white meat demand was good on tom breast meat and wing meat, balance fair. Trade sentiment on frozen white meat was steady to fully steady with the exception of wing meat, which was barely steady at best. Some spot premiums were paid on frozen tom breast meat -60 days age. Frozen white meat inquiry was slow on wing meat, fair on scapula, balance light to fair. Supplies of frozen wing meat were adequate to burdensome, balance of frozen white meat supplies were held with varied degrees of confidence. Thigh meat seller trade sentiment was steady to instances firm. Thigh meat export activity was mostly noted for Mexico and Russia shipments with some interest noted from Asia. The market on mechanically separate turkey (MST) was steady to barely steady for domestic shipments. Trading centered on moderately heavy volumes of fresh MST for domestic shipments and thigh meat for export, balance light. Fresh wing meat 56, Grade A non-basted breasts: 8-10 lb. 99, 16-20 lb. 105, plant grade non-basted breasts: 10-12 lb. 95, 12-14 lb. 93, 14-16 lb. 98-100 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	97.14	560
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-22.00		21.71	21
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	43
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	14
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	150.00		150.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	182.00-187.00		184.31	350
THIGH MEAT	52.00		52.00	8
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	55.07	122
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		T	77.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	117.33	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	140.00		140.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	51.00		51.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.14	672

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00		21.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	18.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.50-25.00		24.83	156
TAILS	16.00		16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-59.50		53.84	636

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.

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-71

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-105

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The market tone was steady to fully steady on fresh breast meat due to supplies closely balanced with demand. Fully adequate supplies of frozen wing meat with skin continued weak and prices trended lower. Thigh meat was steady to fully steady with continued interest into export channels. Bulk parts trading was light. Supplies of tom drums were in good balance and the market was steady. Tom full cut wings moved at higher trending prices as supplies moved into a better position. Necks continued to attract little buyer interest.

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WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.00	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		T	14.00	14
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	150.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	188.00-190.00		189.00	80
THIGH MEAT	51.00		51.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	55.07	122
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	77.00		77.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	116.00		116.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	140.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	46.00		46.00	40
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#### **BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 09/11/02**

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	13,749	109,924	110,174
2001-2002	-	105,707	105,707