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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. frozen hens mixed, with the 8-12 lb. firm and 12 -16lb. hens barely steady. Frozen toms 16-24 lb. steady to barely steady. Moderate trading reported for prompt shipments. Demand uneven. Offerings mixed by weights and by combinations of both hens and toms. Bulk parts and meats trading light. Demand light to moderate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow. Demand limited. Supplies adequate for the current demand. Most export markets quiet.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) SEPTEMBER 26, 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
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-70	69	69.00	40	68.00	80	NOV	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-69	68.25	68.25	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-60	56	56.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	57.25	57.25	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	63-70	63-70	64.75	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-69	65.5-69	67.38	240	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-60	55-56	55.50	400	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	58	58.00	80	-	-	-	80	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-60	57	57.00	10	-	-	-	-	-

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 SEPT 27, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.41	67.00	70.13
CENTRAL REGION	67.67	64.83	68.00
WESTERN REGION	67.40**	66.50	69.07
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	55.81	58.00	66.00
CENTRAL REGION	57.55	56.50	64.00
WESTERN REGION	57.00	58.00**	65.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-71

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
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

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 30-SEP-2002**

	<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)	74.63	64	64.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	74.63	64	64.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

AUGUST	458,126*
SEPTEMBER 1-21, 2002	304,207*
To date 2002	3,744,855*
To date 2001	3,764,787*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 21-Sep-2002
(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	774	-1	22.47	(A) 788 22.47
SATL	920	12	26.57	(A) 828 26.57
N CENT	2,350	2	30.02	(A) 2,303 30.02
S CENT	515	-5	20.21	(A) 545 20.21
WEST	490	4	22.68	(A) 475 22.68
U.S. TOTAL	5,049(B)	3	26.58	17 5,066 26.52
TO-DATE				
2002	175,344(B)			310 175,654
TO-DATE				
2001	181,284(B)			429 181,713

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included:

this week 73,000; for the year 1,983,000; last year to date 1,666,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 21-Sep-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>		<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	2,002	2,974	73	17	5,066
AVG WT	15.35	34.11	23.78	28.89	26.52
LAST WEEK	1,946	2,888	88	17	4,939
SAME WK YR AGO	1,969	3,057	83	6	5,115
AVG WT	15.03	32.82	24.07	26.82	25.82
TO-DATE/2002	70,065	103,296	1,983	310	175,654
TO-DATE/2001	76,084	103,534	1,666	429	181,713

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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 26 SEPTEMBER 2002.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to barely steady, fresh destrapped tenderloins at least steady and fresh wing meat fully steady. Fresh white meat demand was slow to moderate on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and wing meat were fair to instances good. Fresh tom breast meat offerings were at least adequate, balance light. The frozen tom breast meat undertone was barely steady, scapula steady to fully steady, balance about steady. Demand light to instances fair. Frozen offerings ranged from fully adequate on frozen tom breast meat to light on scapula. The undertone on rib breasts was steady to fully steady with institutional sizes in the strongest position. Demand light to fair with some held with more confidence than others. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts and exports on a moderate volume of tom 2-joint wings. For domestic: fresh tom wings 23, fresh wing meat 54, fresh 12-16 lb. Grade A WOGS 69, fresh breast trim 88, Grade A non-basted breasts: 10-12 lb. 124, 12-16 lb. 100, plant grade breasts: 8-10 lb. 105, 12-14 lb. 100-105, 14-16 lb. 100 cents delivered. For export: frozen mature thigh meat 45, defatted gizzards 46 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	99.00	280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		T	148.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00-90.00		89.67	360
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.65	17
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	21.00		21.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	25
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	21.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	22
NECKS, HEN		R	14.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	139.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	185.55	163
THIGH MEAT	56.00		56.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	57.00	43
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	77.00	20
TENDERLOINS		F	120.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	114.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	142.00		142.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	50.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	14
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00		23.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00-28.25		26.20	520
TAILS	22.00		22.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00		54.00	40

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 hen 2-joint wings was mostly fully steady, tom drums steady to instances fully steady, tom 2-joint wings barely steady at best, balance of parts generally steady. Bulk parts demand ranged light to fair. Offerings of hen 2-joint wings were light and held with confidence, tom drums mixed with some inventories better balanced than others, balance at least adequate for buyers' needs. Some isolated increased activity was noted on frozen destrapped tenderloins and breast trim with trading noted at steady to sometimes lower trending price levels. Domestic and export trading was light on all items with activity centered on fresh tom breast meat. Some trading was noted on scapula -6 months age. Grade A non basted rib breasts: 4-8 lb. 125, 10-12 lb. 110, 12-14 lb. 110-120, 14-16 lb. 110, plant grade non-basted 12-16 lb. breasts 100 and defatted gizzards traded at 50 cents delivered domestic. Hen drums traded at 18 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	99.00	280	99.00	280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20	151.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	89.67	360	89.90	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	40	21.14	77
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	19.00-21.00		19.63	160	20.31	320
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	19.00	40	18.60	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	23.00	25	22.28	39
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	21.00	20	21.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	10	25.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	54.00	20	54.62	29
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	6	14.50	56
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	140.00-142.00		141.33	60	141.33	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	184.00-188.00		186.71	310	186.45	673
THIGH MEAT	54.00		54.00	10	55.33	30
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	57.00	43	57.00	43
BREAST TRIM MEAT	82.00-88.00		84.30	54	84.30	54
SCAPULA MEAT	74.00		74.00	200	74.51	235
TENDERLOINS		F	120.00	20		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	113.00-116.00		114.00	120	114.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	140.00-141.00		140.38	130	140.81	310
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	50.00	40	50.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.50		15.50	80	16.98	706
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	80	21.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.20	520	26.20	520
TAILS		R	22.00	80	17.93	430
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	20.11	252
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00		56.00	40	55.49	396

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