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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trading was limited on whole turkey. Market tone steady to barely steady. Offerings were adequate to instances ample, longest in the Central region. Trading was light on bulk meat, parts and rib breast. Frozen thigh meat and frozen 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey were available.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading centered on tom v-type wings in the West for February shipments and light trading on tails and frozen 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey in the Central region.

Effective January 4, 1999, all turkey reports are being issued from the Des Moines Market News office. As a result of our review of trade practices and reporting procedures, we have revised the reports to better serve the needs of our customers. Call your local Market News office for further details.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JANUARY 5, 1999

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/		
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-62	62	62.00	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-63	62	62.00	20	-	54.50	40	FEB	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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EASTERN REGION 3/	57-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-63	62	62.00	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 JANUARY 1999.

Domestic trading light, consisting mostly of mixed loads. Offerings of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts light to fully adequate, mostly light. Export demand light to fair with trading centered on 15 loads of open priced fresh thigh meat for January shipment. One container of hen 2-joint wings was noted at 41 and 1 rail-car of hen defatted gizzards at 59 cents delivered port. Offerings of tom drums adequate to ample, frozen thigh meat adequate, fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey light to fully adequate.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE	92.00		92.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	4
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	28.00		28.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	27.00		27.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	41.00		41.00	18
NECKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	4
NECKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	165.00	48
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH		M	165.67	120
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	65.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	100.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	90.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	107.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	115.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH		M	14.75	200
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00		22.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.50		23.50	208
TAILS		W	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	61.00	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/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	81-82

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	91-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	95-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	95-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	93-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-103

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 JANUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady on frozen thigh meat. Concern was noted regarding the new Mexican import regulations and possible market ramifications. Fresh tom breast meat trade sentiment steady to fully steady, mostly steady for the light to adequate offerings. Frozen tom breast meat demand light to fair for a steady to fully steady trade sentiment. Offerings of frozen thigh meat and tom drums adequate to ample. Wing meat offerings adequate with seller resistance noted for the lower buyer bids.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	94.00-99.00		95.45	220
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE		T	92.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	27.00		27.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	27.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	41.00	18
NECKS, TOM	21.50-24.00		22.75	80
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00-170.00		165.50	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH	170.00		170.00	120
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	66.00		66.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	100.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	90.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	107.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	116.00		116.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	60.00		60.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH	14.00-15.00		14.50	80

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

WEEK ENDING 01/06/98

*ACCUMULATED

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDERS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
1998-99	6,886	218,397	218,747
1997-98	10,000	276,488	276,738

*FOR WEEK ENDING 12/30/98, ACCUMULATED HEAVY WHITES SHOULD HAVE READ: 211,511

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