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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on whole turkeys. Offerings were generally sufficient for the limited inquiry. No trading reported on hens and toms. The market tone was mixed on fresh breast meat, barely steady on thigh meat, with tom wings and drums attempting to settle.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Tom necks moved east to port, thigh meat, frozen 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey, tom v-wings and full-cut wings shipped to the Central Region, gizzards, tom wings, and hen v-type wings moved west.

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 14, 1999**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD VOLUME AVG (000)	DEL. PER	WTD VOLUME AVG (000)	DEL. PER	WTD VOLUME AVG (000)	DEL. PER	
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	40	JAN	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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16-24 LB TOMS									
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CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 JANUARY 15, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	57.40**	59.80**	55.00
CENTRAL REGION	57.00**	62.00	55.70**
WESTERN REGION	58.90**	60.10**	55.50
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	57.40**	59.60**	58.00
CENTRAL REGION	57.00**	62.00	56.50**
WESTERN REGION	58.90**	59.90**	57.40**

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79-84
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-77

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	85-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-115

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 18-JAN-99**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	66.00	437		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)				
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	66.00	437		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		110		

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 02-Jan-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	1,006	10	16.55	NONE	NONE	1,006	16.55
S ATL	406	4	29.50	(A)	(A)	427	29.22
N CENT	1,802	19	26.51	NONE	NONE	1,802	26.51
S CENT	363	-13	19.37	NONE	NONE	363	19.37
WEST	552	2	25.89	(A)	(A)	563	25.96
U.S.TOTAL	4,129(B)	9	23.67	0	32	4,161	23.69
TO DATE							
1998	263,082(B)			72	1,928	265,082	
TO DATE							
1997	275,058(B)			78	1,785	276,921	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 11,000 for the year 1,107,000; last year to date 1,133,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 02-Jan-99

	<u>FRYER-</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>ROASTERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	
	<u>—THOUSANDS—</u>			
HEAD	0	4,129	32	4,161
AVG WT	0.00	23.67	25.81	23.69
LAST WEEK	0	3,776	23	3,799
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	3,978	21	3,999
AVG WT	0.00	27.02(A)	28.57	27.02
TO-DATE/1998	72	263,082(A)	1,928	265,082
TO-DATE/1997	78	275,058(A)	1,785	276,921

(A) Includes 1,107,000 young banded breeders in 1998 and 1,133,000 in 1997.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 02-Jan-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 552 HD, 14,291 LBS,
TO DATE 17,838 HD, 418,724 LBS; OLD 11 HD,
TO DATE 304 HD; TOTAL 563 HD, TO DATE 18,142 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER, 1998	432,263 *
DEC 1, 1998-JAN 2, 1999	473,482 *
To date 1998	5,249,665 *
To date 1997	6,702,092 *

* PRELIMINARY

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 JANUARY 1999.

Undertone steady on Grade A +3% 4-8 lb. breasts, steady to barely steady on plant grades and wing meat with skin. Some buyer resistance noted on wing meat at current market levels with lower bids noted. Demand fair on fresh tom breast meat, light on frozen thigh meat and 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey. Offerings of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts light, plant grade 4-7 lb. breasts and regular trim fresh tom breast meat adequate to fully adequate. Fresh tom necks (3 loads) 24, plant grade 12-14 lb. breasts (1 load) 125 cents delivered. For export: 3 containers tom full-cut wings 18.25 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	95.75	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	123.00	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	87.00-88.00		87.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	22.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	24.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00		21.00	16
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	25.00		25.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.00	90
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	38.00	14
NECKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.75	12
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	165.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	165.00-170.00		167.66	414
THIGH MEAT		F	61.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	62.00		62.00	63
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	79.00	31
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	107.00		107.00	24
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	115.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	60.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	15.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	14.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.50		18.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.16	248
TAILS		T	18.99	288
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	12.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	59.00	52

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.

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 JANUARY 1999.

Undertone steady to barely steady on tom drums and full-cut wings with increased seller confidence noted due to the stronger buyer inquiry at the current market levels. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on hen 2-joint wings and hen drums, steady on tom 2-joint wings, fully steady on destrapped tenderloins. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to fully adequate. Open priced February Grade A 4-8 lb. breast trading light. For export: open priced fresh thigh meat (3 loads), tom wings (5 loads) 21, tom necks (1 container) 22, hen 2-joint wings (3 containers) 34.50-39, defatted gizzards (3 containers) 58.50 (mixed)-68 mostly 67-68.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	93.00			93.00	20	94.38
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	20	87.14	420
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00-20.00		18.93	300	19.31	425
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	19.00-21.00		20.00	80	20.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	80	22.25	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	21.00	16	18.56	156
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	25.00	20	25.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	80	25.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	38.00	14	38.00	14
NECKS, TOM		R	23.75	12	23.91	35
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	40	165.38	260
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	170.00-171.0		170.20	204	168.71	938
THIGH MEAT		F	61.00	4		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	59.00-61.00		59.86	70	60.87	133
BREAST TRIM MEAT	105.00-110.0		107.50	80	107.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT	97.00		97.00	40	97.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	107.00	24	107.00	24
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	129.00-132.0		130.50	80	122.75	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	55.00-58.00		57.10	400	57.24	420
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	20	15.11	180
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	14.00	40	14.00	40
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-24.00		21.74	184	20.28	732
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		T	18.99	288	18.99	288
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-16.00		15.80	400	15.50	440
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	59.00	52	59.00	52

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