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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment about steady on whole turkeys. Demand was generally light with scattered inquiries for Thanksgiving packages. Offerings ranged from limited to adequate. Bulk meat and bulk parts trading was scattered. Trade sentiment improved on tom wings and tom v-type wings due to export activity.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was most active on thigh meat delivered to various ports. Tom drums, wings, tails and gizzards also moved into export channels.

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 26, 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/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	58.5	58.50	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	55-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degree 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 26 JANUARY 1999.

Tom drum undertone steady to barely steady with increased seller confidence noted, frozen thigh meat steady to instances weak. Tom drum demand light and disappointing for domestic, export fair. Frozen thigh meat inquiry improved in parts of the West at lower price levels. Tom drum offerings better balanced due to some buyer position taking and exports, Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts light to fully adequate, varying with packer and label wanted. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (2.50 loads) 135 cents delivered. For export: hen drums (2 containers) 18, tom wings (6 containers) 19-19.25, hen defatted gizzards (1 container) 67 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	97.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.80	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	14.40	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.00		18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	19.50		19.50	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	24.50	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	38.50	30
NECKS, TOM		F	23.50	24
NECKS, HEN		F	16.50	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	164.57	280
THIGH MEAT		F	57.00	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	113.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	99.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	135.00		135.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	56.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	10.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	14.41	880

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	17.25	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	25.00	416
TAILS		W	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.33	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00		56.00	80

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#	79-82
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-75

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
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

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 JANUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment cautiously steady to steady on fresh tom breast meat; tom full-cut and 2-joint wings steady to fully steady due mostly to exports; destrapped tenderloins, scapula and breast trim at least fully steady due in part to the price differential with breast meat. Demand fair on 4-8 lb. breasts, fair to good on wings and drums for export. For domestic: fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 137 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums (4 loads) 16, tom wings (2 containers) 18.50, defatted gizzards (1 container) 60 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	94.00		94.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	800
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.50		17.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00-22.00		20.88	32
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	22.00-23.00		22.25	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.50-25.00		24.67	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	37.00		37.00	8
NECKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	52
NECKS, HEN		F	16.50	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	164.00-165.00		164.71	140
THIGH MEAT		F	57.00	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	113.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	99.00	80
TENDERLOINS	116.00		116.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	135.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	56.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	10.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00-19.00		18.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	25.00	416
TAILS	19.00		19.00	260
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.33	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00		53.00	364

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD**

WEEK ENDING 01/27/99

ACCUMULATED

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDERS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
1998-99	14,306	273,321	273,671
1997-98	7,747	286,257	286,507

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