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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. Whole turkey demand was light to fair. Offerings ranged tight to adequate. Fresh tom breast meat traded at premium prices. Some white meat buyers bought canner pack toms as a more economical source of white meat. The increased demand strengthened the market on canner pack toms with trading reported at higher levels.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light on thigh meat and the market was barely steady.

Effective January 8, 1999, weekly regional weighted average prices for whole young turkeys are available as a separate report released every Friday after 2 PM Central Time. Monthly regional weighted average prices will be on the same report on the Friday following the end of every month.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-115

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	88-95
BREASTS 10-12#	143-154
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-81
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	63-64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-75

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

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS					
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-62	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-62	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS					
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-62	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-62	-	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

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.

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YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 08 FEBRUARY 1999.

Undertone fully steady to firm on fresh tom breast meat, fully steady on destrapped tenderloins, scapula and breast trim. Canner pack tom undertone fully steady with a light to sometimes good demand. The strong breast meat market has turned some white meat buyers to buying the more economically valued canner pack toms, resulting in increased canner pack tom strength. Trading light on line run fresh 20 lb. and heavier toms 57 cents delivered East from the Midwest for February-early March shipments and fresh tom breast meat noted going East at higher price levels for current shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	92.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	87.31	520
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	19.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	19.00	45
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.00	40
NECKS, TOM		F	22.00	18
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	167.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	190.00		190.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	43.18	68
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	118.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	145.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	57.89	180
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.75		14.75	280
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	16.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	17.00	312
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	26.00	208
TAILS		W	19.18	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.97	692
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00		42.00	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.