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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on whole turkeys. Offerings remained light to adequate. Some interest noted for Thanksgiving needs. Current trading was fair on hens and toms moving in the Central region. Bulk meat and bulk parts trading was spotty. A moderate volume of fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey moved at about unchanged prices.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

A fair volume of thigh meat and a light volume of tails moved into export channels.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 17, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	58	58.00	240	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	58	58.00	280	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 FEBRUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. breasts, frozen thigh meat and bulk parts. Demand light to fair on bulk parts and thigh meat. Some fresh tom breast meat noted with a 215 cent ceiling for prompt shipment and trading heavy on frozen tom breast meat (without tenderloins) 195 cents delivered June - October. Some spot frozen thigh meat export trading noted in the East delivered East Coast port at slightly lower price levels negotiated the early part of the week. Offerings of frozen thigh meat light and held with confidence.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	95.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	139.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	90.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.80	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00-25.00		24.67	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.00	9
NECKS, TOM	21.00-23.00		22.00	100
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	185.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	199.80	300
THIGH MEAT	45.00		45.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	45.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	120.00		120.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		F	110.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	156.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	64.00		64.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.75-16.00		14.84	572

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.50	104
TAILS	19.00		19.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.80	50
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.00-46.00		44.25	640

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#	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

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
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

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 2/17/99

SEASON	POULTRY HEALTH BOARD ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDERS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
1998-99	26,267	320,261	320,611
1997-98	6,749	323,801	324,051

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