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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was light for current shipment, good for deferred shipment. No whole body trading reported. Offerings were light to adequate. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat. Supplies were irregularly available and the market tone was steady to firm. Bulk parts demand was light to fair and the trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Spot availability was noted on tom necks and drums.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

A fair volume of thigh meat moved to the border.

### WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) FEBRUARY 18, 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/	55.5-62	55.5-56	55.75	240	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-61	56.5	56.50	19.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1820	FEB-MAR
16-24 LB TOMS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-62	-	-	-	58.75	200	MAR	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2901	FEB-MAR

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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.

### 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 FEBRUARY 19, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	56.06	59.00**	54.14
CENTRAL REGION	57.77	55.45	54.00
WESTERN REGION	60.13**	59.00**	53.88**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.25**	59.00**	55.18
CENTRAL REGION	58.00	57.50	54.00
WESTERN REGION	60.25**	59.00**	54.88**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
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

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 22-FEB-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)	63.00	50		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	63.00	50		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		140		20

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 06-Feb-99  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
	HEAD	%	CHG				
N EAST	1,252	133	22.49	NONE	NONE	1,252	22.49
S ATL	631	-5	28.80	(A)	(A)	649	28.71
N CENT	2,607	62	29.89	(A)	(A)	2,625	29.87
S CENT	806	20	16.71	NONE	NONE	806	16.71
WEST	234	-26	24.38	(A)	(A)	236	24.42
U.S.TOTAL	5,530(B)	45	25.94	0	38	5,568	25.94
TO DATE							
1999	22,777(B)			0	137	22,914	
TO DATE							
1998	24,538(B)			8	163	24,709	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 6,000 for the year 76,000; last year to date 86,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 06-Feb-99

	FRYER-	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	ROASTERS	TURKEYS	BANDED	
-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	0	5,530	38	5,568
AVGWT	0.00	25.94	26.29	25.94
LAST WEEK	0	3,803	43	3,846
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,258	8	4,266
AVGWT	0.00	28.35(A)	26.25	28.35
TO-DATE/1999	0	22,777(A)	137	22,914
TO-DATE/1998	8	24,538(A)	163	24,709

(A) Includes 76,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 86,000 in 1998.

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 06-Feb-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 234 HD, 5,704 LBS,  
TO DATE 1,311 HD, 32,131 LBS; OLD 2 HD, TO DATE 16 HD;  
TOTAL 236 HD, TO DATE 1,327 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JANUARY	372,828 *
FEBRUARY 1-6, 1999	115,543 *
To date 1999	488,371 *
To date 1998	503,326 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 FEBRUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to firm on tom breast meat, fully steady to firm on tenderloins. Tom breast meat demand fair to instances good, tenderloin demand fair to good. Less breast meat strength noted in some areas due to anticipation of seasonal production increases and more attention to better valued tenderloins. Fresh destrapped tenderloin trading light at 164-167 and extremely light on Grade A 10-12 lb. breasts 129 cents delivered. For export (March shipments): open priced frozen thigh meat (15 loads) and ground drum meat (15 loads) 41 cents delivered. Offerings of 10 lb. and heavier breasts light at best.

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/	129.00-143.00		138.33	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	21.80	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	27.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.00	9
NECKS, TOM		W	22.00	100
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	205.00-207.00		206.00	80
THIGH MEAT		W	45.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	46.00		46.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	120.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		F	110.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	64.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-23.00		21.50	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.50	104
TAILS		W	19.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.80	50
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	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.

**YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 FEBRUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to firm on white meat items; thigh meat, bulk parts and 4-8 lb. breasts steady to fully steady. Demand fair to good on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins, fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey light to fair with frozen export interest noted, bulk parts light to fair. Due to the strength of the wing meat, some processors choosing to debone them rather than sell them. Some part loads of fresh destrapped tenderloins noted at 165-167 cents delivered and frozen +6 months age 160 cents delivered. For export: hen drums (part load) 20 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	95.00	40	95.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	138.33	120	138.33	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	89.00	200	89.63	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	40	21.52	155
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	24.00	9	24.30	84
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	27.00	20	27.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		W	22.00	100	22.00	109
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	192.00		192.00	40	192.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	205.00-210.0		207.13	620	207.00	700
THIGH MEAT	46.00		46.00	40	45.50	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	46.00		46.00	40	46.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	120.00	20	120.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		F	110.00	40		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	64.00	80	64.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.50-15.50		15.00	220	14.89	832
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	27	21.35	267
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00		24.00	160	24.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	19.00	104	19.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.80	50		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.00-47.00		46.33	240	44.96	960

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