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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to good with negotiations mainly for deferred shipment. Trading was quiet in all regions for current shipment. Offerings were tight to adequate. The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to fully steady and strong on fresh destrapped tenderloins as an alternate to breast meat. Wing meat traded at higher trending prices as availability was limited.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading volume improved with tom drums, thigh meat and tails mostly moving 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 23, 1999**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-62	59	59.00	320	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-63	58.25	58.25	400	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-62	59	59.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	59.25	59.25	560	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	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 23 FEBRUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to instances firm, mostly steady to fully steady on tom breast meat with some cautiousness noted. Skin added 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) trade sentiment steady to fully steady, strongest in the East. Demand light to fair on bulk parts and fresh MST, frozen light. Offerings of frozen MST tight for the limited buyer interest, fresh light to adequate. Sellers remain confident on institutional breasts even as some clean out older inventories at lower price levels. Export inquiry light to fair with seller inventories held with confidence. For export: tom defatted gizzards (1 container) 62.

<b>DOMESTIC TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE RANGE</b>	<b>L.S.T. CODE 1/</b>	<b>WTD AVG PRICE</b>	<b>VOLUME (000)</b>
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00		97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	138.33	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.50		88.50	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-23.00		21.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	29
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00-24.50		24.24	82
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	22.00-23.00		22.23	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	21
NECKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	192.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	215.00		215.00	20
THIGH MEAT		F	46.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	50.00		50.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	110.00		110.00	40
TENDERLOINS		M	135.00	14
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	64.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.50		15.50	80

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	20.00	27
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	24.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	19.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00		49.00	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.

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

	<b>RANGE</b>
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#	63-64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-75

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

	<b>RANGE</b>
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

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Tom breast meat trade sentiment steady to fully steady with sized frozen noted at higher prices, continued strength noted on destrapped tenderloins due in part to the price spread with breast meat. Bulk parts demand light to fair with parts of the Midwest not seeing the strength noted in other areas of the country on tom drums. Offerings of bulk parts uneven with some deboned items for further processing needs, tenderloins short to light and being used mostly for internal needs. Fresh destrapped tenderloins 165 cents delivered domestic. Export trading extremely light on frozen thigh meat 53 delivered late March.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.50-96.00		95.77	440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	138.33	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00		90.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	21.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00-20.00		19.33	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	24.24	82
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.11	370
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	197.50		197.50	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	208.00-211.00		210.00	480
THIGH MEAT		F	46.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	50.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT	122.00		122.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	110.00	40
TENDERLOINS	143.00		143.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	64.00-67.00		65.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.75-15.00		14.77	1,240

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.50		21.15	520
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	19.00-20.00		19.50	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.75		15.75	320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.00-50.00		49.00	280

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<u>POULTRY HEALTH BOARD</u>		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1998-99	0	320,261	320,611
1997-98	13,464	337,265	337,515

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