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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. A moderate volume of hens and toms traded in the Central region for current shipment. Offerings on hens were light to adequate, however toms were limited in availability and not offered at some points. Supplies of mechanically separated turkey were tight and the market tone was fully steady.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

A fair volume of tom v-type wings moved to Asia and tails to Africa. Thigh meat traded to the border and overseas.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 25, 1999**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/		FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/		
			WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>										
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-63	56	56.00	120	68.00	100	SEP	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>										
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	-	-	-	70.50	60	SEP	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-63	58.5-60	59.57	1400	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>										
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	58.5-61	60.17	1200	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 26, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF FEBRUARY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>							
EASTERN REGION	59.00	56.06	52.90		N/A	57.67	54.04
CENTRAL REGION	59.07	57.77	52.62		N/A	57.67	52.80
WESTERN REGION	60.10**	60.13**	54.00**		N/A	58.67	53.79
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>							
EASTERN REGION	59.00	60.25**	53.69		N/A	57.86	54.96
CENTRAL REGION	59.88	58.00	55.00		N/A	57.84	53.87
WESTERN REGION	60.10**	60.25**	55.00**		N/A	58.94	54.79

\*\*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#	63-64
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 01-MAR-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	160		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	64.00	80		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	62.00	80		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		160		20

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 13-Feb-99  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>---YOUNG TURKEYS---</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>---THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD---</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	931	-26	21.84	(A)	(A)	932	21.84
S ATL	640	1	29.21	(A)	(A)	660	29.10
N CENT	1,674	-36	29.02	(A)	(A)	1,675	29.06
S CENT	1,229	52	22.24	(A)	(A)	1,238	22.27
WEST	249	6	24.69	(A)	(A)	251	24.80
U.S.TOTAL	4,723(B)	-15	25.64	0	33	4,756	25.66
TO DATE							
1999	27,500(B)			0	170	27,670	
TO DATE							
1998	30,046(B)			8	210	30,264	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 31,000 for the year 107,000; last year to date 105,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 13-Feb-99

	<u>FRYER-</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>ROASTERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	
	<u>---THOUSANDS---</u>			
HEAD	0	4,723	33	4,756
AVGWT	0.00	25.64	28.58	25.66
LAST WEEK	0	5,530	38	5,568
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,508	47	5,555
AVGWT	0.00	24.65(A)	26.02	24.67
TO-DATE/1999	0	27,500(A)	170	27,670
TO-DATE/1998	8	30,046(A)	210	30,264

(A) Includes 107,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 105,000 in 1998.

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 13-Feb-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 249 HD, 6,148 LBS,  
TO DATE 1,560 HD, 38,279 LBS; OLD 2 HD, TO DATE 18 HD;  
TOTAL 251 HD, TO DATE 1,578 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JANUARY	372,828 *
FEBRUARY 1-13, 1999	213,167 *
To date 1999	585,995 *
To date 1998	612,940 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 FEBRUARY 1999.

Trade sentiment at least steady on fresh tom breast meat with the balance of the white meat complex steady to firm, wing meat and destrapped tenderloins strongest. Rib breast trade sentiment steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. sizes, steady to firm on 10 lb. and heavier with some interest going unfilled. Export inquiry light to fair on bulk parts, fair on frozen thigh meat and export interest noted on frozen skin added mechanically separated turkey. Some buyer resistance noted on the higher parts and thigh meat offering prices. Open priced March shipments: fresh tom breast meat (10 loads) domestic, frozen thigh meat (17 loads) export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00		95.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	129.00		129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00-90.00		89.13	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	21.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	19.33	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	24.24	82
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	37.00		37.00	40
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	195.00		195.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	210.00		210.00	40
THIGH MEAT	48.00		48.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	50.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	122.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	110.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	143.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	65.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-16.00		15.75	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	14.77	1,240
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00-22.00		21.60	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	19.50	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.75	320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	49.00	280

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 26 FEBRUARY 1999.**

Undertone at least steady on fresh tom breast meat with spot premiums noted on close trimmed. Export thigh meat undertone steady to firm with the 48 cents to a trader delivered by rail and the 55 cents for Mid-March. Tom 2-joint wing market mixed with strength noted for domestic and some weaknesses for exports. Demand fair to good on fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey, frozen light with both fully steady. Grade A breasts: 10-12 lb. 120, 12-14 lb. 125-130, 14-16 lb. 130-140, 16-18 lb. 138 cents delivered. For export: hen drums 20, fresh thigh meat 53 for Mid-March shipment.

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/	95.75		95.75	120	95.64	800
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	89.13	320	89.37	920
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	40	21.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	19.33	120	19.27	149
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	24.24	82	24.12	91
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	40	22.70	66
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	30	29.40	75
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.00	40	37.00	40
NECKS, TOM		R	22.00	40	21.23	438
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	6	19.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	195.00		195.00	80	195.63	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	208.00-212.0		209.71	140	210.08	760
THIGH MEAT		R	48.00	80	48.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	50.00	10	50.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	122.00	40	121.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		T	110.00	40	110.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	143.00	12	138.69	26
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	65.25	160	65.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.75	160	15.91	220
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-17.00		16.30	228	15.03	1,548

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00-22.00		21.33	120	21.29	840
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	12	24.23	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.50-26.75		26.70	520	26.70	520
TAILS	19.75-22.00		21.41	370	20.74	570
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	40	15.89	360
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.00-55.00		49.67	384	49.36	716

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