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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on whole turkeys with toms in the strongest position. Inquiry ranged light to good with reports of improved retail inquiry for Thanksgiving shipments. Trading was moderate in the Eastern region on hens and toms for March to April shipments with ceilings of 61 cents for hens and 63 cents for toms. Offerings light to adequate. Fresh tom breast meat trade sentiment steady with some spot weakness noted. Destrapped tenderloin undertone at least steady with some reports of increased availability when compared to previous weeks. Mechanically separated 15-20% skin added demand light to good, best on fresh.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export activity was moderate. Some reports of increased availability of thigh meat noted.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 02, 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/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	59.25-61	59.83	900	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	59.75-61	60.06	1060	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	1720	MAR-APR
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	1240	MAR-APR
CENTRAL REGION	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 02 MARCH 1999.

Undertone on institutional breasts steady to fully steady, 4-8 lb. breasts mixed with strength noted in some areas, cautiousness in others. Some availability noted on Grade A +10% breasts at lower price levels resulting in some instability in the market place. Tom 2-joint wing undertone steady for domestic, export barely steady at best. For domestic (light volumes): Grade A 10-12 lb. breasts 120, 14-16 lb. plant grade breasts 130. For export: hen necks (1 railcar) 19 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	96.00		96.00	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	89.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	45
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	19.33	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	24.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	36.00	40
NECKS, TOM		R	22.00	40
NECKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	195.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	210.00		210.00	540
THIGH MEAT	49.00		49.00	11
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/	17.00		17.00	300
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.75-15.50		15.23	600

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	24.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	24.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	26.70	520
TAILS		F	21.41	370
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	49.67	384

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#	63-64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-75

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-115

**YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 03 MARCH 1999.

Trade sentiment mostly steady on fresh tom breast meat with some spot weakness noted. Undertone at least steady on destrapped tenderloins with a few noticing offerings of frozen not as tight when compared to previous weeks. Mechanically separated 15-20% skin added demand light to good with higher prices noted on fresh. Some Grade A +10% breasts noted at 90 cents or 93 cents 8-10% equivalent. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 162 and natural gizzards (1 load) 50 shipping point, fresh tom wings (1 load) 26 cents delivered. For export (spot loads): hen drums 20 and wings 23, hearts 30, defatted gizzards (2 containers) 65.50.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	89.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	19.33	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.60	50
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	22.00		22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	36.00	40
NECKS, TOM		R	22.00	40
NECKS, HEN	21.50		21.50	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	195.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	204.00		204.00	40
THIGH MEAT	49.00		49.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	122.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	143.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	65.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	300
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.33	120

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DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00-22.00		21.51	82
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	24.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	26.70	520
TAILS	24.00		24.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-53.00		50.38	260

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<u>BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA</u>		<u>W/E 3/3/99</u>	
<u>POULTRY HEALTH BOARD</u>		<u>ACCUMULATED</u>	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1998-99	19,293	339,554	339,904
1997-98	0	337,265	337,515

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