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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on whole turkeys, strongest on toms. Offerings were adequate to limited. Inquiry was light to good. Trading activity was quiet. Heavy volumes of open priced fresh tom breast meat and fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey traded for March-April delivery. Market tone unsettled on fresh tom breast meat and frozen thigh meat as product becomes more available.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export activity was moderate on tom drums shipping to Mexico, light on spot loads elsewhere.

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	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/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1000	MAR
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1200	MAR
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 MARCH 5, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF FEBRUARY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS							
EASTERN REGION	61.40**	59.00	53.75		58.84	57.67	54.04
CENTRAL REGION	59.83	59.07	51.52		57.37	57.67	52.80
WESTERN REGION	60.90**	60.10**	54.30**		59.39	58.67	53.79
16-24 LB TOMS							
EASTERN REGION	60.30**	59.00	55.98		59.16	57.86	54.96
CENTRAL REGION	60.06	59.88	55.86		57.84	57.84	53.87
WESTERN REGION	60.90**	60.10**	56.10**		59.42	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	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

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 08-MAR-99

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS PRICE</u>	<u>LBS (000)</u>	<u>TOMS PRICE</u>	<u>LBS (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)				
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)				
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		200		40

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 20-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>WT</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>---THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD---</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	930	0	23.26	(A)	(A)	933	23.25
S ATL	579	-10	29.10	(A)	(A)	587	29.02
N CENT	2,061	23	28.40	(A)	(A)	2,086	28.36
S CENT	495	-60	19.17	NONE	NONE	495	19.17
WEST	194	-22	22.95	(A)	(A)	195	22.92
U.S.TOTAL	4,259(B)	-10	26.05	0	37	4,296	26.03
TO DATE							
1999	31,759(B)			0	207	31,966	
TO DATE							
1998	35,504(B)			8	289	35,801	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 4,000 for the year 111,000; last year to date 128,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 20-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	4,259	37	4,296
AVGWT	0.00	26.05	24.30	26.03
LAST WEEK	0	4,723	33	4,756
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,458	79	5,537
AVGWT	0.00	24.11(A)	26.41	24.14
TO-DATE/1999	0	31,759(A)	207	31,966
TO-DATE/1998	8	35,504(A)	289	35,801

(A) Includes 111,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 128,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 20-Feb-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 176 HD, 3,779 LBS, TO DATE 1,736 HD, 42,058 LBS; OLD 1 HD, TO DATE 19 HD; TOTAL 177 HD, TO DATE 1,755 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JANUARY	372,828 *
FEBRUARY 1-20, 1999	302,641 *
To date 1999	675,469 *
To date 1998	719,876 *

* PRELIMINARY

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 04 MARCH 1999.

Trade sentiment on frozen thigh meat ranged from barely steady to fully steady with some processors raising offering prices due to limited supplies while others note instances of increased availability at steady at best price levels. Bulk parts undertone generally steady on drums and tom full-cut wings, spot weakness noted on tom 2-joint wings and unsettledness on both hen 2-joint wings and tom necks for export. Grade A breasts (part load): 10-12 lb. 137, 14-16 lb. 157 cents delivered. For export: tom necks (4 containers) 18.50, hen 2-joint wings (2 containers) 35, mixed defatted gizzards (2 containers) 60 cents delivered.

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	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	129.00		129.00	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	89.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	22.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	65
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00		37.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	36.00	40
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	5
NECKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	195.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	209.00		209.00	20
THIGH MEAT	47.00		47.00	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	141.00		141.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	300
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00		21.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	24.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	26.70	520
TAILS		W	24.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00		51.00	120

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 05 MARCH 1999.

Undertone on frozen thigh meat and fresh tom breast meat barely steady to fully steady. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to instances ample, frozen thigh meat light to fully adequate with some labels and trims better positioned than others. Undertone steady to barely steady on tom drums, tom necks and tom 2-joint wings. Tenderloin offerings light to sometimes available. Open priced fresh tom breast meat and fresh 15-20%skin added mechanically separated turkey heavy for March-April, fresh destrapped tenderloins 166, hearts 30.50-32, plant grade 8-10 lb. breasts 90-97. For export: hen 2-joint wings 36 cents.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	95.00	40	95.50	320
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	60	129.00	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	89.00	80	89.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	20	21.75	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	22.00		22.00	40	22.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	20.00	2	20.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	20	23.89	175
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	20	22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	37.00	12	33.11	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	36.00	40	36.00	40
NECKS, TOM		R	22.00	5	22.00	5
NECKS, HEN		R	19.00	6	21.04	49
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	195.00	80		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	203.00-213.0		208.56	360	209.25	1,040
THIGH MEAT	50.00		50.00	20	47.85	191
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00		54.00	20	54.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	112.00		112.00	20	112.00	20
TENDERLOINS		R	141.00	12	141.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	300	17.00	300
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.25-20.00		17.88	456	16.49	1,296
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-23.00		21.50	320	21.73	706
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	24.00	104	24.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	26.70	520		
TAILS		W	24.00	80	24.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40	15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-53.00		51.70	92	50.80	472

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