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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on whole turkeys. Offerings were adequate for delayed shipment, limited for prompt. Inquiry was light to fairly good. Trading was most active in the East for May through June deliveries with ceilings of 70 cents on the hens, 68 on toms for May and 70 for toms for June. Fresh tom breast meat was more available, although close trimmed product was sometimes tight. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Thigh meat was available in areas, and the market tone was mixed.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export movement was light to the border.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB)

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

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB)

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	88-95
BREASTS 10-12#	143-158
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-87
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65-67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-75

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) MARCH 9, 1999

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	60	60.00	40
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	600	MAY-JUNE
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	1400	MAY-JUNE
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-

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.

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YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 09 MARCH 1999.

Undertone on fresh tom breast meat steady to barely steady, mechanically separated turkey steady to fully steady with fresh strongest and frozen thigh meat barely steady to fully steady. Demand light on bulk parts and thigh meat. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to adequate on close trimmed, balance available with supplies exceeding demand in some areas of the country. Some spot availability noted on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts in the Midwest.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	95.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	21.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	22.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	20.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	24.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	35
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	4
NECKS, HEN		R	19.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	207.00-210.00		208.50	80
THIGH MEAT	48.00		48.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	54.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.00	20
TENDERLOINS		R	141.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	166.00		166.00	8
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	17.88	456
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	21.50	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	24.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00		49.00	40

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.