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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment fully steady on whole turkeys. Offerings satisfied current light to fair inquiry on frozen. Trading was moderate on fresh turkeys for Easter needs. Supplies of tom parts were available and the market tone was steady at best. Breast meat was offered at mostly steady prices, thigh meat at mostly steady to barely steady prices.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

A modest volume of parts and meat moved 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) **MARCH 10, 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	-	-	-
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
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

FRESH WITH TIMER

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
CENTRAL REGION	65-71	65-71	67.70	400	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71	77	77.00	240	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
WESTERN REGION	82	82	82.00	240	-	-	-	-	-

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 10 MARCH 1999.

Trade sentiment barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady to barely steady on frozen thigh meat with offers noted at 49 cents delivered. Bulk parts undertone mostly steady to barely steady on drums, tom necks and tom 2-joint wings with sales noted at lower trending price levels. Full-cut wing undertone steady to fully steady. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat adequate to fully adequate with closer trimmed better balanced than regular trimmed. A part load of plant grade 8-10 lb. breasts 97 cents delivered. For export: tom defatted gizzards (1 container) 68 cents delivered.

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	20.00		20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	22.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00-23.00		20.04	54
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	25.00		25.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	60
NECKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	205.00-207.00		205.80	300
THIGH MEAT		T	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		T	166.00	8
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	20.00		20.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-22.00		20.67	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	21.00		21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-51.50		51.00	60

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#	75-87
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

**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

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 3/10/99

<u>POULTRY HEALTH BOARD</u>	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDERS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
1998-99	0	339,554	339,904
1997-98	23,556	360,821	361,071

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