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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on whole birds. Offerings were generally adequate to instances tight. Demand was light to moderate. A heavy volume of hens and toms traded in the East for deferred shipment. Market tone steady on frozen tom breast meat, occasionally barely steady on fresh. Thigh meat and tom drums were available yet buyer interest was lacking and the market tone was soft.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

A fair volume of tom drums, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey moved into various export channels.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 23, 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
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	63.00	200	APR	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	63.00	200	APR	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3760	MAR-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	5280	MAR-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 MARCH 1999.

Undertone steady to cautious on breast meat, barely steady on thigh meat, and steady on mechanically separated turkey. Demand was extremely light and some plants planned shortened holiday schedules next week. Bulk parts were generally available and the market tone was no better than steady. Export trading centered on one rail car of hen v-type wings at 37 cents delivered West.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	95.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	90.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	19.15	520
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	25.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		T	21.00	14
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	178.28	640
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	191.25	160
THIGH MEAT		T	50.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	149.00	320
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	68.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	21.00	80

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	20.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	20.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.00	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	49.33	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#	66-67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	71-75

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 24 MARCH 1999.

Trade sentiment steady on frozen tom breast meat, fresh steady to barely steady for prompt shipments, however, some sellers anticipating market to seasonally improve Mid-April due to deli demand. Undertone on 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey steady. Export demand light at best on tom drums, tom 2-joint wings and frozen thigh meat with readily available offers noted at lower trending prices. Lent and the burdensome chicken leg quarter supplies continue to drive turkey dark items lower to compete for customers. For export: Line run fresh 24 lb. and heavier toms (6 loads) 68, defatted gizzards (1 container) 73.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00-91.00		90.22	51
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	19.15	520
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	25.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM				
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	185.00		185.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	190.00-195.00		191.36	440
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	149.00	320
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	68.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	21.00-23.00		21.93	280
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	20.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00-22.00		21.25	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.00-46.00		45.21	132

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 3/24/99	
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1998-99	562	382,791	383,141
1997-98	0	366,821	367,071

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