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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on whole turkeys. Demand was fair to good. Supplies were tight for current shipment, more available for mid to late summer deliveries. Active trading in the Central region noted on packer label hens and toms for delivery May through July with price ceilings of 63.5 cents in May, 65.5 June and 67.5 July. Fresh breast ranged weak to instances fully steady. Fresh mechanically separated turkey was cautiously steady and some processors were reluctant to produce much at current prices.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Activity was fairly light.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-103

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	88-95
BREASTS 10-12#	163-198
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	77-85
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-75

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

	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/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	1560	MAY-JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-65	65	65.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	960	MAY-JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-66	66	66.00	40	-	-	-	-	-

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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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 APRIL 1999.

Trade sentiment continues mixed on fresh tom breast meat ranging from weak to instances fully steady, cautiously steady on fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST) with some processors becoming reluctant to produce it at current price levels. Open priced trading fair on fresh 15-20% skin added MST, light on fresh tom breast meat for current shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	89.00	800
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	18.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	20.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	24.50	10
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.00	51
NECKS, TOM		F	18.70	50
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	1
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	177.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	187.00-191.00		189.33	240
THIGH MEAT	40.00-44.00		40.55	440
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	108.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	136.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	159.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	15
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	17.85	54
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00		16.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	24.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.50	728
TAILS		R	22.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	13.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-44.00		43.73	148

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.