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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on hens and toms was fully steady to firm. Inquiry was fair to good for the no better than adequate supplies. No trading reported on whole turkeys. The undertone on fresh breast meat was steady to barely steady and additional supplies were available, thigh meat steady and adequate, tom drums steady to barely steady and irregularly available. Fresh mechanically separated turkey was adequate to burdensome.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Thigh meat, hen wings, tom v-type wings, and tom drums moved to port for shipment to Asia. Thigh meat, tails and mechanically separated turkey moved to the border. Some traders noted delays at 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) **APRIL 13, 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/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	62	62.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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EASTERN REGION 3/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 APRIL 1999.

Fresh tom breast meat trade sentiment fully steady to weak mostly steady to barely steady with offerings noted in a full range. Frozen thigh meat trade sentiment steady to fully steady with some expressing confidence in the market while others just call it steady with spot discounting noted. Offerings of tom drums adequate to burdensome with offers noted at 15 cents delivered, tom 2-joint and 3-joint wings steady with some processors reluctant to sell 2-joints at current prices, hen wings light at best. Demand fair to good on institutional breasts with some buyers continuing to be surprised at the market strength.

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/	91.00		91.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	20.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.00	51
NECKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	14
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	1
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	177.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	195.00		195.00	40
THIGH MEAT		M	40.55	440
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	42.00		42.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	120.00		120.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		W	108.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	136.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	154.00		154.00	80
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		M	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	44.50		44.50	104

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#	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

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
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

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 APRIL 1999.

Undertone steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat, 4-8 lb. breasts steady to fully steady mostly steady, tom drums steady to weak mostly steady to barely steady, wings steady. Demand light to fair on fresh tom breast meat, frozen thigh meat fair to good with best interest noted for exports. Fresh tom breast meat trading light with spot premiums noted in the East on part loads. Frozen thigh meat offerings becoming better balanced, MST adequate to burdensome. Part loads: ground drum meat 40, plant grade 12-14 lb. breasts 130, fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 159 cents. For export: Hen wings (1 load) 23 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00		97.00	7
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	91.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	18.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	20.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00		25.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.50		23.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.00	51
NECKS, TOM	18.00-22.00		18.36	88
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	177.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	190.00-200.00		194.12	68
THIGH MEAT	42.00-43.00		42.05	400
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	42.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	120.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT	110.00		110.00	80
TENDERLOINS	138.00		138.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	154.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	17.85	54

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.25		16.25	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	24.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00		18.00	208
TAILS	16.50-22.00		19.71	96
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-15.00		13.33	240
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.25-44.00		42.36	448

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 4/14/99				
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED				
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL			
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS			
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