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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Hens and toms were fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to good. Offerings were at best sufficient to instances tight. Trading on whole turkeys was very light. Trading was most active on fresh tom breast meat at close to steady prices with additional product available. Trading on grade A 8-10 lb. institutional breasts was noted on truck lot volumes.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading was noted into Asia, Africa, to various island countries and 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) **APRIL 15, 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/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	2000	JUN-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	1400	MAY-NOV
WESTERN REGION 5/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	2000	JUL-OCT
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	2000	JUN-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	65	65.00	26	-	-	-	1200	MAY-NOV
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	3600	JUL-OCT

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	66	66.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degree 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.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF APRIL 16, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	62.90**	61.90**	58.00
CENTRAL REGION	62.40**	61.96	58.00
WESTERN REGION	65.00	62.00	57.80**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.60**	62.20**	58.00
CENTRAL REGION	63.55	64.00	56.00**
WESTERN REGION	66.00	63.00	57.50**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
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

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
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

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 19-APR-99

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>
	<u>HENS LBS</u>	<u>TOMS LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>

SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)	140

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 03-Apr-99  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>---YOUNG TURKEYS---</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>WT</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>---THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD---</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	725	16	21.23	(A)	(A)	726	21.24
S ATL	629	28	28.71	(A)	(A)	648	28.57
N CENT	1,307	-38	27.08	(A)	(A)	1,309	27.08
S CENT	596	-46	24.76	NONE	NONE	596	24.76
WEST	353	97	21.37	(A)	(A)	357	21.42
U.S.TOTAL	3,610(B)	-20	25.25	0	26	3,636	25.24

TO DATE  
1999 58,496(B) 0 386 58,882

TO DATE  
1998 67,393(B) 8 495 67,896

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 21,000 for the year 226,000; last year to date 259,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 03-Apr-99

	<u>FRYER-</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>ROASTERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	
<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	0	3,610	26	3,636
AVGWT	0.00	25.25	24.46	25.24
LAST WEEK	0	4,500	33	4,533
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,294	27	4,321
AVGWT	0.00	26.01(A)	27.93	26.02
TO-DATE/1999	0	58,496(A)	386	58,882
TO-DATE/1998	8	67,393(A)	495	67,896

(A) Includes 226,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 259,000 in 1998.

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 03-Apr-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 281 HD, 3,506 LBS,  
TO DATE 6,666 HD, 83,033 LBS; OLD 4 HD, TO DATE 61 HD;  
TOTAL 285 HD, TO DATE 3,567HD.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

MARCH	412,534 *
APRIL 1-3, 1999	29,371 *
To date 1999	1,215,873 *
To date 1998	1,377,313 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 APRIL 1999.

Undertone steady on frozen tom breast meat and tenderloins, strong on institutional breasts, and barely steady to weak on skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST). Demand active on institutional breasts for the limited offerings. MST demand light at best with increased trading activity noted in some areas. Some inquiry noted on frozen tom breast meat for deferred shipments. Offerings of MST available. Grade A 16-18 lb. breasts (1 load) 168, plant grade breasts (part loads): 8-10 lb 110-120, 10-12 lb. 125-130, 12-14 lb. 135-140 cents delivered.

<b>DOMESTIC TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE RANGE</b>	<b>L.S.T. CODE 1/</b>	<b>WTD AVG PRICE</b>	<b>VOLUME (000)</b>
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	94.75-96.00		95.89	440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	125.00		125.00	42
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00		90.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.29	7
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00-25.00		24.28	123
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.00		19.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	37.00		37.00	43
NECKS, TOM	17.00-20.00		18.27	44
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	178.00		178.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	195.00		195.00	8
THIGH MEAT		W	42.05	400
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	42.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	120.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		W	110.00	80
TENDERLOINS	138.00		138.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	154.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	68.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	14
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-16.00		15.89	180
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	16.25	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	24.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	18.00	208
TAILS		W	19.71	96
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.33	240
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	42.36	448

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 APRIL 1999.

Undertone and demand continuing to show some signs of improvement on mechanically separated turkey, however, offerings continue to be readily available. Thigh meat trade sentiment mixed with some indicating strength while others hear of people willing to negotiate, mostly steady. Fresh tom breast meat offerings available with instances of improved activity noted. Domestic bulk parts demand light to fair. For domestic: Grade A 8-10 lb. breasts (5 loads) 103, fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 159 cents delivered. For export: Grade A 8-10 lb. breasts (1 load, -12 months) 95 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	95.89	440	95.90	447
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	125.00	42	125.00	42
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	90.00	40	90.83	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	19.29	7	18.43	21
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	19.00		19.00	40	19.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	40	17.14	43
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	40	24.45	257
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	24.00	5	23.29	85
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	19.00	3	19.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.00	43	37.00	43
NECKS, TOM		R	18.27	44	18.40	146
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	5	17.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	178.00	40	178.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	193.50-196.00		194.14	420	192.71	776
THIGH MEAT	42.00		42.00	13	41.27	853
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	42.00-47.00		44.50	40	43.67	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.00-120.00		118.00	50	118.57	70
SCAPULA MEAT		W	110.00	80	110.00	80
TENDERLOINS	138.00		138.00	13	138.00	103
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	159.00		159.00	80	156.50	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	69.00		69.00	40	68.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	40	14.85	94
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-17.00		16.16	225	16.04	405
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	16.25	208	16.17	312
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00		18.00	208	18.00	416
TAILS	17.50-20.00		18.13	208	18.63	304
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.33	240	13.33	240
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00-44.00		42.79	264	42.92	964

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