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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for hens and 16-24 lb. tom's continued to be steady to firm. Offerings for whole birds light for immediate shipment and light to moderate for forward sales. Some sales for whole birds 26 -28 lbs. at 72 cents and 24 lbs. and up sold at 70 cents. Trading and demand light to moderate for parts and meats.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading light to moderate. Trading continued to center on frozen thigh meat going to Asia. Russia and Mexico showing some signs of interest for 15-20 % mechanical separated turkey.



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	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/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	520	SEPT
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	65	65.00	480	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	240	MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	1000	SEPT
WESTERN REGION 5/	66	66	66.00	320	-	-	-	-	-

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 MAY 1999.

Seller sentiment fully steady on frozen thigh meat. Undertone steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. breasts. Inquiry continues to center on frozen thigh meat for export. Some export activity noted on frozen tom breast meat for current shipment.

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	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	18
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	39.00	160
NECKS, TOM		R	16.00	20
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	173.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	187.67	120
THIGH MEAT		W	47.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	43.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	104.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	101.00	40
TENDERLOINS	138.00		138.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	68.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	16.10	300
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	17.13	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.67	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.15	602
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.00		46.00	52

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#	80-88
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	81-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-78

**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

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

Fresh tom breast meat undertone improving with trading at steady to higher prices, frozen thigh meat steady to fully steady, however, some unsettledness noted as sellers move older product into market channels. Fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey market mixed with offerings held with varying degrees of confidence. Tom drum trade sentiment barely steady to fully steady. Ground drum meat (2 loads) 59, part loads: plant grade 12-14 lb. 135 and 16-18 lb. breasts 145, fresh destrapped tenders 154 cents delivered. For export: hen drums (4 containers) and hen necks (1 rail-car) 17 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	14.50-17.00		16.28	213
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.63	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	40.00		40.00	40
NECKS, TOM	15.00-15.50		15.17	120
NECKS, HEN		T	17.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	176.00		176.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	187.00-189.00		187.38	212
THIGH MEAT		W	47.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	43.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	108.00-110.00		109.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	98.00		98.00	20
TENDERLOINS		T	138.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	44
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	10.00-18.00		14.60	100

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.50-22.00		17.58	288
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.00		19.00	364
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.15	602
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	39.00-49.00		44.59	928

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 5/12/99	
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1998-99	12,209	424,317	424,667
1997-98	-	436,129	436,379

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