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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The undertone for hens and 16-24 lb. toms continued to be steady to firm. Trading active on commodity type whole birds with price ceilings for June at 68 cents for hens and 70 cents for toms. Demand mixed and continued to be best for deferred shipments. Supplies limited for prompt deliveries and held with confidence. Intermittent sales on thigh meat steady to instances firm, necks and tails steady at best. Trading and demand on parts and meats light to moderate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading heavy centering on firm priced drums and open priced thigh meat. Some inquiry noted for drums to Russia. Necks available with a barely steady undertone.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 25, 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/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	1200	JUN
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	1800	JUN
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 25 MAY, 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady on tenderloins with trading noted at higher price levels for prompt shipments being produced from larger sized toms. Some unsettledness noted on tom breast meat for prompt shipments due in part to holiday processing schedules. Domestic demand light to fair, however, export interest continues to be active on thigh meat with inquiry noted on tom drums. Offerings of tails, tom drums and necks uneven ranging from light to fully adequate, tom full-cut wings adequate, tom 2-joint wings light to adequate with export buyers resisting seller attempts to raise the market.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	141.00	85
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	94.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	16.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	16.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	15.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	23.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	180.00	320
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	188.00	80
THIGH MEAT		F	50.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	52.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	105.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	155.00		155.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	155.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	69.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	14.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	15.33	84
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.50		15.50	172
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00		20.00	104
TAILS		R	19.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.00-53.00		52.33	312

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#	71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73
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 26 MAY 1999.

Undertone unsettled on fresh tom breast meat with trading noted at lower price levels out of this week's production, yet sellers remain confident about post holiday markets. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on destrapped and regular tenderloins, mixed on tom drums ranging from weak to fully steady. Demand light to fair. Offerings of tom drums light to ample with some sellers questioning any strength that others may indicate. For export: open priced frozen thigh meat (45 loads) June-July, 1999, tom necks (3 containers) 15-16, livers (4 containers) 22, defatted gizzards (1 container) 58.75 cents.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	141.00	85
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	94.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	14.00-16.50		16.33	43
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	14.00		14.00	4
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.50-23.00		22.33	63
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.50		19.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	13.00-17.00		16.32	97
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	180.00	320
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.00-190.00		188.00	140
THIGH MEAT	50.00		50.00	1
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00		56.00	6
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	168
SCAPULA MEAT	98.00		98.00	15
TENDERLOINS		T	155.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	154.00-156.00		155.10	420
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00-69.00		68.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-17.00		16.00	88

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	13.00-15.00		14.73	1,928
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.50		19.50	104
TAILS	16.00		16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-15.00		13.33	480
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00		53.00	416

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SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	ACCUMULATED	
		HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDERS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
1998-99	6,321	430,638	430,988
1997-98	2,422	444,843	445,043

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Grover T. Hunter
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	Recorded	(404)562-5856	
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown
	Fax	(601)965-4661	(Officer-In-Charge)
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax	(515)284-4468	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Bell, CA	Voice	(323)269-4154	Jim Derby
	Fax	(323)269-5926	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(323)260-4676	