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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The undertone for hens and 16-24 lb. toms steady to firm. Moderate trading in June. Demand continued mixed with most interest for deferred shipments. Parts and meats trading moderate with most inquiry for export.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light to moderate for Mexico on thigh meat, drums, and 15-20 % skin added mechanical separated turkey. Light for necks to Asia and fair going to Russia on drums and 15-20 % mechanical separated turkey.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 03, 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/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	360	JULY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	-	-	-	75.25	80	SEPT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	360	JULY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	69	69.00	320	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68.5	66.5-68.5	67.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	69	69.00	240	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69-71	69	69.00	400	-	-	-	-	-

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.

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 JUNE 04, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.00	65.90**	58.56
CENTRAL REGION	67.50	65.90**	60.00
WESTERN REGION	69.00	66.40**	60.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	69.00**	68.40**	55.24
CENTRAL REGION	68.50**	67.90**	58.00
WESTERN REGION	69.00	68.40**	58.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
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**

	<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 7-JUN-99

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	70.68	95	74.00	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	70.68	95	74.00	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		120		20

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 22-May-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
	HEAD	%	CHG				
N EAST	783	-49	21.69	(A)	(A)	810	21.26
S ATL	764	3	26.77	(A)	(A)	765	26.80
N CENT	2,098	-7	26.49	(A)	(A)	2,113	26.47
S CENT	750	36	19.21	NONE	NONE	750	19.21
WEST	342	-14	24.91	(A)	(A)	349	24.95
U.S.TOTAL	4,737(B)-14		24.48	27	23	4,787	24.39
TO DATE							
1999	94,789(B)			27	618	95,434	
TO DATE							
1998	102,847(B)			8	719	103,574	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 10,000 for the year 309,000; last year to date 405,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-May-99

	FRYER-	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	ROASTERS	TURKEYS	BANDED	
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	27	4,737	23	4,787
AVGWT	8.74	24.48	25.43	24.39
LAST WEEK	0	5,491	24	5,515
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	7,218	8	7,226
AVGWT	0.00	22.90(A)	23.38	22.90
TO-DATE/1999	27	94,789(A)	618	95,434
TO-DATE/1998	8	102,847(A)	719	103,574

(A) Includes 309,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 405,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 22-May-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 342 HD, 8,518 LBS,
TO DATE 5,659 HD, 139,050 LBS; OLD 7 HD, TO DATE 105 HD;
TOTAL 349 HD, TO DATE 5,764 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

APRIL	444,541 *
MAY 1-22, 1999	323,393 *
To date 1999	1,954,436 *
To date 1998	2,095,073 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 03 JUNE 1999.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and tenderloins steady to firm, wing meat at least steady, some increased confidence noted on frozen 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST) with fresh steady at best. Dark meat undertone steady to firm on frozen thigh meat with exports the main driver, however, some unsettledness noted with discounts noted into some markets. Most sellers confident about drums as they watch the continued strength in chicken leg quarters. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 156 cents delivered. For export: tom necks (1 rail-car) 14.50, fresh thigh meat (3 loads) 58 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	98.00		98.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	129.00		129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	14.00-16.50		15.46	24
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-22.50		22.20	35
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	41.50		41.50	40
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.18	57
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	180.00	100
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	193.00-194.00		193.80	200
THIGH MEAT		F	57.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00		57.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT	108.00		108.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT	91.00		91.00	10
TENDERLOINS		F	149.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	157.00		157.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.50-16.00		15.33	240
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	14.00-17.00		15.07	432
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.75	416
TAILS		F	17.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-15.50		15.38	252
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.00-63.00		57.83	254

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 04 JUNE 1999.

Undertone improved on 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST) due to increased domestic sausage demand and export interest. Fresh tom breast meat trade sentiment steady to firm for the short to instances adequate offerings. The drum undertone continues to improve with exports the main driver. Some export activity noted on MST and drums for Russia. Frozen ground drum (part load) 40, destrapped tenderloins (4 loads) 162-166 cents delivered. For export: tom necks (1 rail-car) 14.50, (1 load) 156 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/	97.50		97.50	80	97.83	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	15.00-16.00		15.40	200	15.41	224
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	22.20	35	22.20	35
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.50	80	20.75	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	44.00		44.00	40	42.75	80
NECKS, TOM		R	14.18	57	14.06	177
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	180.00	100	180.00	100
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	193.00-195.00		193.12	330	191.83	890
THIGH MEAT		F	57.00	20		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	59.00		59.00	56	58.70	66
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	100	109.87	150
SCAPULA MEAT		R	91.00	10	91.00	10
TENDERLOINS		F	149.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	162.00		162.00	80	160.71	140
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	92	68.00	132
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	28	15.54	748
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-17.00		16.70	264	15.67	776
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	80	22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.75	416		
TAILS		F	17.00	104		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-18.00		16.83	480	15.82	972
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00-65.00		61.19	320	59.80	1,062

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