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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for hens and 16-24 lb. toms steady to firm. Demand light to moderate, best for prompt and deferred shipments. Offerings remained light, but adequate for deferred. Trading for parts and meats fairly active.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading heavy centering on drums, thigh meat and wing items going to Asia and Mexico, mostly Asia. Demand light to moderate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 24, 1999**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70	70	70.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-70	70	70.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	70-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	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.

**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 25, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.50	68.30 **	61.10 **
CENTRAL REGION	68.70 **	67.80 **	58.50
WESTERN REGION	70.00	68.20 **	60.50
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.50	72.00	60.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	69.60 **	69.50	58.50
WESTERN REGION	70.00	71.50	60.50

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-91
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	86-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	86-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	89-114

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 28-JUN-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)	120	20

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 12-Jun-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>---</u>	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD---</u>
N EAST	427	-20	24.31	(A)	(A)	432	24.29
S ATL	657	10	27.70	(A)	(A)	668	27.74
N CENT	2,808	61	27.47	(A)	(A)	2,853	27.42
S CENT	490	0	15.51	NONE	NONE	490	15.51
WEST	282	-43	14.87	(A)	(A)	285	15.05
U.S.TOTAL	4,664(B)	21	25.19	0	64	4,728	25.20
TO DATE							
1999	107,907(B)			27	734	108,668	
TO DATE							
1998	116,165(B)			9	801	116,975	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 1,000 for the year 325,000; last year to date 444,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 12-Jun-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	4,664	64	4,728
AVGWT	0.00	25.19	25.47	25.20
LAST WEEK	0	3,861	14	3,875
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,118	22	4,140
AVGWT	0.00	24.70(A)	27.32	24.71
TO-DATE/1999	27	107,907(A)	734	108,668
TO-DATE/1998	9	116,165(A)	801	116,975

(A) Includes 325,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 444,000 in 1998.

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 12-Jun-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 282 HD, 4,194 LBS,  
TO DATE 6,910 HD, 167,677 LBS; OLD 3 HD, TO DATE 125 HD;  
TOTAL 285 HD, TO DATE 7,035 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

MAY	416,267 *
JUNE 1-12, 1999	179,613 *
To date 1999	2,226,923 *
To date 1998	2,366,399 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 24 JUNE 1999.

Trade sentiment was generally steady on meats. Hen parts were less available than tom parts and the trade expressed confidence, especially on hen v-type wings. Frozen mechanically separated turkey (MST) and thigh meat were available. Partial loads of fresh destrapped tenders traded at 165-166 and four loads at open prices for July. For export: 15 loads of thigh meat moved at open prices and 15 of ground turkey at 38 cents, all for July shipments. One container of tom necks moved at 15 cents and a container of thigh trim at 36 cents. Inquiry noted on gizzards and sized drumsticks for Asian markets.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	97.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	92.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	16.00-17.00		16.10	48
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	18.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	16.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.50-22.00		21.53	67
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	23.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	22.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	13.00-14.00		13.30	64
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	183.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	189.00-192.00		190.11	190
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	70.33	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT	111.00		111.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	152.83	96
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	164.00		164.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	28.00		28.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.50-19.00		18.43	736
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.00	208
TAILS		W	17.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00-25.00		22.58	264
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00		64.00	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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 JUNE 1999.

The market was mostly steady on tom breast with some improved undertones noted on fresh while others still note product is available. Dark meat undertones mixed with frozen thigh meat having a generally steady at best trade sentiment and tom drums improving with less weakness noted. Fresh demand fair on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins active. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (12.50 loads) 164-168 mostly 168 cents for July-September shipments. For export: frozen mature thigh meat (1 load) 55, defatted gizzards (5 containers) 70-72, frozen destrapped tenderloins (part load) 170 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>	<b>WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE</b>	<b>WEEKLY VOLUME (000)</b>
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	20	92.27	220
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	16.00-18.00		17.02	51	16.55	139
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	18.00	14	18.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	16.00	3	16.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.50-22.00		20.90	114	21.02	241
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	23.00	3	23.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	41.00		41.00	40	41.00	40
NECKS, TOM	13.50-15.50		14.27	68	13.87	238
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	3	15.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	183.00		183.00	120	183.00	140
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	188.00-193.00		190.41	332	189.28	842
THIGH MEAT	64.00-65.00		64.87	23	64.87	23
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00		64.00	46	66.50	76
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	40	110.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS	152.00		152.00	16	152.71	112
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	164.00		164.00	40	164.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00-72.00		68.00	100	67.71	280
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	40	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	28.00-29.00		28.33	60	24.73	994
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00		18.00	360	18.23	1,492
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	17.50-18.00		17.75	208	17.75	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.50-21.00		20.88	416	20.92	624
TAILS		W	17.00	80	17.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	22.58	264	22.58	264
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00		66.00	780	65.15	1,378

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