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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The undertone for whole birds steady to firm. Limited trading reported for August and September at negotiated prices. Offerings light for prompt shipment and moderate for deferred. Demand and trading for parts and meats slow with emphasis on export.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Market activity improved to moderate. Demand from buyers improved as price levels declined for thigh meat and drums. Buyers remain cautious and continue to compare turkey to other competitively priced meat items.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) JULY 08, 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/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70	-	-	-	73.00	100	AUG	-	-
					75.00	100	SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71	-	-	-	74.00	120	AUG	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-73	-	-	-	76.00	120	SEP	-	-

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 JULY 09, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.00	70.60 **	60.75
CENTRAL REGION	69.00	68.00	60.00
WESTERN REGION	70.13 **	69.40 **	60.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.00	70.75	62.85
CENTRAL REGION	70.50 **	70.20 **	63.50
WESTERN REGION	70.50 **	70.00 **	62.70 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	90-92
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	74-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	74-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	76-80

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 12-JUL-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)	100	20

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 26-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>HEAD</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>	<u>AVG</u>
N EAST	646	120	23.12	(A)	(A)	647	23.19
S ATL	443	-35	27.70	(A)	(A)	444	27.77
N CENT	2,580	4	27.77	(A)	(A)	2,604	27.75
S CENT	1,469	151	24.22	NONE	NONE	1,469	24.22
WEST	609	143	23.15	(A)	(A)	620	23.18
U.S.TOTAL	5,747(B)	34	25.85	0	37	5,784	25.86

TO DATE

1999 117,948(B) 55 811 118,814

TO DATE

1998 127,037(B) 32 922 127,991

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week
24,000 for the year 350,000; last year to date 476,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-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	5,747	37	5,784
AVGWT	0.00	25.85	27.35	25.86
LAST WEEK	28	4,294	40	4,362
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,792	99	4,891
AVGWT	0.00	25.98(A)	24.10	25.94
TO-DATE/1999	55	117,948(A)	811	118,814
TO-DATE/1998	32	127,037(A)	922	127,991

(A) Includes 350,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and
476,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 26-Jun-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 609 HD, 14,100 LBS,
TO DATE 7,770 HD, 189,010 LBS; OLD 11 HD, TO DATE 139 HD;
TOTAL 620 HD, TO DATE 7,909 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

MAY	416,267 *
JUNE 1-26, 1999	407,969 *

To date 1999	2,455,279 *
To date 1998	2,581,394 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 08 JULY 1999.

Undertone on tom parts steady to barely steady on drums, full-cut wings barely steady at best, necks steady, 2-joint wings steady to fully steady. Domestic demand generally light on all items with some improved interest noted from the East on fresh tom breast meat for current shipment. Some industry members noting improved interest on other white meat items, also. Offerings of scapula continues to exceed demand. Plant grade breasts (mixed loads): 10-12 lb. 125, 12-14 lb. 133-135, fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 163 cents delivered. For export: tom necks (2 loads) 15 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	129.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	91.43	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00-19.00		18.23	26
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00		20.00	83
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.60	101
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	180.00-189.00		183.46	26
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	190.00		190.00	170
THIGH MEAT	59.00		59.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	63.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	88.67	60
TENDERLOINS	155.00		155.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	165.00	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	22.00		22.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.50		16.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	18.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	42
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	60.00	40

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 09JULY 1999.

Trade sentiment barely steady to weak on tom drums and frozen thigh meat, however, increased export activity is being noted at the lower price levels. Export demand light to fair on tom 2-joint wings with buyers reluctant to pay the higher trending seller offering prices, slow on full-cut wings and mechanically separated turkey, necks light. For export: frozen thigh trim (1 load) 38, drum meat (1 container, 1 truck) 38, hen 2-joint wings (1 rail-car, 1 container) 42-42.50, defatted gizzards (12 containers) 76 cents delivered port for July, 1999-June, 2000 shipments.

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	135.00		135.00	40	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	93.00		93.00	20	91.71	340
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	40	18.09	66
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.50		17.50	80	17.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.00		18.00	140	18.85	243
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	18.00		18.00	160	18.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	21.00	3	21.00	23
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	42.00		42.00	40	42.00	40
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	20	14.67	121
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	183.46	26	183.46	26
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	190.00-193.00		190.65	51	187.99	621
THIGH MEAT		R	59.00	3	59.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	63.50	80		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	80		
SCAPULA MEAT		F	88.67	60		
TENDERLOINS	155.00		155.00	40	154.11	54
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40	67.29	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	22.00		22.00	40	25.43	560
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00-18.00		17.63	456	17.30	640
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.50-20.00		19.75	80	19.75	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	21.00	104	21.00	104
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	21.33	122
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00-59.00		56.14	1,012	55.95	1,416

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