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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to firm on hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Inquiries generally light for current shipments, however, distributive buyers are generally more aggressive when looking for product for November holiday needs. Trading slow with export activity noted. Offerings light. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on necks and destrapped tenderloins, tom drums barely steady at best. Grade A 4-8 lb. +8% breasts (12 loads) traded at 104 cents delivered October.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen commodity hens (5 loads) and 16-24 lb. toms (2 loads) traded at 76.50 cents delivered port for Central America for October shipment. Frozen priced thigh meat trading heavy, open priced light going to Asia and Mexico mostly Asia, for July-August shipments. Open priced fresh thigh meat trading fair for August deliveries. Some sellers starting to hear inquiries from previously quiet buyers on thigh meat.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JULY 20, 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/	70-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-70.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-71.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-71.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 20 JULY 1999.

Trade sentiment on drums, thigh meat, and skin added mechanically separated turkey weak and trading at lower levels. Fresh tom breast meat cautiously steady as offerings mixed. Limited export trading reported centering on thigh meat.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	99.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	18.74	54
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	16.50	14
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00		20.00	7
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	20.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	23.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	21
NECKS, HEN		F	14.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	180.50	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	187.71	280
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	52.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	77.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	165.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	67.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	17.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.40	288
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	18.50	180
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.17	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	21.00	104
TAILS		F	16.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	47.00		47.00	104

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#	90-92
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	74-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-81

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

	RANGE
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

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 JULY 1999.

Trade sentiment barely steady to weak on frozen thigh meat with some sellers not as bearish due to increased export buyer inquiry at the lower trending price levels. Some industry members note that a few processors are trying to move the more profitable drum meat into export channels instead of whole drums. Undertone mixed on tom full-cut wings with 18 cent offers noted, necks steady to fully steady. Open priced trading light on fresh thigh meat, fair on fresh destrapped tenderloins for August shipment. Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts (12 loads) 104 delivered October, tom drums (6 loads) 15.50 cents transferred-in-storage.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	16.50	14
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00-23.00		21.91	55
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	20.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	23.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	40
NECKS, HEN		F	14.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	180.50	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	190.00		190.00	40
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	52.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	107.00		107.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT	70.00		70.00	50
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	165.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	67.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	17.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.40	288

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-17.00		16.57	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.17	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	104
TAILS		F	16.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-49.00		44.92	1,300

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 7/21/99	
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD			
SEASON	HEAVY	ACCUMULATED HEAVY	ALL BREEDERS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1999-2000	7,420	35,695	35,695
1999-2000	-	17,129	17,129

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