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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. Inquiry light to instances fair, best for fall shipments. Trading extremely light in the East. Offerings light to sometimes adequate with most inventories held with confidence. Trading active on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts while demonstrating mixed undertones. Undertone on fresh tom breast meat steadier due to increased trading activity noted, frozen light and steady at best, tenderloins steady. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to instances fully adequate. Bulk parts activity improved centering on tom drums. Mechanically separated turkey trade sentiment steady to firm with a light to good demand, best in the East. Frozen yearling canner pack hens (2 loads) 33 cents delivered.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to fair on mechanically separated turkey, fair on drums, fair to good on thigh meat with best interest noted for Mexico. Some sellers noting resistance from Asia concerning the higher trending offering prices. Trading fair on both tom drums and thigh meat, light on the balance of items with some noted for Russia.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 12, 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/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	73	73.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degree 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 AUGUST 13, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	73.00	73.20 **	63.00
CENTRAL REGION	72.50 **	71.80 **	62.17
WESTERN REGION	72.60 **	71.00	63.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	72.60 **	73.50 **	67.00
CENTRAL REGION	71.80 **	70.00	65.50
WESTERN REGION	72.00 **	71.00	67.00 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	92-94
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	76-79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	76-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-81

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-98
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 16-AUG-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)	140	20

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 31-Jul-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>HEAD</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>----</u>	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD----</u>	<u>WT</u>
NEAST	808	-27	21.73	(A)	(A)	809	21.73	
SATL	700	94	27.91	(A)	(A)	715	27.97	
N CENT	2,338	5	27.73	NONE	NONE	2,338	27.73	
S CENT	657	38	20.22	NONE	NONE	657	20.22	
WEST	391	-18	23.61	(A)	(A)	400	23.66	
U.S.TOTAL	4,894(B)	6	25.43	0	25	4,919	25.44	

TO DATE  
1999 141,185(B) 55 997 142,237  
TO DATE  
1998 151,881(B) 32 1,100 153,013  
(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 38,000 for the year 446,000; last year to date 658,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 31-Jul-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	4,894	25	4,919
AVGWT	0.00	25.43	28.80	25.44
LAST WEEK	0	4,633	37	4,670
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,566	53	5,619
AVGWT	0.00	23.44(A)	24.83	23.45
TO-DATE/1999	55	141,185(A)	997	142,237
TO-DATE/1998	32	151,881(A)	1,100	153,013

(A) Includes 446,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 658,000 in 1998.

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 31-Jul-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 391 HD, 9,230 LBS,  
TO DATE 9,757 HD, 236,418 LBS; OLD 9 HD, TO DATE 177 HD;  
TOTAL 400 HD, TO DATE 9,934 HD.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JUNE	453,574 *
JULY 1-31, 1999	438,497 *
To date 1999	2,939,381 *
To date 1998	3,074,511 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 AUGUST 1999.

Undertone on hen 2-joint wings fully steady to firm, tom 2-joint wings generally steady for domestic at the 21-22 cent price level with exports mostly steady at 18 cents delivered port. Thigh meat undertone fully steady with most sellers holding inventories with confidence and asking higher price levels. Thigh meat inquiry ranged from light for domestic and some export destinations to fairly active for Mexico consisting mostly of spot loads. Domestic and export trading light. Export trading activity was mostly for Mexico and Asia with some noted for Russia.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	99.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	16.00-17.00		16.96	83
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	19.00	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	21.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	45.00		45.00	3
NECKS, TOM		M	15.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	183.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	191.00	250
THIGH MEAT		T	50.00	5
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	49.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	72.50	80
TENDERLOINS		T	163.00	8
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-17.00		16.60	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	18.00	208
TAILS		F	16.00	124
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.50		53.50	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 13 AUGUST 1999.**

Undertone barely steady to fully steady on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts. Domestic demand and trading improved on bulk parts, fresh tom breast meat fair with frozen light, 4-8 breasts and fresh mechanically separated turkey light to good. Livers (2 loads) 13, fresh tom wings (4 loads) 18.50-20, fresh wing meat (part load) 65, Grade A breasts (mixed load): 12-14 lb. 150, 14-16 lb. 155, 16-18 lb. 165, plant grade breasts (mixed load): 12-14 lb. 130, 16-18 lb. 150, fresh destrapped tenderloins (2 loads) 173-174 cents delivered. For export: ground drum (1 rail-car) 35, hen 2-joint wings (1 container) 50, defatted gizzards 73.

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/	96.00-104.00		99.85	1,080	99.79	1,160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	91.00	40	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	15.00-19.00		16.45	653	16.54	749
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	16.00		16.00	130	16.00	130
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.50-18.00		17.75	80	17.98	163
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.71	138	19.60	162
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	21.00		21.00	40	21.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	40	21.38	129
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	45.00	3	45.00	3
NECKS, TOM	15.50-16.00		15.86	138	15.66	178
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	183.00	20	183.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	189.00-190.00		189.44	315	189.14	885
THIGH MEAT	50.00-53.00		51.43	280	51.40	285
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00		56.00	20	56.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.00	40	107.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	76.00		76.00	40	76.00	40
TENDERLOINS	160.00-163.00		160.27	88	160.50	96
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	175.00		175.00	40	175.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00		67.00	20	67.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-15.00		14.50	160	14.40	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-17.50		16.69	320	16.53	640
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.50-19.00		16.93	504	16.45	1,064
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	15.50		15.50	104	15.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	18.00	208	18.00	208
TAILS	18.00		18.00	40	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-56.00		51.69	404	51.82	1,116

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