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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. Offerings and inquiries were light to fair, most active for October shipments. Whole bird trading was light to fair in the Central Region, moderate in the West. Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts traded at higher levels and supplies were in a close balance. Breast meat traded at slightly higher values due to the affect of the upcoming holiday schedules. Bulk parts were barely steady on tom drums and tom full cut wings, steady to firm on hen and tom v-type wings.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was active on tom drums, tom full cut wings and mechanically separated turkey, fair on other items.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 26, 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/	74-75	-	-	-	81.25	80	OCT-NOV	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73.5-75	73.5	73.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-73	73	73.00	420	79.43	47	OCT	200	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-75	74.5	74.50	40	-	-	-	280	SEP-OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-75	75	75.00	20	76.00	207	OCT	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71.75-73	71.75-72	71.78	720	-	-	-	20	SEP
WESTERN REGION	72	-	-	-	76.00	1006	OCT	-	-

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 AUGUST 27, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	74.50	73.20**	63.00
CENTRAL REGION	73.14	73.09	60.35
WESTERN REGION	75.00	73.30**	64.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	72.63	72.00**	66.94
CENTRAL REGION	71.78	72.14	64.46
WESTERN REGION	72.00**	72.00	68.00

**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 30-AUG-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)	78.50	160	76.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	78.50	160	76.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 14-Aug-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>---THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD---</u>	<u>WT</u>
NEAST	876	6	22.45	(A)	(A)	886	22.48
S ATL	416	-40	27.50	(A)	(A)	433	27.32
N CENT	2,795	20	27.11	(A)	(A)	2,824	27.10
S CENT	866	-13	18.10	NONE	NONE	866	18.10
WEST	389	-37	23.62	(A)	(A)	400	23.80
U.S.TOTAL	5,342(B)	-2	24.66	0	67	5,409	24.67

TO DATE
1999 151,996(B) 55 1,122 153,173

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1998 162,676(B) 49 1,161 163,886

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 25,000 for the year 491,000; last year to date 822,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 14-Aug-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	5,342	67	5,409
AVGWT	0.00	24.66	25.39	24.67
LAST WEEK	0	5,469	58	5,527
SAME WEEK YR AGO	17	5,290	31	5,338
AVGWT	9.41	24.82(A)	24.00	24.77
TO-DATE/1999	55	151,996(A)	1,122	153,173
TO-DATE/1998	49	162,676(A)	1,161	163,886

(A) Includes 491,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 822,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 14-Aug-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 389 HD, 9,190 LBS,
TO DATE 10,765 HD, 260,359 LBS; OLD 11 HD, TO DATE 189 HD;
TOTAL 400 HD, TO DATE 10,954 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JULY	438,497 *
AUGUST 1-7, 1999	220,188 *

To date 1999	3,159,569 *
To date 1998	3,280,364 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 AUGUST 1999.

Undertone steady to weak on frozen tom breast meat with lower trending prices noted on product approaching 6 months age. Some weakness also noted on frozen destrapped tenderloins approaching 6 months age. However, other processors holding frozen tom breast meat and tenderloin offerings at steady price levels. Frozen thigh meat undertone mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady with some sellers demonstrating an increasing willingness to negotiate. Domestic trading light centering on meat items. Export trading centered on drums and wings with 2-joint wing activity showing signs of improvement.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	103.00		103.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	139.00		139.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	93.00-97.00		96.43	140
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	16.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.41	85
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	17.38	320
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.50-22.00		21.90	86
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	52.00	80
NECKS, TOM	15.00-16.00		15.10	89
NECKS, HEN		F	17.00	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	171.00-183.00		174.47	225
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	190.14	280
THIGH MEAT	55.00-55.50		55.33	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	55.00		55.00	160
BREAST TRIM MEAT	110.00		110.00	15
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	159.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	164.00-175.00		167.67	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	17.00	140
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-16.50		16.14	296
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	16.50		16.50	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00-22.00		20.83	312
TAILS		W	18.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	58.00	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/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Undertone barely steady at best on frozen thigh meat, tom drums and tom full-cut wings with trading noted at steady to lower price levels. V-type wing undertone steady to firm with hens strongest. Frozen tom breast meat from new production for prompt shipment commanded premiums. Fresh tom breast meat steady with holiday processing schedules starting to affect markets. Some premiums noted on Grade A 8% 4-8 lb. breast trades. Plant grade 12-14 lb. breasts (1 load) 135, fresh destrapped tenderloins (2 loads) 175 cents delivered. For export: hen drums (3 rail-cars) 16, frozen MST (28 containers, September-December) 17 cents.

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/	102.00-104.00		103.33	120	102.08	960
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	139.00	40	139.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	96.43	140	96.27	300
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.50		17.50	40	17.23	142
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	16.00	80		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	18.41	85		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.00		18.00	120	17.64	470
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.50		24.50	40	22.72	126
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	52.00	80	52.00	80
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	40	15.34	229
NECKS, HEN		F	17.00	7		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	185.00		185.00	40	177.22	325
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	190.00-195.00		191.00	260	189.68	940
THIGH MEAT	57.00		57.00	80	56.00	440
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	60.00		60.00	20	55.56	180
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	110.00	15	110.00	15
SCAPULA MEAT	74.00-75.00		74.20	50	74.20	50
TENDERLOINS		W	159.00	40	159.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	167.67	60	167.67	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	61.00-70.00		65.20	100	66.00	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.50		18.50	20	18.50	20

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	13.00-18.00		15.12	788	15.94	1,432
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	16.00		16.00	1,020	16.11	1,268
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	104	21.00	520
TAILS	15.00		15.00	40	16.75	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-19.00		17.94	1,000	17.92	1,020
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00-58.00		55.11	288	55.46	328

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