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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on hens and consumer sized toms. Offerings were light to fair and satisfied current demand. Moderate trading centered on commodity hens in the East and Midwest. Fresh tom breast meat without tenders activity was fair for next week's holiday schedule. Moderate trading noted on 4-8 lb. plant grade breasts for September and October shipments. Bulk parts trading was light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading noted on tom drums to the border and Asia. Tom full and v-type wings, and hen necks and drums moved to Asia. Spot availability of gizzards were noted and thigh meat was offered.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 31, 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-75	74	74.00	600	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	72	72.00	400	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 01, 1999**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73.5-76	73.5-76	74.08	520	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-75	75	75.00	400	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 31 AUGUST 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat, barely steady on frozen thigh meat, necks steady to fully steady, fresh skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST) steady at best. Frozen thigh meat demand light with offers trending lower. Some frozen thigh meat offering prices noted at 56-57 cents delivered. Demand light on fresh MST for the adequate to ample inventories. Some people noted moving fresh MST into pet foods. Offerings of tails uneven with toms better balanced than mixed. Some mixed hen and tom tails were noted at lower price levels for export shipment.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00		99.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	139.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	96.43	140
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00		20.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	22.00		22.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	52.00	80
NECKS, TOM	15.00-16.00		15.61	76
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	185.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	191.00	260
THIGH MEAT		M	59.00	240
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	60.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	110.00	15
SCAPULA MEAT		F	74.20	50
TENDERLOINS		W	159.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	167.67	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	65.20	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.50	20

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	16.72	288
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	16.00	1,020
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	21.33	312
TAILS	12.50		12.50	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.94	1,000
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	55.11	288

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.

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	95-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	78-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	76-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-81

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
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

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 01 SEPTEMBER 1999 .

Undertone mixed on fresh tom breast meat with demand mostly for next week's deliveries as processors restart plants from the holiday weekend, destrapped tenderloins steady, tom drums and full-cut wings continue steady to weak. Grade A 16-18 lb. breasts steady to weak. Plant grade basted-netted-timed 4-8 lb. breasts (10 loads) 99 delivered late September, Grade A non-basted 16-18 lb. breasts (1 load) 135, plant grade (mixed load): 12-14 lb. 130, 14-16 lb. 140, fresh destrapped tenderloins (4 loads) 175 cents. For export: hen necks (1 rail-car) 16, hen drums (1 container) 17 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	139.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	96.43	140
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00-19.00		18.61	66
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	18.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00-20.00		17.83	69
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	22.50		22.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	52.00	80
NECKS, TOM	16.00-17.00		16.60	40
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	185.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	186.00-195.00		189.40	600
THIGH MEAT		M	59.00	240
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	60.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	110.00	15
SCAPULA MEAT	75.00		75.00	60
TENDERLOINS		W	159.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	174.00		174.00	240
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	65.20	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.50	20

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-17.50		16.93	624
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	16.00		16.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	52
TAILS		T	12.50	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.94	1,000
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 9/01/99	
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL BREEDERS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	
1999-2000	915	38,174	38,174
1998-1999	12,451	79,289	79,289

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