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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on hens and toms. Inquiries found irregular availability of frozen turkeys. Trading was light on toms moving to the Eastern Region, fair on hens in the Midwest. A small volume of 4-8 lb breasts moved at premium levels for October delivery. Increased inquiry noted on thigh meat.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading edged higher on tom drums and mechanically separated turkey as supplies tightened.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 09, 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/	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74.5-76	74.5	74.50	560	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	72-73	73	73.00	280	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	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.

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 SEPTEMBER 10, 1999

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	74.50	74.19	65.53
CENTRAL REGION	74.50	73.38	66.00
WESTERN REGION	74.88**	74.00	64.88**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.00	72.50**	68.69
CENTRAL REGION	72.50**	70.69	67.75**
WESTERN REGION	72.00**	72.00	68.75**

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	95-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	79-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-81

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-95
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 13-SEP-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)	79.74	340	76.00	60
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	79.74	340	76.00	60
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 28-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>HEAD</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>----THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD----</u>	<u>WT</u>
NEAST	695	-18	22.98	NONE	NONE	695	22.98
SATL	1,273	-31	22.46	(A)	(A)	1,283	22.47
N CENT	2,354	5	27.23	(A)	(A)	2,364	27.21
S CENT	584	-42	18.00	NONE	NONE	584	18.00
WEST	536	28	21.25	(A)	(A)	542	21.38
U.S.TOTAL	5,442(B)-14		23.99	0	26	5,468	24.00
TO DATE							
1999	163,799(B)			55	1,212	165,066	
TO DATE							
1998	172,912(B)			72	1,258	174,242	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 17,000 for the year 529,000; last year to date 892,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 28-Aug-99

	<u>FRYER-</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
	<u>ROASTERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	0	5,442	26	5,468
AVGWT	0.00	23.99	25.46	24.00
LAST WEEK	0	6,361	64	6,425
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,439	56	4,495
AVGWT	0.00	23.90(A)	24.77	23.91
TO-DATE/1999	55	163,799(A)	1,212	165,066
TO-DATE/1998	72	172,912(A)	1,258	174,242

(A) Includes 529,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 892,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 28-Aug-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 175 HD, 4,031 LBS,
TO DATE 11,360 HD, 274,423 LBS; OLD 1 HD, TO DATE 191 HD;
TOTAL 176 HD, TO DATE 11,551 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JULY	438,497 *
AUGUST 1-28, 1999	447,026 *
To date 1999	3,386,407 *
To date 1998	3,481,506 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 09 SEPTEMBER 1999.

Undertone mixed on frozen thigh meat and full-cut wings with some sellers' inventories better balanced than others. Undertone on mechanically separated turkey steady to barely steady on fresh with frozen fully steady, hen 2-joint wings firm, tom 2-joint wings steady to fully steady, wing meat steady to weak. Demand and trading light to fair on bulk parts with mixed availability noted. Offerings of mixed hen and tom tails more available than tom. Fresh (spot loads): tom wings 18.50, scapula 75, tenderloins 176 cents delivered. For export: open priced frozen thigh meat (20 loads) September shipment.

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/	139.00		139.00	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	96.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	15.00-21.00		16.52	121
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	16.00-18.00		17.20	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.50-25.00		19.86	163
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	22.00		22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	15.00-17.00		15.43	181
NECKS, HEN	16.00-20.00		18.04	54
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	175.00		175.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	190.00		190.00	80
THIGH MEAT	55.00-58.00		56.35	124
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00-58.00		56.00	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	74.00		74.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	174.00		174.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	62.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.00		16.91	220
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-17.50		16.88	528
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	17.00	312
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	21.70	260
TAILS	12.50-13.00		12.64	288
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	15.00	400
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.50-57.00		54.41	421

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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Trade sentiment improved on fresh skin added mechanically separated turkey for prompt shipments, however, some question any strength on fresh beyond this week's holiday shortened processing schedules. Tom breast meat trade sentiment generally steady on fresh, frozen steady at best with offerings noted at lower trending price levels. Thigh meat demand light to fair for domestic and light to good for export with best interest noted for Mexico. Private label Grade A 4-8 lb. basted-netted-timed breasts (3 loads) 107 delivered mid-October, ground breast trim (1 load) 108, hearts (part loads) 26 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	139.00	60	139.00	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	96.00	40	96.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.50-19.00		18.57	46	17.08	167
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	20	17.50	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00		20.00	14	19.87	177
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	22.00	20	22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	49	15.77	230
NECKS, HEN		R	18.04	54	18.04	54
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	175.00	40	175.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	190.00	80	188.36	440
THIGH MEAT		R	56.35	124	56.80	204
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	56.00	100	56.00	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	40		
SCAPULA MEAT	72.00-75.50		75.00	280	74.89	360
TENDERLOINS	158.00		158.00	10	158.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	174.00	40	174.00	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	58.00		58.00	160	58.80	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-18.00		17.50	80	17.29	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-20.00		19.11	190	17.93	410
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00-19.00		17.76	236	17.19	1,132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	17.50		17.50	40	17.06	352
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	104	22.00	104
TAILS		R	12.64	288	13.05	328
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.75		18.75	40	15.34	440
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00		57.00	120	55.88	961

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