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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on whole turkeys steady to fully steady with hens in the strongest position. No trading reported. The undertone on fresh tom breast meat continues weak, destrapped tenderloins and thigh meat balanced but unsettled, and parts generally steady to fully steady. Inquiries for 4-8 pound breasts went unfilled.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand light. Limited inquiry noted as most buyers showing resistance to higher asking prices.

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	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/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	78	78.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 OCT. 08, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.90	78.00**	69.86
CENTRAL REGION	78.00	77.87	68.96
WESTERN REGION	77.50**	77.10**	71.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	75.50	72.00	71.75
CENTRAL REGION	73.00**	73.96	70.88
WESTERN REGION	73.50**	72.70**	72.50

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	97-99
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	97-99
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	81-84
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	78-80
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 11-OCT-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)	82.00	100	78.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	82.00	60		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	82.00	40	78.00	20
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS  
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS** WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-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>ROASTERS</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>---THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD---</u>	<u>WT</u>	
NEAST	1,215	26	21.90	(A)	(A)	1,220	21.92
SATL	612	30	28.27	(A)	(A)	616	28.24
N CENT	2,552	30	26.47	(A)	(A)	2,580	26.45
S CENT	837	18	20.70	(A)	(A)	844	20.77
WEST	570	-20	22.80	(A)	(A)	575	22.91
U.S.TOTAL	5,786(B)	20	24.51	0	49	5,835	24.52
TO DATE							
1999	183,454(B)			55	1,373	184,882	
TO DATE							
1998	193,039(B)			72	1,431	194,542	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 23,000 for the year 582,000; last year to date 974,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 25-Sep-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	5,786	49	5,835
AVGWT	0.00	24.51	26.06	24.52
LAST WEEK	0	4,818	29	4,847
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	6,246	55	6,301
AVGWT	0.00	22.68(A)	24.89	22.70
TO-DATE/1999	55	183,454(A)	1,373	184,882
TO-DATE/1998	72	193,039(A)	1,431	194,542

(A) Includes 582,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 974,000 in 1998.

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 25-Sep-99  
FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 154 HD, 3,542 LBS,  
TO DATE 12,856 HD, 310,694 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 202 HD;  
TOTAL 154 HD, TO DATE 13,058 HD.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**  
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

AUGUST	485,366 *
SEPTEMBER 1-25, 1999	252,054 *
To date 1999	3,776,801 *
To date 1998	3,873,372 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 07 OCTOBER 1999.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was weak, thigh meat and parts steady to fully steady. Trading on meats and parts was light and mostly of a less than trucklot volume. Inquiries for 4-8 pound breasts went unfilled. Spot trading on plant grade 10-12 pound breasts at 120, 12-14 at 135 and 14-16 at 145. Export inquiry was fair with some price resistance noted.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	106.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	105.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	16.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	19.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	16
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	26.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	16
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	57.00		57.00	20
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	16
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	160.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	167.00		167.00	120
THIGH MEAT		T	60.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	62.44	78
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT	75.00		75.00	3
TENDERLOINS		F	160.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	57.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.76	170
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	21.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	18.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.00	105
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	59.33	120

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 08 OCTOBER 1999.

New negotiations were limited. Supplies of breast meat were fully adequate, thigh meat tight to available, and parts were adequate to tight. The market tone was soft on breast meat, steady to strong on thigh meat and fully steady on parts with wings showing the most strength. Trading on 4-8 pound breasts reflected the tight supplies. Export activity centered on filling previous commitments. Current trades were for thigh meat and tom drums to the border.

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/	110.00		110.00	40	107.33	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	40	149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	105.00		105.00	200	105.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	40	18.96	149
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	19.00	120		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	24.00	16	22.71	28
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	26.00	5	26.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	29.00	16	26.95	61
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	57.00	20	57.40	25
NECKS, TOM		R	21.00	16	20.76	21
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	160.00	40	160.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	170.00		170.00	20	176.81	740
THIGH MEAT		T	60.00	6	60.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	62.44	78		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	20		
SCAPULA MEAT		R	75.00	3	75.00	3
TENDERLOINS		F	160.00	12		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	170.00		170.00	40	170.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	57.00	40	57.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	40	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.76	170		
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	120	19.64	356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	80	60.00	80

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