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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on toms, fully steady to firm on hens. Offerings were light on hens, toms were available. Trading was light on whole turkeys. 4-8 lb breasts were short of needs and the tone was firm. Supplies of parts were barely adequate to tight with wings in the tightest position. The market tone on breast meat was barely steady due to fully adequate supplies, thigh meat market tone was mixed as the availability of supplies varied.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export activity was fair. Inquiries were isolated.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 14, 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/	77-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	77-81	-	-	-	83.00	120	NOV	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	79	79.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	71-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-76	76	76.00	200	-	-	-	-	-

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 OCT. 15, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.75**	78.90	72.15
CENTRAL REGION	79.00	78.00	71.00
WESTERN REGION	77.88**	77.50**	70.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.50**	75.50	73.56
CENTRAL REGION	72.25**	73.00**	73.25
WESTERN REGION	76.00	73.50**	73.00**

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	97-101
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	97-101
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	83-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	78-84
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	79-87

**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 18-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)	83.18	170	78.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	83.18	170	78.00	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 02-Oct-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>HEAD</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>----THOUSAND HEAD----</u>		
					<u>WT</u>		
NEAST	698	-43	22.86	(A)	(A)	699	22.87
SATL	1,127	84	27.75	(A)	(A)	1,143	27.70
N CENT	2,501	-2	27.64	(A)	(A)	2,508	27.64
S CENT	351	-58	19.52	NONE	NONE	351	19.52
WEST	501	-12	26.79	(A)	(A)	520	26.83
U.S.TOTAL	5,178(B)	7	26.39	0	43	5,221	26.39
TO DATE							
1999	188,632(B)			55	1,416	190,103	
TO DATE							
1998	197,162(B)			72	1,466	198,700	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 14,000 for the year 596,000; last year to date 976,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 02-Oct-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	5,178	43	5,221
AVGWT	0.00	26.39	26.42	26.39
LAST WEEK	0	5,786	49	5,835
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,123	35	4,158
AVGWT	0.00	22.96(A)	24.63	22.98
TO-DATE/1999	55	188,632(A)	1,416	190,103
TO-DATE/1998	72	197,162(A)	1,466	198,700

(A) Includes 596,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 976,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 2-Oct-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 501 HD, 13,420 LBS,
TO DATE 13,357 HD, 324,114 LBS; OLD 19 HD, TO DATE 221 HD;
TOTAL 520 HD, TO DATE 13,578 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

SEPTEMBER	440,221 *
OCTOBER 1-2, 1999	22,042 *
To date 1999	3,864,968 *
To date 1998	3,949,808 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 OCTOBER 1999.

The market tone on breast meat was barely steady, thigh meat about steady, and parts generally steady to fully steady. Retail size 4-8 pound breasts were firm. Mechanically separated turkey was available, however, demand was light. One load of tails moved at 13 cents seller's dock. Inquiries for export were selective. Export trading was about fair.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	110.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	105.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	29.00	16
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	57.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	18.00	40
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	154.00	30
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	157.00		157.00	80
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	61.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	108.00		108.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	75.00	3
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	170.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	20.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00		21.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	59.50	160

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 15 OCTOBER 1999.

Supplies of mechanically separated turkey were more available and the market tone was about steady. Breast meat was weak due to the fully adequate supplies, thigh meat mixed, mostly steady. Parts were tight, especially wings, and the tone was strong. Inquiries for 4-8 pound breasts went unfilled. Ground breast traded at 105. Fresh thigh meat moved to the border at 62 cents. A fair volume of toms drums were sold into export channels.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	110.00	40	110.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	40	149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	105.00	200		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00-21.00		20.48	54	20.48	54
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00-26.00		25.22	54	24.17	149
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	94	18.00	134
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	40	17.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	153.00		153.00	80	153.27	110
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	156.00-166.00		161.60	500	160.97	580
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	61.00	40	61.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	108.00	40	108.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	170.00	40		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	56.00		56.00	60	56.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	20.00	40	20.00	40
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.50-21.00		20.72	184	20.36	648
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.00	104	20.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.50		62.50	80	60.43	280

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