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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment barely steady for 16-24 lbs. toms. Hens 8-16 lbs. trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Light trading for prompt shipment. Demand ranged from very light to moderate with most interest for distributive movement. Offerings of toms adequate to ample, hens light to adequate and generally balanced. Fresh tom breast meat trading at lower price levels. Bulk parts generally steady to fully steady with wings being in the firmest position.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading continued to be slow in the export area. Limited trading reported on a wide range of parts at mostly steady price levels. Demand in a full range, mostly light.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 21, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	79-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-79	79	79.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-76	74	74.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	78-83	79-83	80.50	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-79	79	79.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION	69-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	NOV
CENTRAL REGION	70-76	74	74.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-76	72.5	72.50	40	-	-	-	-	-

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. 22, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	80.50	78.75 **	72.33
CENTRAL REGION	79.01	79.00	71.70
WESTERN REGION	79.33	77.88 **	72.00
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	72.90 **	73.50 **	75.00
CENTRAL REGION	74.02	72.25 **	76.00
WESTERN REGION	73.57	76.00	74.86

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	97-102
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	97-102
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	85-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-87

**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 25-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>			
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	83.43	140	78.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	83.43	140	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 09-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>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>---THOUSAND HEAD---</u>		<u>WT</u>
NEAST	324	-54	20.08	NONE	NONE	324	20.08
SATL	696	-38	27.87	(A)	(A)	703	27.85
N CENT	2,148	-14	27.24	(A)	(A)	2,167	27.23
S CENT	662	89	19.80	NONE	NONE	662	19.80
WEST	137	-73	23.55	NONE	NONE	137	23.55
U.S.TOTAL	3,967(B)	-18	25.40	0	26	3,993	25.40

TO DATE

1999 192,599(B) 55 1,442 194,096

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1998 201,636(B) 72 1,499 203,207

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 13,000 for the year 609,000; last year to date 988,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** Week Ending 09-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	3,967	26	3,993
AVGWT	0.00	25.40	26.19	25.40
LAST WEEK	0	5,178	43	5,221
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,474	33	4,507
AVGWT	0.00	24.93 (A)	26.58	24.94
TO-DATE/1999	55	192,599 (A)	1,442	194,096
TO-DATE/1998	72	201,636 (A)	1,499	203,207

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(A) Includes 609,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 988,000 in 1998.

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 16-Oct-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 137 HD, 3,226 LBS,  
TO DATE 13,494 HD, 327,340 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 221 HD;  
TOTAL 137 HD, TO DATE 13,715 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

SEPTEMBER	440,221 *
OCTOBER 1-9, 1999	103,184 *

To date 1999 3,968,152 \*

To date 1998 4,039,722 \*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 OCTOBER 1999.

Market tone weak on breast meat with product readily available. Thigh meat was steady to fully steady and parts, where available, were offered at steady to higher prices. Light trading on 4-8 lb breasts and the market was strong. A partial load of 14-16 lb plant grade breasts moved at 125. Export trading was sporadic with a container of hearts sold to port at 21. Fresh thigh meat moved to the border at 61.5 and fresh tom drums at 23 cents. Domestic trading on mature hen parts noted on drums at 21 and full cut wings at 28 cents.

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/	149.00		149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	105.50		105.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.50-24.00		23.67	9
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.53	190
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	63.00	9
NECKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	30
NECKS, HEN		W	20.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	153.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	153.00-155.00		153.48	168
THIGH MEAT	60.00-62.00		61.00	84
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	62.00		62.00	200
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	110.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	72.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	56.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	21.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	22.00	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	59.32	1,444

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/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 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 22 OCTOBER 1999.

The availability of breast meat surpassed demand and the market continued weak. Thigh meat was sought with limited success, trade sentiment fully steady. Inquiries for parts found a limited supply offered at higher prices. The price spread between tom full cut wings and wing meat encouraged more production of wing meat. One container of tom defatted gizzards moved to port at 78 cents. Limited thigh meat available for export due to packers working against previous commitments, some inquiry noted for frozen mechanically separated turkey with mixed availability. Tom drums moved at higher trending prices.

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	40	149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	105.50	80	105.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	40	24.16	109
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00		25.00	120	25.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	20	24.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	27.00	3	27.19	103
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00-29.50		29.10	200	28.82	390
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	64.00-65.00		64.14	280	64.11	289
NECKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	40	19.05	210
NECKS, HEN		W	20.00	11	20.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	153.00	80		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	150.00-157.00		153.30	400	154.97	1,268
THIGH MEAT	70.00		70.00	20	62.53	144
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	62.00	200	62.51	315
BREAST TRIM MEAT	105.00		105.00	80	106.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT	64.00-70.00		66.00	120	67.50	160
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	54.50-57.00		55.33	60	56.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.50-22.00		21.33	120	21.29	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		17.85	260	18.21	480
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	80	25.13	212
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	14.00		14.00	40	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00-21.00		20.50	416	20.69	476
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00		62.00	156	59.58	1,600

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