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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment mostly steady to barely steady on frozen toms, frozen hens barely steady to fully steady with 8-12 lb. sizes the strongest. Demand and trading light to instances fair with some buyers noted willing to pay premiums on 10-12 lb. hens. Frozen commodity 10-12 lb. hens traded in the East at 86 cents delivered current on a light volume. Fresh offerings short to light on hens, toms tight to instances adequate. Frozen offerings of 8-12 lb. hens short to light, 12-16 lb. sizes light to fully adequate. Some sellers only willing to sell 8-12 lb. sizes if you take 12 lb. and heavier weights also. Undertone fully steady to firm on 4-8 lb. breasts with buyer bids noted at 120 going unfilled. Trading light on bulk parts, meats and rib breasts. Offerings of institutional breasts becoming more available.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to fair. Trading light. Offerings of frozen thigh meat and frozen mechanically separated turkey uneven ranging from short to adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 02, 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/	75-81	77.5	77.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-79	79	79.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-74	69	69.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 03, 1999**

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-86	78.5-86	82.25	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-80	79	79.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-76	74.5	74.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-75	74	74.00	240	-	-	-	-	-

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 02 NOVEMBER 1999 .

Trade sentiment on tom meat and destrapped tenderloins barely steady to instances weak, mechanically separated turkey steady to barely steady and thigh meat mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady. Inquiry light to good on bulk parts and light to fair on meats. Trading light as sellers turn their attention to shipping previously sold whole body turkeys for the November holiday. Some buyers and sellers have noted a shorter than normal supply of trucks and are having difficulty making deliveries. Layer packed tenderloins (part load) 137 cents delivered.

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/		R	149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	104.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	27.27	211
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	28.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	31.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	29.00		29.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	28.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	65.00		65.00	20
NECKS, TOM		F	18.00	240
NECKS, HEN		T	18.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	137.00		137.00	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	141.75	320
THIGH MEAT		F	61.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	64.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	106.00	6
SCAPULA MEAT		M	70.00	80
TENDERLOINS		T	150.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	127.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	50.83	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.69	260
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	26.60	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	12.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.50-21.00		20.72	184
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.00		61.00	40

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**

	<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#	80-82

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-104
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 03 NOVEMBER 1999 .

Trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts fully steady to firm for the limited offerings. Institutional rib breast trade sentiment (10 lb. and heavier) steady to barely steady with increased availability noted. Demand light to fair. Offerings of fresh thigh meat short to light, frozen tight to adequate. Offerings of tom breast meat light to fully adequate with some processors reluctant to offer out frozen at current price levels. Trading on scapula continues to move at lower trending prices. White trim (4 loads) 56-59 cents delivered. For export: frozen mature thigh meat (1 load) 57 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	104.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	26.00-26.50		26.38	52
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	25.00-28.00		26.58	138
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00		30.00	64
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	29.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	28.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	65.00	20
NECKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	20
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	140.00-142.00		140.71	140
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00-145.00		144.00	80
THIGH MEAT	62.00		62.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00-65.00		64.67	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	106.00	6
SCAPULA MEAT	60.00		60.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	127.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	53.00		53.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	20.00		20.00	80

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	26.60	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	12.00-13.00		12.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	20.72	184
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.00		61.00	56

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 11/03/99**POULTRY HEALTH BOARD ACCUMULATED**

SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	15,432	97,123	97,473
1998-1999	17,190	170,171	170,521

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