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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment mostly steady to barely steady on frozen toms, frozen hens barely steady to fully steady. No trading reported and demand light. Processors continue to work on delivery problems of fresh and frozen birds for the upcoming Holiday. Offerings of fresh hens and toms light to adequate. Trading light to moderate on bulk parts, meats and rib breasts as buyers taking a cautious approach to the market.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand fairly good. Trading moderate with most interest from Mexico and Asia for a variety of different products.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 12, 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/	79-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-79	78-79	78.20	50	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 NOV. 12, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	80.75 **	80.43	71.29
CENTRAL REGION	78.20	78.00	71.95
WESTERN REGION	79.50 **	79.11	71.10
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.75 **	70.83	76.00
CENTRAL REGION	72.63 **	70.89	74.58
WESTERN REGION	71.00	72.60	74.96

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	103-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	103-104
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

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 15-NOV-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)	92.06	5018	88.91	6010
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	92.06	5018	88.91	6010
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 30-Oct-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---		FRYER- THOUSAND	PW % CHG	AVG WT	OLD TOTAL TKY		
	ROASTERS	BANDED				THOUSAND	HEAD	WT
NEAST	1,162	-14	21.51	NONE	NONE	1,162	21.51	
SATL	468	-35	31.69	(A)	(A)	508	31.11	
N CENT	2,629	1	26.28	(A)	(A)	2,634	26.29	
S CENT	597	80	20.17	NONE	NONE	597	20.17	
WEST	847	130	25.39	(A)	(A)	848	25.40	
U.S.TOTAL	5,703(B)	18	24.98	0	46	5,749	24.98	

TO DATE
1999 208,436(B) 55 1,600 210,091

TO DATE
1998 217,485(B) 72 1,650 219,207

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 18,000 for the year 653,000; last year to date 1,004,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 30-Oct-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
				THOUSANDS
HEAD	0	5,703	46	5,749
AVGWT	0.00	24.98	25.33	24.98
LAST WEEK	0	5,378	35	5,413
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,693	27	5,720
AVGWT	0.00	23.52(A)	25.63	23.53
TO-DATE/1999	55	208,436(A)	1,600	210,091
TO-DATE/1998	72	217,485(A)	1,650	219,207

(A) Includes 653,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,004,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 30-Oct-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 624 HD, 14,535 LBS,
TO DATE 14,991 HD, 363,251 LBS; OLD 1 HD, TO DATE 244 HD;
TOTAL 625 HD, TO DATE 15,235 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

SEPTEMBER	440,221 *
OCTOBER 1-30, 1999	427,971 *
To date 1999	4,292,939 *
To date 1998	4,343,920 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 NOVEMBER 1999.

Tom breast meat undertone steady at best on frozen, fresh steady to weak with some not seeing the weakness that others see due to an inability to find skin-on. Thigh meat undertone steady to fully steady on fresh, frozen mixed with some unable to fill inquiries while others sell product at lower prices. Tom drum undertone steady to fully steady with cautiousness developing. Inquiry slow to good with offerings the least available from whole bird packers due to less cutting as they fill November whole body holiday commitments. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings becoming more available ranging from light to fully adequate. Rib breasts (8-10 lb., part loads): Grade A 118, plant grade 109, fresh destrapped tenderloins (part load) 123 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums (5 loads) 26-29, fresh thigh meat (2 loads) 63-64, tom defatted gizzards (1 container) 83 cents delivered.

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/		F			135.00	1,440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	109.00	80	109.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00-29.00		28.64	11	28.74	77
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	29.00	40	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	27.00	6	27.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00		31.00	9	31.50	250
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.60	50	29.38	105
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	18.00-20.00		18.69	55	20.36	124
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	139.00	400	139.00	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	141.00		141.00	40	141.47	600
THIGH MEAT	62.00		62.00	8	62.00	68
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00		64.00	242	64.27	294
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F			109.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	64.00	80	64.00	80
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F			126.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	51.00	8	51.00	8
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.50		21.50	40	21.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-20.00		18.63	320	18.70	400
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-32.00		30.57	280	30.57	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	156	27.00	156
TAILS	13.50		13.50	40	13.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.50-21.50		21.00	248	21.00	248
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00-62.50		59.25	352	60.20	472

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.