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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The frozen whole bird trade sentiment steady to barely steady for 16-24 lb. toms, generally steady for 8-16 lb. hens with 8-12 lbs. offered out at premiums. Fairly good volumes of frozen hens and toms traded for prompt deliveries. Processors and buyers continue to work on deliveries of retail items as most reporting difficulties in booking trucks for deliveries. Offerings of fresh hens and toms light to adequate. Trading and demand light for bulk parts, meats and rib breasts.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading slow. Limited trading noted for Mexico and Russia on frozen thigh meat and drums, Asia showing fairly good movement on tom V-type wings.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 18, 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/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-80	76	76.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-76	71	71.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-75	71	71.00	40	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-80	79	79.00	240	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-80	78	78.00	480	75.00	80	DEC	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-80	80	80.00	60	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	71-76	73	73.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-76	72	72.00	320	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-75	75	75.00	180	-	-	-	-	-

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 NOV. 19, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.05	80.75**	72.54
CENTRAL REGION	77.94	78.20	72.11
WESTERN REGION	79.07	79.50**	73.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.56	73.75**	76.00
CENTRAL REGION	71.93	72.63**	75.19
WESTERN REGION	74.90	71.00	75.50

\*\*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#	80-85
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 22-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)	93.00	3648	89.00	4560
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	93.00	3648	89.00	4560
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		1250		1250

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 06-Nov-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>%</u>	<u>CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>----THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD----</u>
						<u>WT</u>
NEAST	960	-17	21.93	(A)	(A)	964 21.95
SATL	1,821	289	21.98	(A)	(A)	1,830 22.03
N CENT	2,383	-9	26.82	(A)	(A)	2,385 26.83
S CENT	925	55	22.24	NONE	NONE	925 22.24
WEST	266	-69	22.71	NONE	NONE	266 22.71
U.S.TOTAL	6,355(B)	32	23.86	0	15	6,370 23.87
TO DATE						
1999	214,791(B)			55	1,615	216,461
TO DATE						
1998	223,950(B)			72	1,693	225,715

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 21,000 for the year 674,000; last year to date 1,006,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 06-Nov-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	6,355	15	6,370
AVGWT	0.00	23.86	29.60	23.87
LAST WEEK	0	5,703	46	5,749
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	6,465	43	6,508
AVGWT	0.00	25.12(A)	25.35	25.12
TO-DATE/1999	55	214,791(A)	1,615	216,461
TO-DATE/1998	72	223,950(A)	1,693	225,715

(A) Includes 674,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,006,000 in 1998.

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 06-Nov-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 266 HD, 6,042 LBS,  
TO DATE 15,257 HD, 369,293 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 244 HD;  
TOTAL 266 HD, TO DATE 15,501 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)  
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

OCTOBER	427,971 *
NOVEMBER 1-6, 1999	121,657 *
To date 1999	4,414,596 *
To date 1998	4,474,720 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 NOVEMBER 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady on drums and full-cut wings with some cautiousness noted. Undertone on necks steady at best. Inquiry slow to fair with light trading noted. Offerings of drums short to instances adequate mostly light, full-cut wings short to light and necks available. Mechanically separated skin added turkey showing signs of increased availability when compared to previous weeks. For domestic: plant grade 10-12 lb. breasts (1 load) 118, fresh destrapped tenderloins (2.50 loads) 130-133 cents delivered. For export: hen drums (1 load) 28.75 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	109.25	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	108.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	29.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		T	33.00	28
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	28.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00-30.50		30.40	25
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	65.67	120
NECKS, TOM	18.00-19.00		18.43	35
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	139.00		139.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	140.00		140.00	42
THIGH MEAT	61.50-63.00		62.25	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	66.00		66.00	145
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	106.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT		M	65.00	40
TENDERLOINS		T	125.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	52.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	29.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	30.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	27.00	156
TAILS		F	13.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	248
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00		64.00	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.

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Trade sentiment on tom breast meat steady to barely steady with buyers the least optimistic, destrapped tenderloins about steady. Some processors have noted increased fresh tom breast meat activity for the upcoming holiday weekend. Trading fair on tom 2-joint wings at lower trending price levels and light on the balance of items. Offerings of bulk parts continue to become more available in the Midwest due in part to a reluctance by some export buyers to pay current asking price levels. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (8 loads) 130 cents delivered December.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	109.25	160	109.25	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	108.00	40	108.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	9	29.09	229
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	28.00		28.00	40	30.06	68
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	28.00	40	28.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	30.40	25	31.72	145
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	29.00	40	29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	18	27.80	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	65.67	120	65.67	120
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	14	18.81	132
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	139.00	40	137.75	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	140.00		140.00	300	140.15	822
THIGH MEAT	66.00		66.00	40	63.13	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	66.00-67.00		66.23	52	66.06	197
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	106.50	80	106.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT	63.00		63.00	20	64.33	60
TENDERLOINS		T	125.00	40	125.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	51.00-52.00		51.83	240	51.89	360
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.25	160	20.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.20	250	18.61	310
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	29.00	240	29.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	30.00	40	30.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.75-27.00		25.20	520	25.20	520
TAILS		F	13.50	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	248		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	59	63.09	459

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