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WESTERN REGION	69.20**	74.00	72.00	WESTERN REGION	72.65	73.65	75.71

**BASED ON OFFERS

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DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

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FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	103-104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-85
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<u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 06-DEC-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)	81.00	120	73.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	81.00	120	73.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 20-NOV-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD----	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
	HEAD	%	CHG				
NEAST	664	-51	22.58	(A)	(A)	666	22.60
S ATL	597	-28	25.62	(A)	(A)	612	25.57
N CENT	3,649	69	27.11	(A)	(A)	3,663	27.12
S CENT	907	15	19.91	NONE	NONE	907	19.91
WEST	998	36	25.02	NONE	NONE	998	25.02
U.S.TOTAL	6,815(B)	41	25.27	1	30	6,846	25.28

TO DATE

1999 227,484(B) 56 1,649 229,189

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1998 234,850(B) 72 1,753 236,675

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 14,000 for the year 696,000; last year to date 1023,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 20-NOV-99

	FRYER-	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	ROASTERS	TURKEYS	BANDED	
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1	6,815	30	6,846
AVGWT	15.00	25.27	26.47	25.28
LAST WEEK	0	5,878	4	5,882
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,700	35	5,735
AVGWT	0.00	25.27(A)	28.51	25.29
TO-DATE/1999	56	227,484(A)	1,649	229,189
TO-DATE/1998	72	234,850(A)	1,753	236,675

(A) Includes 696,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,023,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 20-Nov-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 869 HD, 21,623 LBS,
TO DATE 16,862 HD, 407,131 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 244 HD;
TOTAL 869 HD, TO DATE 17,106 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYSOCTOBER 427,971 *
NOVEMBER 1-20, 1999 376,865 *

To date 1999 4,669,804 *

To date 1998 4,693,256 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 02 DECEMBER 1999.

Trade sentiment fully steady on mechanically separated turkey with the strength due mostly to the increased export interest from Mexico for the month of December. Thigh meat trade sentiment steady to firm with Mexican buying interest the main catalyst. The increased buying interest from Mexico is a partial response to the release of new permits and the extension of old ones. Some exporters scrambling to fill needs as a result of the recent Mexican delisting of poultry plants. Plant grade 12-14 lb. breasts (part load) 112 cents delivered. For export: frozen tom breast meat (3 loads) 148-150 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	114.00		114.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00		99.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	29.00		29.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	30.34	61
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	29.00-30.00		29.05	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	80
NECKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	140.00	240
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	140.00-150.00		146.71	194
THIGH MEAT	68.00		68.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	71.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	120.33	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	18.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.50		30.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.25	208
TAILS		W	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.50		21.50	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-69.00		66.83	480

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 steady to firm on fresh tom breast with trading noted at higher price levels for December shipments. Frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to fully steady with some holding frozen inventories with confidence. Demand fair to good on fresh tom breast meat, fair on fresh destrapped tenderloins and light on wing meat. Trading centered on moderate volumes of fresh tom breast meat and on light volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey. Offerings of fresh tom breast light at best with close trimmed product the strongest, fresh destrapped tenderloins light. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 151 cents delivered prompt.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	40	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	99.00	20	99.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.25	160	29.20	269
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	30.00		30.00	32	30.00	72
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	29.00	3	28.06	49
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	30.34	61	30.61	95
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	29.05	42	29.04	48
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	12	27.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	18.00	80	18.00	117
NECKS, HEN		R	18.00	6	18.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	145.00-146.00		145.33	120	141.78	360
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00-155.00		151.24	500	144.52	1,484
THIGH MEAT	65.00		65.00	40	63.56	214
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	66.00-67.00		66.67	60	68.60	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.00	40	107.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	121.00		121.00	40	120.50	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	52.00		52.00	80	51.38	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	40	19.75	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		17.81	370	17.83	360
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WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
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TAILS		W	14.00	40	14.00	40
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To date 1998	4,693,256 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 02 DECEMBER 1999.

Trade sentiment fully steady on mechanically separated turkey with the strength due mostly to the increased export interest from Mexico for the month of December. Thigh meat trade sentiment steady to firm with Mexican buying interest the main catalyst. The increased buying interest from Mexico is a partial response to the release of new permits and the extension of old ones. Some exporters scrambling to fill needs as a result of the recent Mexican delisting of poultry plants. Plant grade 12-14 lb. breasts (part load) 112 cents delivered. For export: frozen tom breast meat (3 loads) 148-150 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	114.00		114.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00		99.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	29.00		29.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	30.34	61
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	29.00-30.00		29.05	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	80
NECKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	140.00	240
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	140.00-150.00		146.71	194
THIGH MEAT	68.00		68.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	71.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	120.33	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	18.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.50		30.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.25	208
TAILS		W	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.50		21.50	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-69.00		66.83	480

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Trade sentiment steady to firm on fresh tom breast with trading noted at higher price levels for December shipments. Frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to fully steady with some holding frozen inventories with confidence. Demand fair to good on fresh tom breast meat, fair on fresh destrapped tenderloins and light on wing meat. Trading centered on moderate volumes of fresh tom breast meat and on light volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey. Offerings of fresh tom breast light at best with close trimmed product the strongest, fresh destrapped tenderloins light. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 151 cents delivered prompt.

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/		R	114.00	80	114.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	40	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	99.00	20	99.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.25	160	29.20	269
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	30.00		30.00	32	30.00	72
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	29.00	3	28.06	49
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	30.34	61	30.61	95
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	29.05	42	29.04	48
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	12	27.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	18.00	80	18.00	117
NECKS, HEN		R	18.00	6	18.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	145.00-146.00		145.33	120	141.78	360
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00-155.00		151.24	500	144.52	1,484
THIGH MEAT	65.00		65.00	40	63.56	214
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	66.00-67.00		66.67	60	68.60	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.00	40	107.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	121.00		121.00	40	120.50	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	52.00		52.00	80	51.38	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	40	19.75	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		17.81	370	17.83	360
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.50		28.50	160	28.68	440
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.25	208	29.25	208
TAILS		W	14.00	40	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		80.00	40	20.10	924
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	66.83	480	66.77	1,117

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