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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was slow. Limited trading was reported in the Eastern and Western region on frozen for prompt shipment. Offerings of fresh and frozen whole turkeys light to adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Inquiry remains strong for thigh meat, mechanically separated turkey (MST) and drums for Mexico. Also, some interest noted from Asia and the Caribbean islands for necks and defatted gizzards.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 09, 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/	76-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-77	75	75.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	67-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	67-69	69	69.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	66-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-77	76-77	76.20	50	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	67-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	67-70	70	70.00	80	-	-	-	-	-

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 DECEMBER 10, 1999

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	76.06	73.00	73.00
CENTRAL REGION	74.41	74.29	70.88
WESTERN REGION	76.50**	77.00	69.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	66.85	69.70**	70.71
CENTRAL REGION	68.09	68.36	72.03
WESTERN REGION	70.00	69.20**	68.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	100-103
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	103-104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	83-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-83

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	94-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	94-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

<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 (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	83.61	5240	78.99	3400
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	83.61	5240	78.99	3400
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		200		200

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 27-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>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND HEAD—</u>		<u>WT</u>	<u>WT</u>
N EAST	1,033	56	20.66	(A)	(A)	1,034	20.68
S ATL	425	-29	30.83	(A)	(A)	450	30.61
N CENT	1,264	-65	31.89	(A)	(A)	1,284	31.78
S CENT	339	-63	21.60	NONE	NONE	339	21.60
WEST	249	-75	27.93	NONE	NONE	249	27.93
U.S.TOTAL	3,310(B)	-31	26.90	0	46	3,356	26.89

TO DATE

1999 230,794(B) 56 1,695 232,545

TO DATE

1998 239,035(B) 72 1,780 240,887

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 21,000 for the year 717,000; last year to date 1,034,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 27-Nov-99

	<u>FRYER-</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>ROASTERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>—THOUSANDS—</u>			
HEAD	0	3,310	46	3,356
AVG WT	0.00	26.90	26.15	26.89
LAST WEEK	1	6,815	30	6,846
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,185	27	4,212
AVG WT	0.00	24.60(A)	26.37	24.61
TO-DATE/1999	56	230,794(A)	1,695	232,545
TO-DATE/1998	72	239,035(A)	1,780	240,887

(A) Includes 717,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,034,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 27-Nov-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 249 HD, 6,954 LBS,
TO DATE 17,111 HD, 414,085 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 244 HD;
TOTAL 249 HD, TO DATE 17,255 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

OCTOBER	427,971 *
NOVEMBER 1-27, 1999	449,051 *
To date 1999	4,741,990 *
To date 1998	4,776,183 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 09 DECEMBER 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. breasts for current shipments, mixed for deferred. Institutional breast trade sentiment steady at best. Domestic demand light to fair on 4-8 lb. breasts with some buyers reluctant to buy at current price levels and taking a wait and see position. Institutional rib breast demand light. Further processed demand fair to good on white meat for retail deli items. Export demand continues active on frozen mechanically separated turkey and dark meat items for December shipment. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 141 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	113.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	150
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	99.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	30.00	32
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	29.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	29.50		29.50	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	29.05	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.57	93
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	16.50-19.00		17.50	50
NECKS, HEN		R	18.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	141.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	151.00-152.00		151.33	120
THIGH MEAT		F	65.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	68.00		68.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		T	65.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	121.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	50.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	20.33	60
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	600
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	416
TAILS	11.00		11.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.83	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	73.00-73.25		73.08	126

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 fully steady to instances weak on tom drums, necks and full-cut wings about steady, hen and tom 2-joint wings steady to instances weak. Export inquiry slowed on 2-joint wings due to the unwillingness of some buyers to take a chance that any purchases made now will arrive in Asia in time for the Chinese New Year resulting in more abundant inventories. Some sellers also noting a slower buyer interest on tom drums causing some spot weakness. Hearts (1 load) 25 cents delivered. For export: hen necks (1 load) 19, tom defatted gizzards (2 containers) 91 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/		T	113.00	20	113.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	150	154.00	150
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	31.00	20	31.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	30.00	32		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	28.00		28.00	20	28.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00		31.00	40	30.74	52
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.57	93	26.57	93
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	17.50	50	17.50	130
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	147.00		147.00	140	146.25	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	152.00-155.00		153.50	260	151.45	1,360
THIGH MEAT		F	65.00	40		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	71.00-75.00		72.33	60	69.77	260
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		T	65.00	40	65.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	121.00	40		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	52.00		52.00	10	50.40	250
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	20.00	40	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		17.84	276	18.42	416
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.50		29.50	40	29.02	840
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.00	156	25.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	416	25.27	572
TAILS	14.00-14.50		14.23	224	13.21	328
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00		23.00	40	20.13	1,444
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.00-74.00		72.40	200	70.41	1,248

*****CORRECTIONS FOR 12/03/99: Weekly Volume on Fresh Tom Drums should have read "32"; Weekly Weighted Average and Volume for Thigh Meat—Fresh should have read "66.64" and "64", respectively; Weekly Weighted Average and Volume for Wing Meat With Skin should have read "52.00" and "80", respectively.

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