



USDA TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0575

MONDAY
DECEMBER 13, 1999
VOL. 46 NO. 148

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News Branch

NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment was mostly steady on hens and trending weaker on toms as the holiday shipping period neared its end. Demand was light. Spot trades were reported in the Eastern and Central regions on frozen for prompt shipment. Offerings of fresh and frozen whole turkeys light to adequate. Fresh tom breast meat was about steady and demand was fair to good for further processing for holiday needs.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Inquiry was active for thigh meat and frozen mechanically separated turkey for Mexico although demand for tom drums tapered. Trading was light due to limited supplies.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) 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#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	83-100
BREASTS 10-12#	146-158
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	
	<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#	77-82

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

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	71.5-74	71.5	71.50	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-75	75	75.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	64-67	64	64.00	40
CENTRAL REGION	65-66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	67-70	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

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.

USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES

Washington, DC	Voice (202)720-6911	Grover T. Hunter	Des Moines, IA	Voice (515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax (202)720-2403	(Chief)		Fax (515)284-4468	
Atlanta, GA	Voice (404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman		Recorded (515)284-4545	
	Fax (404)562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)			
	Recorded (404)562-5856		Bell, CA	Voice (323)269-4154	Jim Derby
Jackson, MS	Voice (601)965-4662	Gary Brown		Fax (323)269-5926	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Fax (601)965-4661	(Officer-In-Charge)		Recorded (323)260-4676	

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 DECEMBER 1999.

Undertone about steady on fresh tom breast meat and tom drums, steady to weak on 2-joint wings, necks steady, fully steady on frozen thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Demand is the most active on frozen thigh meat and frozen mechanically separated turkey for export, light to fair on the balance of items. Further processed demand is fair to good on breast meat for the upcoming holidays. Offerings of 2-joint wings and tom drums light to fully adequate, thigh meat and frozen mechanically separated turkey light at best, fresh tom breast meat light to adequate.

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/		R	154.00	150
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	31.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	25.00		25.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	31.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		R	17.50	50
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	147.00	140
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	149.00-153.00		150.57	280
THIGH MEAT	74.00		74.00	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	72.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		T	65.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	130.00		130.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	52.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	17.84	276

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	29.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	416
TAILS		F	14.23	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	73.00		73.00	120

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.

***Effective December 13, 1999, Poultry Market News has added fresh destrapped tenderloins to the daily National Young Turkey Parts report. This change was a result of our recently completed annual review of the Turkey Parts report.