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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment cautious on frozen whole turkeys as the final holiday period of the year draws near. Frozen demand light, mostly on less than truck lot volumes. Offerings were irregular as available sizes and quantities varied by plant. Limited frozen trading centered in the East. Line runner canner fowl 20 lb and up moved at 52 cents delivered.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading on tom and hen v-type wings were at lower levels moving to Asia. Four loads of breeder thigh meat moved to the border at 68 cents. Inquiry on frozen thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey was uneven, mostly slower.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 14, 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/	71.5-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-75	68	68.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-67	67	67.00	30	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-77	75	75.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-69	67	67.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 DECEMBER 1999 .

Market activity was very light. Availability of tom drumsticks and v-type wings increased as demand slowed. Breast meat was generally steady due to adequate supplies. Inquiries were mixed on thigh meat into export channels and slowed on mechanically separated turkey for export. Two loads of hen thigh meat moved to the border at 73.5 cents.

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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	30.00		30.00	16
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	25.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	31.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	7
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	147.00	140
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	150.57	280
THIGH MEAT		M	74.00	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	72.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT	107.00		107.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		T	65.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	130.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	52.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	17.84	276
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	416
TAILS		F	14.23	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	22.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	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.

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

	RANGE
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

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

	RANGE
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

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 DECEMBER 1999 .

Trade sentiment steady to firm on fresh tom breast with some buyers noting product harder to come by for next week's deliveries due in part to the short holiday processing schedules. Tom breast meat demand uneven with some not seeing the activity that others see. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat mixed. Bulk parts trading centered on tom 2-joint wings at lower trending price levels for export. Domestic trading light on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts at 99 cents delivered January and on hearts at 26 .50 cents delivered. For export frozen breeder thigh meat (3 loads) 68 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00-29.50		29.33	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	25.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	31.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	20
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	147.00	140
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	150.00-155.00		152.17	442
THIGH MEAT		M	74.00	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	72.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	107.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	66.00		66.00	32
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	136.00		136.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	140.00-145.00		141.85	54
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	52.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.48	84
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	29.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	312
TAILS		F	14.23	224
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THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	73.00	120

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/15/99

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	23,700	136,151	136,501
1998-1999	10,573	206,857	207,207