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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment barely steady to weak on frozen whole turkeys. Demand and trading slow. Offerings adequate for trade needs. Feature activity remained focused on beef, pork, and seafood. Parts and meats trading remained seasonally slow.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading slow for current shipments due to the approaching holidays.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 21, 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/	67-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	64-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	62-67	66	66.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 21 DECEMBER 1999 .

Demand and trading seasonally slowing on most items as processors start running limited schedules over the next several weeks due to the holidays. Offerings uneven, varying by plant and the delivery time frame requested. Undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts steady to barely steady with offering prices on Grade A's noted at steady to lower trending price levels. Export demand ranged from extremely light on 2-joint wings to instances fair. Offerings of 2-joint wings light to burdensome with some looking for bids.

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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/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	131.67	180
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	102.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	29.44	54
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	27.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	33.00		33.00	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	25.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		R	18.21	106
NECKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	18
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	156.00		156.00	40
THIGH MEAT		R	75.00	23
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	71.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	107.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	64.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	130.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	139.00	14
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	51.46	74
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	18.83	230
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	32.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	29.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.00	312
TAILS		F	14.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	74.09	440

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 22 DECEMBER 1999 .

Undertone steady to barely steady on frozen thigh meat, mixed on fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) with spot premiums noted for early next week shipment for plant start up after the long holiday weekend, frozen MST steady to weak and tom breast meat generally steady. Demand light for current shipments, light to instances fair for 2000. Trading light on open priced fresh tom breast meat for December, 1999-January, 2000 shipments. Offerings of frozen thigh meat more available in some parts of the country, MST light to mostly available. For export: ground 1lb. turkey (25 loads) 34 delivered March, frozen tom breast meat (10 loads) 148 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	131.67	180
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	101.00		101.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.53	43
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	28.00		28.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.69	64
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	25.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	4
NECKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	153.50-156.00		154.77	260
THIGH MEAT	74.00-76.00		75.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	71.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	64.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	130.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	151.00		151.00	4
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	50.00		50.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00-20.00		19.67	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	32.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	29.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.00	312
TAILS	15.00		15.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	216
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/22/99

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	12,216	148,367	148,717
1998-1999	-	206,857	207,207