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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, no sales reported. Supplies of whole birds generally available. Parts and meats trades showing some increased activity as bookings for next week improve.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading light to moderate. Most activity centering on drums and mechanically separated turkey going to Mexico with some added movement reported going to Asia.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 28, 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/	64-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 28 DECEMBER 1999 .

Demand seasonally slow with limited trading noted. Offerings light to available.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	112.00	87
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	102.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	29.53	43
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	28.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00		30.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	27.50	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	1
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	48.00	12
NECKS, TOM		R	15.05	95
NECKS, HEN		R	18.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	155.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	156.00	100
THIGH MEAT		W	75.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	72.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		R	72.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	134.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	151.00	4
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	49.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	19.67	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	29.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	15.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	216
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	70.00	40

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

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Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on frozen tom breast meat, fresh generally steady. Bulk parts trade sentiment steady to weak on 2-joints with the balance about steady. Tom breast meat demand better than expected on frozen ranging from light to instances fair, fresh light. Activity on frozen tom breast meat is centered mostly on spot loads for early January, 2000 shipments. Fresh: wing meat with skin (1.50 loads) 52-53, scapula (1 load) 68, frozen yearling hen breast meat (1 load) 138 cents delivered. For export: open priced fresh thigh meat (24 loads) and frozen thigh meat (8 loads) January shipments, hen 2-joint wings (1 rail-car) 39 cents delivered.

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DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	28.50		28.50	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	27.00		27.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00		30.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	27.50	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	1
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	48.00	12
NECKS, TOM		R	15.05	95
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	152.00		152.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	153.50-155.00		153.64	220
THIGH MEAT		W	75.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	72.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	65.00		65.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
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MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	60
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	29.50		29.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	14.00		14.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.50		20.50	320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	70.00	40

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/29/99**

SEASON	ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	5,677	154,044	154,394
1998-1999	4,654	211,511	211,861