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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, limited sales reported. Offerings of 16-24 lb. toms and 8-16 lb. hens generally available. Parts and meats trading slow due to the upcoming New Year's weekend.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading light to moderate. Most interest centering on drums and mechanically separated turkey going to Mexico. Limited 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 30, 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/	64-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	53-63	53	53.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 DEC. 31, 1999	CURRENT	MONTH OF DECEMBER				
		LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK WEEK	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
YEAR AGO						
8-16 LB HENS						
EASTERN REGION	67.50**	73.00	63.33**	72.39	78.99	69.00
CENTRAL REGION	65.50**	68.88**	62.83**	71.29	77.86	68.07
WESTERN REGION	67.50**	70.25**	63.00**	73.31	78.55	68.07
16-24 LB TOMS						
EASTERN REGION	53.00	65.00	63.00	65.62	73.05	66.93
CENTRAL REGION	62.00**	63.50**	60.83**	65.55	72.26	66.41
WESTERN REGION	64.00**	65.00**	61.38**	67.02	72.65	65.95

**BASED ON OFFERS

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**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#	77-82

**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#	94-105
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 03-JAN-2000			
	<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)	72.00	80	67.00	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	72.00	80	67.00	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		40		40

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS	WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-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>AVG</u>	<u>WT</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND HEAD—</u>			
N EAST	860	0	23.48	(A)	(A)	875	23.54
S ATL	561	0	29.53	(A)	(A)	580	29.45
N CENT	1,773	0	28.40	(A)	(A)	1,781	28.37
S CENT	580	0	22.99	(A)	(A)	581	23.00
WEST	188	0	21.52	(A)	(A)	189	21.58
U.S.TOTAL	3,962(B)-18		26.37	0	44	4,006	26.37

TO DATE

1999 244,594(B) 56 1,861 246,511

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1998 255,177(B) 72 1,873 257,122

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 9,000 for the year 740,000; last year to date 1,095,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-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	3,962	44	4,006
AVG WT	0.00	26.37	26.34	26.37
LAST WEEK	0	4,551	47	4,598
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,236	35	4,271
AVG WT	0.00	24.44(A)	25.80	24.45
TO-DATE/1999	56	244,594(A)	1,861	246,511
TO-DATE/1998	72	255,177(A)	1,873	257,122

(A) Includes 740,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,095,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 18-Dec-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 188 HD, 18,179 LBS,
TO DATE 4,045 HD, 437,988 LBS; OLD 1 HD, TO DATE 263 HD;
TOTAL 189 HD, TO DATE 18,342 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER	491,672 *
DECEMBER 1-18, 1999	239,108 *
To date 1999	4,981,098 *
To date 1998	5,095,611 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 30 DECEMBER 1999.

Undertone steady to instances firm on frozen tom breast meat with spot premiums noted for mid to late January shipments. Demand light to instances fair, best on frozen tom breast meat. Trading slow. Offerings of frozen tom breast meat light at best, balance light to available.

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	102.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	4	30.00	44
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	28.50	20	28.50	20
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	27.00	40	27.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00		31.00	3	30.26	163
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	18.00		18.00	4	18.00	4
NECKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	5	17.11	45
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	158.00		158.00	40	155.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	153.64	220	153.64	220
THIGH MEAT	75.00		75.00	6	75.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	72.00	120		
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	63.00		63.00	80	63.67	120
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	137.00		137.00	120	137.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	49.67	60		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.50	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	19.00	60	19.00	60
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	30.00	240	30.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	29.50	40	29.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	14.00	120	14.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.50	320	20.50	320
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.