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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone steady to weak on whole turkeys. Demand very light with most buyers off the market. No sales reported. Supplies adequate to ample. Trading on bulk meats and parts light to moderate as some buyers trying to fill the pipeline at lower trending levels.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to moderate. Trading generally light as most showing interest on other meat items. Interest noted on 2 joint wings going to Asia and mechanically separated turkey to Russia.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 13, 2000**

	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/	60-63	63	63.00	30	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**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 JAN. 14, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	62.13	63.80 **	57.40 **
CENTRAL REGION	61.00	62.50 **	57.00 **
WESTERN REGION	60.90 **	63.80 **	58.90 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	62.50	62.00 **	57.40 **
CENTRAL REGION	59.00	60.90 **	57.00 **
WESTERN REGION	59.90 **	62.30 **	58.90 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-93
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-93
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-73

**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

<b><u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u></b>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 17-JAN-00			
	<b>(8-16#)</b>		<b>(16-24#)</b>	
	<b>HENS</b>	<b>LBS</b>	<b>TOMS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)				
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)				
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		30		30

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS	WEEK ENDING 01-Jan-00 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)						
	<b>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</b>			<b>FRYER</b>	<b>OLD</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TKY</b>
	<b>THOUSAND</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>RSTR</b>	<b>BAND</b>	<b>HEAD</b>	<b>AVG</b>
	<b>HEAD</b>	<b>% CHG</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>—THOUSAND HEAD—</b>			<b>WT</b>
N EAST	1,004	42	20.48	NONE	NONE	1,004	20.48
S ATL	633	59	34.41	(A)	(A)	642	34.28
N CENT	2,015	57	30.39	(A)	(A)	2,032	30.36
S CENT	474	29	21.64	NONE	NONE	474	21.64
WEST	1,011	332	24.91	(A)	(A)	1,015	24.93
U.S.TOTAL	5,137(B)	7	27.06	0	30	5,167	27.06
TO DATE							
1999	252,719(B)			56	1,950	254,725	
TO DATE							
1998	263,082(B)			72	1,928	265,082	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 34,000 for the year 795,000; last year to date 1,107,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 01-Jan-00

	<b>FRYER- ROASTERS</b>	<b>YOUNG TURKEYS</b>	<b>OLD BANDED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>THOUSANDS</b>			
HEAD	0	5,137	30	5,167
AVG WT	0.00	27.06	26.87	27.06
LAST WEEK	0	2,988	59	3,047
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,129	32	4,161
AVG WT	0.00	23.67(A)	25.91	23.69
TO-DATE/1999	56	252,719(A)	1,950	254,725
TO-DATE/1998	72	263,082(A)	1,928	265,082

(A) Includes 795,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,107,000 in 1998.

\*\*\*Note: Effective January 20, 2000, in order to better serve the industry the following changes will be made on the Live Turkeys slaughtered portion of this report. Fryer-Roasters will be included with Young Turkeys, Young breeders will be separated out from Young Turkeys and Old Banded will be renamed Old Breeders. Please Call Amos Hardy at 515-284-4471 with any questions.\*\*\*

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 01-Jan-00

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 111 HD, 2,856 LBS, TO DATE 18,524 HD, 445,657 LBS; OLD 4 HD, TO DATE 271 HD; TOTAL 115 HD, TO DATE 18,695 HD.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**  
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

<b>SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS</b>	
NOVEMBER	491,672 *
DECEMBER 1-31, 1999	415,761 *
To date 1999	5,157,751 *
To date 1998	5,249,665 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 JANUARY 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on 4-8 lb. breasts, hen 2-joint wings steady at best with the balance of the bulk parts barely steady to weak. Inquiry light to fair on 4-8 lb. breasts with trading centered on a fair volume of plant grades. Bulk parts demand and trading light. Offerings of bulk parts and 4-8 lb. breasts available, frozen thigh meat was offered at lower trending price levels. For export: hen and tom necks (mixed load) 18, hearts (1 container) 21 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	109.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	112.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	27.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	27.00		27.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	27.00	104
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	27.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	24.19	74
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		W	17.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	153.00	600
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.00		155.00	30
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	69.00-70.00		69.20	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	108.75	160
SCAPULA MEAT		W	65.00	60
TENDERLOINS		W	125.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	150.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	145.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	50.80	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.00	60
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-26.00		25.53	172
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	104
TAILS		W	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00-16.50		16.28	456
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	65.00	20

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 JANUARY 2000.

Undertone steady to weak on 4-8 lb. breasts and thigh meat, mechanically separated turkey steady at best and tom drums barely steady to instances weak. Demand and trading on tom drums showing signs of improvement for export with most of the trading in the low to mid 20s. Trading activity also improved on 4-8 lb. breasts at the lower trending price levels. Export demand slow on frozen thigh meat with buyers bidding lower. Offerings of most items available with some held with more confidence than others.

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/	96.00-107.00		97.00	440	98.85	520
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	112.00	40		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	102.00-103.00		102.40	200	97.56	640
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00-26.00		24.53	150	25.70	264
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	22.00		22.00	48	22.00	48
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	27.00	40	26.74	54
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00		30.00	60	28.17	178
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	27.00	14	27.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	40	24.47	114
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	41.00		41.00	80	41.00	80
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	40	15.69	194
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	153.00-155.00		154.60	100	153.28	720
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		R	155.00	30	155.00	130
THIGH MEAT	62.00		62.00	40	62.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	67.00-68.00		67.25	80	67.43	210
BREAST TRIM MEAT	109.00		109.00	60	109.00	60
SCAPULA MEAT		W	65.00	60	65.00	60
TENDERLOINS		W	125.00	20	125.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	150.00	20	150.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	145.00	20	145.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	48.00-51.00		48.60	50	50.07	150
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-18.00		15.61	524	15.65	584
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00-28.00		23.57	280	24.84	584
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.89	352	22.25	508
TAILS	15.00		15.00	20	15.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.50-17.00		15.33	156	15.76	2,460
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	65.00	20	65.00	20

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