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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment steady to weak for whole turkeys, toms remain in the weakest position. Demand and trading slow with no sales reported. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Parts and bulk meat trading light to moderate, with the market tone steady to barely steady on most items.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand moderate. Trading good going to Mexico for tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Some trading noted on mechanically separated turkey going to Russia, balance of items generally quiet with little or no activity. Offerings adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 03, 2000**

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8-16 LB HENS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS											
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-60.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

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 FEB 04, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JANUARY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS							
EASTERN REGION	63.00	60.50**	57.00		61.58	72.39	57.67
CENTRAL REGION	59.90**	59.70**	56.47		60.40	71.29	57.37
WESTERN REGION	62.25	60.50**	58.50**		61.51	73.31	58.67
16-24 LB TOMS							
EASTERN REGION	58.00**	58.70**	57.00		60.08	65.62	57.86
CENTRAL REGION	54.50	57.70**	54.98		58.73	65.55	57.84
WESTERN REGION	57.35**	58.70**	58.50**		60.00	67.02	58.94

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-73

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 07-FEB-00

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>
	<u>HENS LBS</u>	<u>TOMS LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>

SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)	60

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 22-Jan-00
(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>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BREEDRS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>WT</u>
	<u>---THOUSAND HEAD---</u>						
N EAST	371	-65	30.23	(A)	(A)	373	30.36
S ATL	641	-15	30.12	NONE	NONE	641	30.12
N CENT	2,503	4	29.87	(A)	(A)	2,561	29.80
S CENT	330	-51	22.12	NONE	NONE	330	22.12
WEST	209	19	24.09	NONE	NONE	209	24.17
U.S.TOTAL	4,054(B)-16		29.02	0	60	4,114	29.00
TO DATE							
2000	12,719(B)			61	151	12,871	
TO DATE							
1999	13,407(B)			0	56	13,500	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 3,000 for the year 5,000; last year to date 37,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-Jan-00

	<u>YOUNG (B)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	4,051	3	60	4,114
AVG WT	29.01	36.00	27.73	29.00
LAST WEEK	5,119	0	71	5,190
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,602	11	23	4,636
AVG WT	27.58	24.64	26.57	27.57
TO-DATE/2000	12,715	5	151	12,871
TO-DATE/1999	13,407	37	56	13,500

(B) Includes 61 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 22-Jan-00
FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 209 HD, 5,035 LBS,
TO DATE 625 HD, 15,344 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 25 HD;
TOTAL 209 HD, TO DATE 650 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

<u>SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS</u>	
DECEMBER	415,761*
JANUARY 1-22, 2000	285,790*
To date 2000	285,790*
To date 1999	290,234*

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 03 FEBRUARY 2000.

Buyer sentiment steady to weak on 4-8 lb. breasts with most taking a wait and see position. Some sellers are finding limited success as they attempt to resist the lower buyer bids on 4-8 lb. breasts. Demand continues slow on institutional breasts with offerings readily available and some sellers willing to negotiate. Scapula inquiry light to fair with some sellers noting increased inquiry and strength. Trading light. Offerings of most items available. Fresh scapula (part load) 67, frozen yearling hen breast meat (1 load) 138 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums (2 loads) 17.75 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	103.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		T	129.00	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	95.37	49
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.50		23.50	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	22.05	84
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	30.00-33.50		31.68	84
NECKS, TOM		W	18.00	2
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	150.00		150.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00		143.00	120
THIGH MEAT	59.00-62.00		59.29	105
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	62.13	230
BREAST TRIM MEAT	109.00		109.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT	67.00		67.00	20
TENDERLOINS	113.00		113.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	128.57	280
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	132.00		132.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.39	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	25.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	21.00	104
TAILS		R	17.50	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.50	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	60.41	504

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.