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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for whole turkeys generally steady, instances weak on toms. Demand mixed and trading fairly good for out front sales. Offerings available. Parts and bulk meat trading light to moderate. Inquiry fairly good. The market tone trending generally steady to barely steady for parts and meats.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand moderate. Trading overall light. Fairly good on tom drums. Offerings continue 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 10, 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	59.5	59.50	1200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-61	58-59	58.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59.5	59.5	59.50	1200	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	62	62.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61.25	61.25	61.25	480	-	-	-	7200	MAR-MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-61	59	59.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59.5	58.25	58.25	320	-	-	-	4800	MAR-MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 11, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	62.18	63.00	59.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	60.01	59.90 **	55.45
WESTERN REGION	61.00	62.25	59.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.67	58.00 **	59.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	59.22	54.50	57.50
WESTERN REGION	57.90 **	57.35 **	59.00 **

**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#	66-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-73

**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	94-105

<u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 14-FEB-00			
	<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)	63.00	40		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	63.00	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 29-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>RSTR</u>	<u>BREEDRS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND HEAD—</u>		<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	1,311	253	21.54	(A)	(A)	1,318	21.56
S ATL	1,524	138	21.11	(A)	(A)	1,529	21.13
N CENT	2,054	-18	29.35	(A)	(A)	2,076	29.35
S CENT	607	84	22.34	(A)	(A)	614	22.37
WEST	219	5	25.40	(A)	(A)	243	23.69
U.S.TOTAL	5,715(B)	19	24.46	24	41	5,780	24.42
TO DATE							
2000	18,499(B)			85	192	18,651	
TO DATE							
1999	17,177(B)			0	99	17,346	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 15,000 for the year 20,000; last year to date 70,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 29-Jan-00

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	5,724	15	41	5,780
AVG WT	24.46	26.33	27.98	24.42
LAST WEEK	4,051	3	60	4,114
YR AGO	3,770	33	43	3,846
AVG WT	26.87	26.76	24.95	26.84
TO-DATE/2000	18,354	20	192	18,651
TO-DATE/1999	17,177	70	99	17,346

(A) Includes 85,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 29-Jan-00
FRYER/ROASTER 24, TO DATE 24; YOUNG 219 HD, 5,563 LBS,
TO DATE 844 HD, 20,907 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 25 HD;
TOTAL 243 HD, TO DATE 893 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

<u>SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS</u>	
DECEMBER	415,761*
JANUARY 1-29, 2000	398,714*
To date 2000	398,714*
To date 1999	372,828*

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 10 FEBRUARY 2000.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins steady to sometimes fully steady. Wing meat with skin trade sentiment steady to weak with plentiful supplies noted and a light to fair demand. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts. Demand on 4-8 lb. breasts light to instances good for the light to ample offerings. Trading heavy with some noted with a 101 cent price ceiling on private label Grade A basted netted timed product for February shipments. Offerings of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts light to adequate with some processors diverting product into value added items.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00		99.00	1,080
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	96.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	18.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	21.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	24.35	123
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	28.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	24.93	83
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	36.00	80
NECKS, TOM		W	16.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	147.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	142.13	320
THIGH MEAT	61.50		61.50	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	60.71	35
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT		R	67.00	20
TENDERLOINS		W	112.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	129.00		129.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	132.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	43.00		43.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00		14.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00		21.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	19.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	21.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.45	176
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	58.67	300

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.

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Trade sentiment steady to instances firm on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins with destrapped tenderloins strongest. Demand improved to fair to good with some buyers willing to pay premiums. Fresh tom breast meat (12 loads) traded at 148 cents delivered March-April. Offerings of destrapped tenderloins short to instances adequate, tom breast meat light to adequate for prompt shipments. Fresh wing meat with skin (1.50 loads) 41, Plant grade breasts (part loads): 10-12 lb. 110, 12-14 lb. 100-108, 14-16 lb. 110, 16-18 lb. 105 cents delivered. Export trading active on tom drums, light on the balance of items.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	99.00	1,080	99.00	1,080
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	96.00	40	96.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	18.00	40	18.85	89
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	21.00	40	21.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	24.35	123	24.35	123
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	28.00	40	28.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	24.93	83	24.26	103
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	33.00		33.00	40	32.71	280
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	40	15.81	106
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	3	16.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	147.00	120	147.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	145.00		145.00	140	142.89	740
THIGH MEAT		R	61.50	40	61.40	43
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	60.00-61.00		60.67	90	60.68	125
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.67	120	107.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS	113.00-117.00		113.67	48	112.94	128
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	125.00-137.00		130.25	320	129.87	600
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	131.00-135.00		133.67	75	132.40	215
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	43.00		43.00	80	42.82	340
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	13.00-15.00		14.52	480	14.49	790
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	820	19.94	1,400
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.50		22.50	104	22.27	264
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	21.50	208	21.50	208
TAILS	16.00		16.00	80	16.00	80
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THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	58.67	300	58.67	300

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