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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone is steady to fully steady on hens and toms. Inquiry in a full range, best for deferred shipments. No whole turkey sales reported. Offerings of hens and toms light to fully adequate. Parts and meats trading moderate. Offerings adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand moderate. Trading slow. Most interest centering on tom drums and frozen thigh meat going to Asia and Mexico. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Balance of items slow with little or no activity reported.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 17, 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/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	2800	MAR-MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	62	62.00	240	-	-	-	1200	MAR-MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	1480	MAR-MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	640	MAR-MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
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CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**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 18, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.50 **	62.18	56.06
CENTRAL REGION	60.79	60.01	57.77
WESTERN REGION	61.50 **	61.00	60.13 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50 **	58.67	60.25 **
CENTRAL REGION	57.54	59.22	58.00
WESTERN REGION	58.50 **	57.90 **	60.25 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80
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

<b><u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u></b>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 21-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)	64.75	144	63.00	8
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	64.75	144	63.00	8
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS	WEEK ENDING 05-Feb-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	764	-42	22.17	(A)	(A)	774	22.21
S ATL	658	-57	29.91	(A)	(A)	664	29.95
N CENT	1,751	-15	29.54	(A)	(A)	1,774	29.49
S CENT	654	8	21.88	NONE	NONE	654	21.88
WEST	348	59	26.94	NONE	NONE	348	26.99
U.S.TOTAL	4,175(B)-13		26.83	0	39	4,214	26.84
TO DATE							
2000	22,713(B)			85	231	22,865	
TO DATE							
1999	17,247(B)			0	137	22,914	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 12,000 for the year 32,000; last year to date 76,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 05-Feb-00

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	4,163	12	39	4,214
AVG WT	26.84	24.25	27.59	26.84
LAST WEEK	5,724	15	41	5,780
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,524	6	38	5,568
AVG WT	25.94	23.33	26.29	25.94
TO-DATE/2000	22,517	32	231	22,865
TO-DATE/1999	22,701	76	137	22,914

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

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 05-Feb-00  
 FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 24; YOUNG 348 HD, 9,373 LBS,  
 TO DATE 1,192 HD, 30,280 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 25 HD;  
 TOTAL 348 HD, TO DATE 1,241 HD.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)  
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JANUARY	398,714 *
FEBRUARY 1-5, 2000	90,481 *
To date 2000	489,195 *
To date 1999	488,371 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 FEBRUARY 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on thigh meat, tom drums and tails. Tom full-cut wing trade sentiment steady to barely steady, however, offerings are noted the 22 cent price level, which is higher than the 20-21 cent delivered offering prices previously noted from previous weeks. Tom neck trade sentiment steady to barely steady with plentiful offerings noted. Demand light to instances good, best on white meat items. Trading light centering on frozen thigh meat for export. Fresh tom breast meat trading consisted mostly of part loads at higher trending prices. Dark meat offerings items light to adequate, tom wings available.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	101.00	440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	14
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00-96.00		95.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	19.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	26.00		26.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	23.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	36.00	40
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	160.53	98
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	160.00-162.00		161.20	50
THIGH MEAT	67.00		67.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	61.00-62.00		61.20	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT	109.00-111.00		109.86	70
SCAPULA MEAT		W	70.00	40
TENDERLOINS		T	115.00	48
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	134.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	138.00		138.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	45.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	30
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00		21.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.50		22.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	16.00		16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-62.00		61.00	208

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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Undertone steady to firm on white meat with demand and trading continuing to center on tom breast meat. In a partial response to the white meat strength, there is active inquiry noted for live whole turkeys. Frozen tom breast meat for deferred shipments light at 170 cents delivered May-July and at 175 cents delivered September-October, 2000. Fresh destrapped tenderloin trading heavy at 150 cents delivered March, 2000 - February, 2001. Export demand and trading continued to center on tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Open priced tom drum trading moderately heavy for March export shipments.

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/		W	101.00	440	101.00	440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	14	149.00	14
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	95.67	120	94.36	335
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.69	174	19.47	254
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	20.00	40	19.25	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.26	54	22.70	125
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	26.00	20	26.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	23.00	15	22.73	75
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	36.00	40	36.00	40
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	14	14.81	129
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	157.00-162.00		157.83	240	158.41	358
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	165.00-167.00		166.68	380	160.54	670
THIGH MEAT	61.00-62.00		61.67	60	62.71	140
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	60.00-63.25		61.01	112	61.07	170
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	109.86	70	109.86	70
SCAPULA MEAT	69.00		69.00	40	68.33	120
TENDERLOINS	117.00		117.00	40	115.91	88
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	140.00		140.00	40	136.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	135.00-140.00		137.80	100	137.94	154
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	41.00-50.00		45.89	90	44.76	170
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	40	14.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-15.00		14.21	94	14.22	224
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	21.00	52	19.63	1,058
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.50	80	22.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	16.00		16.00	28	16.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00-62.00		60.00	224	60.24	864

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