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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for whole birds is steady to fully steady. Demand moderate to good, best for deferred shipments. Heavy sales of hens and toms reported. Offerings adequate. Parts and meats trading fairly good. Offerings adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading moderate to good. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Sales taking place on a variety of products to Asia, Mexico and Russia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 24, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	62	62	62.00	400
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	59	59.00	400
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-63	63	63.00	400
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-60	60	60.00	280
WESTERN REGION 5/	59	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	5000	MAR-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	4000	MAR-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-

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 25, 2000

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	62.00	61.50 **	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	63.00	60.79	59.07
WESTERN REGION	61.50 **	61.50 **	60.10 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00	58.50 **	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	60.00	57.54	59.88
WESTERN REGION	59.00 **	58.50 **	60.10 **

**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

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 28-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>	
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	62.00	120	63.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)			63.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	62.00	120		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		80		

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 12-Feb-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY			
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG					RSTR	BREEDRS	AVG
N EAST	422	-45	22.80	NONE	NONE	422	22.80			
S ATL	658	0	30.21	(A)	(A)	667	30.14			
N CENT	1,870	7	29.19	NONE	NONE	1,870	29.20			
S CENT	598	-9	22.96	NONE	NONE	598	22.96			
WEST	318	-9	25.82	(A)	(A)	322	25.92			
U.S.TOTAL	3,866(B)-20		27.43	0	13	3,879	27.43			
TO DATE										
2000	26,592(B)			85	244	26,744				
TO DATE										
1999	22,777(B)			0	170	27,670				

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 0 for the year 32,000; last year to date 107,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 12-Feb-00

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	3,866	0	13	3,879
AVG WT	27.43	0.00	28.77	27.43
LAST WEEK	4,163	12	39	4,214
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,692	31	33	4,756
AVG WT	25.63	27.03	28.58	25.66
TO-DATE/2000	26,383	32	244	26,744
TO-DATE/1999	27,393	107	170	27,670

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

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 12-Feb-00
FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 24; YOUNG 247 HD, 5,974 LBS,
TO DATE 1,439 HD, 36,254 LBS; OLD 4 HD, TO DATE 29 HD;
TOTAL 251 HD, TO DATE 1,492 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JANUARY	398,714 *
FEBRUARY 1-12, 2000	175,601 *
To date 2000	574,315 *
To date 1999	585,995 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 24 FEBRUARY 2000.

Trade sentiment on tom drums steady to fully steady; hen drums, tom full-cut wings and necks steady to barely steady; 2-joint wings about steady. Bulk parts inquiry light to fair, best on tom drums for domestic and mostly export shipments. Trading light on all items. Offerings of tom full-cut wings available in the Midwest and West, tom drums light, hen drums light to instances fully adequate, 2-joint wings light to adequate, necks available. Trading light on ground breast trim 108 cents delivered current and on open priced Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts with a 106 cent ceiling delivered April-June, 2000.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	101.00		101.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	18
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	19.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	22.26	54
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	26.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	33.00		33.00	40
NECKS, TOM		F	15.00	14
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	167.00		167.00	40
THIGH MEAT	61.00-62.00		61.67	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	61.00-62.00		61.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	109.86	70
SCAPULA MEAT		W	69.00	120
TENDERLOINS		F	117.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	140.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	143.00		143.00	16
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	43.33	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	14.13	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	21.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	21.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	16.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-62.00		61.00	120

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 25 FEBRUARY 2000.

Trade sentiment continued fully steady to firm on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim with demand and trading mostly for prompt shipments. The undertone showed signs of improvement on mechanically separated turkey with increased demand and trading noted. The thigh meat undertone was mixed with some reporting higher trending prices while others attempt to move excess inventories. Export trading moderately heavy on tom full-cut wings, fair on frozen thigh meat and light on the balance. For export: tom necks (8 loads) 15-16, hen 2-joint wings (2 rail-cars) 33, defatted gizzards (1 container) 64.50 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	101.00	80	101.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	18	149.00	18
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	97.00	40	97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.50-23.00		21.28	214	20.92	254
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	21.00-23.00		21.42	101	21.42	101
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00-25.00		22.70	114	22.70	114
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	120	22.67	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	34.00		34.00	40	33.50	80
NECKS, TOM	14.00-18.00		15.48	254	15.48	254
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	40	165.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	169.00-176.00		173.57	470	172.03	614
THIGH MEAT		R	61.67	120	61.67	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	61.00-63.00		61.67	60	61.57	140
BREAST TRIM MEAT	109.50-114.00		111.28	360	111.28	360
SCAPULA MEAT		W	69.00	120	69.00	120
TENDERLOINS	125.00		125.00	80	125.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	140.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	138.00-145.00		141.25	80	140.90	262
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	40.00-42.00		40.40	50	42.00	110
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.50-14.00		13.00	120	13.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	12.00-14.00		12.85	270	13.53	530
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.50-22.00		21.72	328	21.72	328
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.50		20.50	800	20.55	840
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	17.00		17.00	20	16.42	48
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.50-15.00		13.38	144	14.34	352
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-63.50		62.83	120	61.96	528

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