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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for whole birds is steady to fully steady. Demand moderate to good, best for deferred shipments. Light trading reported for prompt shipments. Parts and meats trading slow. Offerings adequate. The market tone steady to fully steady.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to moderate. Trading slow. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Limited sales reported on frozen thigh meat, wings and drums.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 29, 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/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	1092	MAR-MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60.75-62	60.75	60.75	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	637	MAR-MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	64	64.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	61	61.00	280	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 29 FEBRUARY 2000.

Trade sentiment continued steady to fully steady on tom drums and 2-joint wings, tom full-cut wings steady to barely steady and necks barely steady at best. Undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts generally steady. Demand fair on drums for the limited offerings. Wing inquiry light to fair with 2-joints having the best interest and noted with the least available offerings of the wings. Inquiry light to fair on 4-8 lb. breasts with some buyers starting to express interest for April Easter needs. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts adequate. Plant grade 14-16 lb. breasts (part load) 115 cents delivered. For export: tom necks (7 loads) 16 cents delivered.

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/		R	149.00	18
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	21.42	101
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00		21.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	34.00	40
NECKS, TOM		F	15.48	254
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	166.00-169.00		167.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	178.00		178.00	40
THIGH MEAT	62.00		62.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	61.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	111.00		111.00	15
SCAPULA MEAT		W	69.00	120
TENDERLOINS	125.00		125.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	147.00		147.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	141.25	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	40.40	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	13.50		13.50	200
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00		22.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.50	800
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	17.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.38	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-63.00		62.50	184

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.

**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#	66-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-66
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	94-105

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Trade sentiment continued fully steady to firm on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim. Wing meat and scapula trade sentiment generally steady. White meat demand fair to good on tom breast meat, tenderloins and breast trim for the short to light offerings. Demand on wing meat with skin and scapula slow to fair for the light to adequate offerings. Trading light on all items. Ground drum meat traded at 55 cents delivered domestic. Hen drums traded at 19 and hen 2-joint wings at 35-37 cents delivered for export.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	18
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	96.00		96.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	21.42	101
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	34.00	40
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00-170.00		167.50	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	180.00		180.00	40
THIGH MEAT		T	62.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	61.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	109.50-113.00		111.83	60
SCAPULA MEAT	69.00		69.00	20
TENDERLOINS	125.00		125.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	149.00		149.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	151.50		151.50	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	40.40	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00		14.00	40

#### EXPORT TRADING

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#### **BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/01/00**

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	10,916	218,348	218,698
1998-1999	19,293	339,554	339,904