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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. Active trading reported on whole birds. Parts and meats trading light to moderate. Offerings generally mixed from light to short. The trade sentiment steady to mostly fully steady.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to moderate. Trading slow. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Sales reported on frozen thigh meat to Mexico and tom drums to Asia and Mexico.

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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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-64	64	64.00	1040	-	-	-	8000	MAR-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	61-62	61.35	680	-	-	-	6000	MAR-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 MARCH 03, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF FEBRUARY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.00	62.00	61.40 **	EASTERN REGION	61.84	61.58	58.84
CENTRAL REGION	63.57	63.00	59.83	CENTRAL REGION	60.80	60.40	57.37
WESTERN REGION	62.70**	61.50**	60.90 **	WESTERN REGION	61.25	61.51	59.39
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00	59.00	60.30 **	EASTERN REGION	58.50	60.08	59.16
CENTRAL REGION	61.35	60.00	60.06	CENTRAL REGION	57.71	58.73	57.84
WESTERN REGION	59.80**	59.00**	60.90 **	WESTERN REGION	58.29	60.00	59.42

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**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

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 06-MAR-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)	67.00	100	64.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.00	100	64.00	20
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 19-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>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BREEDRS</u>	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD</u>
							<u>WT</u>
N EAST	1,417	236	21.53	NONE	NONE	1,417	21.53
S ATL	504	-23	30.76	(A)	(A)	505	30.76
N CENT	1,887	1	27.57	(A)	(A)	1,888	27.57
S CENT	589	-2	22.39	NONE	NONE	589	22.39
WEST	7	-98	35.86	NONE	NONE	7	35.86
U.S.TOTAL	4,404(B)	-9	25.31	0	2	4,406	25.31
TO DATE							
2000	30,998(B)			85	246	31,150	
TO DATE							
1999	27,500(B)			0	207	31,966	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 5,000 for the year 37,000; last year to date 111,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 19-Feb-00

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	4,399	5	2	4,406
AVG WT	25.31	25.80	33.00	25.31
LAST WEEK	3,866	0	13	3,879
YR AGO	4,255	4	37	4,296
AVG WT	26.05	23.50	24.30	26.03
TO-DATE/2000	30,782	37	246	31,150
TO-DATE/1999	31,648	111	207	31,966

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

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 19-Feb-00
FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 24; YOUNG 7 HD, 251 LBS,
TO DATE 1,446 HD, 36,505 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 29 HD;
TOTAL 7 HD, TO DATE 1,499 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JANUARY	398,714 *
FEBRUARY 1-26, 2000	264,830 *
To date 2000	663,544 *
To date 1999	675,469 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 02 MARCH 2000.

Trade sentiment improved on fresh 15-20% mechanically separated skin added turkey (MST) to steady to fully steady, frozen remains steady at best. Demand fair on fresh MST for the limited offerings, frozen light and available. Rib breast trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady on 4-8 lb. sizes with some buyers noting offers not as readily available when compared to previous weeks. Some sellers are also starting to demonstrate confidence in the market as they start doing more bagging of hens and less cutting. For export: mixed defatted gizzards (1 container) 59.50, frozen whole tenderloins (1 container) 128 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	101.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	21.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	26
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	34.00	40
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	29
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	177.00-183.00		181.00	120
THIGH MEAT	61.00-63.00		61.67	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	62.00		62.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	111.83	60
SCAPULA MEAT		W	69.00	20
TENDERLOINS		W	125.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	149.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	151.00-153.00		151.91	44
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	40.40	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-15.00		14.25	320
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00-23.50		23.25	208
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	63.00-65.00		64.14	560

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 03 MARCH 2000.

White meat trade sentiment steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Thigh meat trade sentiment steady to fully steady, mostly fully steady. Bulk parts trade sentiment steady to fully steady on drums and 2-joint wings, necks and tom full-cut wings steady at best. Demand good on white meat with tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins the most active due to better than anticipated further processed demand. Thigh meat demand continued active for exports with some domestic activity also noted. Bulk parts trading continued to center on tom drums for export, however, trading is improved on tom necks.

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/	102.00		102.00	80	101.50	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	95.00	40	95.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.50-24.00		21.14	144	21.39	204
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	22.00	20	22.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.50-24.00		23.06	54	22.32	260
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	14	22.53	114
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	34.00	40		
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.64	220	14.96	289
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	169.00		169.00	40	167.14	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	180.00-190.00		183.56	180	181.79	380
THIGH MEAT	65.00		65.00	40	62.33	240
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	63.00		63.00	40	62.00	160
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	111.83	60	111.67	75
SCAPULA MEAT	72.00		72.00	65	71.29	85
TENDERLOINS	131.00		131.00	40	127.61	92
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00		150.00	80	149.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	150.00-155.00		152.67	120	152.27	204
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	43.00-44.00		43.50	80	43.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	13.00-16.00		13.69	474	13.78	1,114
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	104	22.35	664
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00		19.00	104	19.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	17.00	20		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F			13.38	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	64.14	560	63.54	1,024

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