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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The trade sentiment for hens and toms is steady to fully steady with hens in the best position. Demand remains mixed and ranges from light to good, best for deferred shipments. Moderate trading of packer label whole turkeys reported at negotiated price levels for the Eastern and Central regions. Parts and meats trading light. Offerings generally adequate for trade needs. The trade sentiment mostly steady.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading moderate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Sales reported on frozen thigh meat, drums and tails to export buyers going to various regions.

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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/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	1600	MAR-APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	MAR-APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65.5	65.5	65.50	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64.5	63.5	63.50	2160	63.50	240	APR	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65.5	-	-	-	75.00	440	AUG	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62.5	61	61.00	4500	61.00	500	APR	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 07 MARCH 2000.

Undertone barely steady to firm on tom breast meat, mostly steady to fully steady with some unsettledness noted while tenderloins remain strong. Demand light to good on tom breast meat, mostly fair with some buyers willing to pay premiums for some brands when compared to others. Destrapped tenderloin demand fair to good. Offerings of destrapped tenderloins short to light and tom breast meat light to instances ample, mostly light. Trading light on all items. Export trading centered on frozen thigh meat. Some industry members cautiously watch Mexico concerning tariff issues.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	102.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	95.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	54
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	33.67	60
NECKS, TOM	14.00-16.00		14.68	56
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	169.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	177.00-187.00		182.00	80
THIGH MEAT		F	65.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	65.00		65.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	111.83	60
SCAPULA MEAT		F	72.00	65
TENDERLOINS		F	131.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	150.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	152.67	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	43.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	14.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	80

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	23.25	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-67.00		66.60	200

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-73

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
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

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 08 MARCH 2000.

Trade sentiment barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat for a light to sometimes good demand, mostly fair. Destrapped tenderloins continued strong with the demand continuing to exceed the limited offerings. Trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand and trading light to fair. Offerings uneven ranging light to fully adequate, mostly light to adequate. The export markets continue to be a major influence on thigh meat resulting in higher trending prices. For export: hen drums (2 containers) 25, hen 2-joint wings (4 rail-cars) 38.50-39 cents delivered March-May.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00-102.00		100.29	560
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	95.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	23.00	54
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	21.00-22.00		21.33	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	24.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	33.67	60
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	9
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	169.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	177.00		177.00	40
THIGH MEAT	65.00-67.00		66.78	90
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	65.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	111.83	60
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TENDERLOINS		F	131.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	150.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	157.00		157.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	43.00		43.00	10
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/08/00

SEASON	HEAVY	ACCUMULATED HEAVY	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	9,133	227,481	227,831
1998-1999	-	339,554	339,904