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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on hens and toms steady to fully steady, hens showing the most strength. Demand into all outlets remains uneven and in a full range, best for deferred shipments. Trading light to moderate for prompt shipments and forward priced hens and toms. Offerings light to adequate and generally held with confidence. Parts and meats trading slow.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand slow. Limited trading taking place, but processors unwilling to participate at current bid levels.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 21, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	2000	MAR-MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	2720	MAR-MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	67	67.00	40	73.00	240	AUG	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	65	65.00	400	70.00	600	JUN	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	61	61.00	480	65.00	320	JUN	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 21 MARCH 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on tom drums. Inquiry was fair to good on tom drums, however, there are instances of increased reluctance noted by some buyers to commit at these price levels. Wings and neck trade sentiment generally steady for the light to fully adequate offerings. Thigh meat trade sentiment steady to fully steady with instances of less confidence noted in the market when compared to several weeks ago. Demand light to fair on thigh meat, wings and necks. Trading light. For export: tom hand defatted gizzards (1 container) 70, frozen tom breast meat (1 load) 175 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	96.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.78	103
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		T	25.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00		21.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	40.00		40.00	18
NECKS, TOM	15.00-16.00		15.23	26
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	162.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	176.00-177.00		176.50	80
THIGH MEAT		F	66.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	67.33	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT	116.00		116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	160.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	162.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	44.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.50-17.00		16.65	200
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.00	300
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00		66.00	40

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#	70-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-72

**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 22 MARCH 2000.

Undertone steady to barely steady mostly steady on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins mixed with fresh steady to fully steady with some unsettledness noted and frozen steady to barely steady. Demand light to fair on tom breast meat with fresh offerings light to fully adequate and frozen light to adequate. Destrapped tenderloin demand light to fair centering on fresh. Offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins short to instances adequate, frozen light to sometimes fully adequate with lower offering prices noted. For domestic: line run fresh 24 lb. and heavier canner pack (3 loads) 53, ground breast trim (1 load) 113 cents delivered. For export: hen necks (1 container) 15 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	102.75-103.50		103.13	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	98.00-99.75		99.17	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.87	46
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	23.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	40.00	18
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	55
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00		170.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	180.00-181.00		180.24	105
THIGH MEAT	66.00		66.00	17
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	67.33	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	78.00		78.00	15
TENDERLOINS	135.00		135.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	159.00		159.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	162.00-165.00		162.78	108
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	44.00		44.00	12
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	16.65	200
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	42
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.00	300
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	17.00-18.00		17.59	68
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	16.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	66.00	40

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/22/00**

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	9,000	236,481	236,831
1998-1999	562	382,791	383,141