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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen whole hens and toms steady to fully steady, and most holding hens with confidence. Demand mixed light for prompt and moderate to good for deferred shipments. No sales reported. Offerings light to adequate. Parts and meats trading slow. Demand mixed and in a full range.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand moderate. Moderate trading reported with most interest noted going to Mexico on tom drums, frozen thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey.



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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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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 04 APRIL 2000.

Fresh tom breast was generally available however the market tone was mixed. Asking prices for tom drumsticks and wings were about steady with very little trading reported. Grade A 4-8 lb breasts sold at 109 for May delivery, 110 for June and 112 July. Market tone was fully steady on 4-8 lb breasts. A light volume of gizzards moved into export channels at 64 cents for hens, 65 for toms.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	106.00		106.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	139.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	95.14	43
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	26.50	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	22.80	200
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	20.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	23.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	23.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		R	16.00	10
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	182.00		182.00	40
THIGH MEAT		W	66.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	67.00	26
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	117.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT		F	82.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	140.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	159.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	168.43	262
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	44.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	17.79	240

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00-22.00		21.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.50	104
TAILS		W	19.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.11	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	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#	72-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-73

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

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Market activity showing signs of improvement on frozen skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST) for export at the 13-14, mostly 13 cent delivered price level. Frozen thigh meat market steady to instances weak with increased export trading noted. Export trading centered on a fair volume of frozen MST and a light volume of frozen thigh meat, slow on the balance of items. Domestic trading light. Offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins short to light and held with confidence, however, drums and thigh meat continue to be available with instances of some processors lowering their offering prices in order to stimulate business.

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/05/00

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	ACCUMULATED	
		HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDERS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1999-2000	564	251,627	251,977
1998-1999	-	387,241	387,591