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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment on frozen hens and toms steady to fully steady with hens in good balance. Frozen demand generally light, instances good for deferred shipments. No trading reported. Parts and meats trading slow due to upcoming holiday shortened week.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand moderate. Trading generally slow as the Easter holiday period comes into play. Interest centering on drums and thigh meat going to Mexico and Asia.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 11, 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/	67	-	-	-	71.50	1240	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	68	68.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63	-	-	-	71.50	1280	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 11 APRIL 2000.

Seller sentiment steady to instances firm on white meat items with fresh destrapped tenderloins the strongest. Buyer sentiment, however, ranged from steady to fully steady with some not seeing the tightness and strength that some of the sellers have on white meat items.

Demand mostly fair on fresh tom breast meat with close trimmed product the most active and offerings ranged light to instances fully adequate, mostly adequate. Destrapped tenderloin demand slow to moderate with fresh the most active and the least available. Scapula and breast trim demand fair, wing meat light to fair for the light to adequate offerings. Ground breast trim (1 load) 112 cents shipping point.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	102.75	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.50		25.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00-24.00		23.30	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	22.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	21.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	37.00		37.00	20
NECKS, TOM		R	13.91	149
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	178.00-182.00		180.00	200
THIGH MEAT		F	63.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	66.60	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	117.80	200
SCAPULA MEAT		F	81.31	260
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	170.00		170.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	44.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.50-18.00		17.75	320
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.50		25.50	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	21.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.00	312
TAILS		F	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.49	488
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	60.65	248

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#	71-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-73

**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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Trade sentiment fully steady on 4-8 lb. breasts. Demand light to instances good. Trading heavy for May through June shipments with some being private label basted netted timed. Offerings light. Demand and trading slowing on the balance of the items due in part to the upcoming Holy Week. Offerings light to adequate with some buyers anticipating offerings of some fresh items to tighten next week due to the shortened Holy week processing schedules. Export trading light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	105.00		105.00	960
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	97.00	40
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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/12/00**

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	-	251,627	251,977
1998-1999	12,241	399,482	399,832