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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade market tone on frozen hens and toms steady to fully steady, hens in the tightest position. Frozen demand generally light, instances good for deferred shipments. Limited trading reported. Parts and meats trading slow.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to moderate. Trading light due to the Easter holiday. Interest center on drums and thigh meat going to Mexico and Asia. Resistance noted from processors to accept lower bids.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 13, 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
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	68	68.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 APRIL 14, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	67.00**	67.00	62.90 **
CENTRAL REGION	68.00	65.90**	62.40 **
WESTERN REGION	67.00**	66.50**	65.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.30**	63.00	63.60 **
CENTRAL REGION	62.50**	62.00**	63.55
WESTERN REGION	63.30**	62.50**	66.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**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#	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**

	<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

<u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 17-APR-2000			
	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)				
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)				
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		80		40

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 01-Apr-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			FRYER RSTR	OLD BREEDRS	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
	HEAD	% CHG	WT				
N EAST	513	-24	24.39	NONE	NONE	513	24.39
S ATL	1,622	155	21.78	(A)	(A)	1,637	21.83
N CENT	2,150	-30	28.21	(A)	(A)	2,186	28.18
S CENT	581	-12	20.82	NONE	NONE	581	20.85
WEST	226	-23	23.15	NONE	NONE	226	23.15
U.S.TOTAL	5,092(B)	6	24.71	0	51	5,143	24.73
TO DATE							
2000	59,680(B)			119	467	60,266	
TO DATE							
1999	54,886(B)			0	386	58,882	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 30,000 for the year 200,000; last year to date 226,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 01-Apr-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	5,062	30	51	5,143
AVG WT	24.69	26.97	26.90	24.73
LAST WEEK	5,261	97	17	5,375
YR AGO	3,589	21	26	3,636
AVG WT	25.26	22.48	24.46	25.24
TO-DATE/2000	59,599	200	467	60,266
TO-DATE/1999	58,270	226	386	58,882

(A) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 01-Apr-2000
FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 58; YOUNG 108 HD, 2,639 LBS,
TO DATE 2,977 HD, 72,528 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 46 HD;
TOTAL 108 HD, TO DATE 3,081 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

FEBRUARY	409,047 *
MARCH 1-31, 2000	466,750 *
To date 2000	1,274,511 *
To date 1999	1,186,502 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 APRIL 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady, mostly steady on fresh tom breast meat with interest noted in the East for current shipments. Destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to firm on fresh while frozen remains steady at best. Thigh meat and tom drum trade sentiment steady to instances weak. Some industry personnel continue to watch how the livestock disease problems develop in South Korea and Japan and its possible effects on markets. The upcoming Holy Week holidays has also caused some export buyers to take a wait and see position. The resulting confluence of these and other factors has resulted in light export trading volumes and light to fair inquiries. For export: hen necks (1 rail car) 14.75, tom necks (2 containers) 15, scapula (part load) 80 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	105.00	960
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	23.30	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	22.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	24.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	21.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	37.00	20
NECKS, TOM		R	13.91	149
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00		170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	182.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	63.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	66.60	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	117.80	200
SCAPULA MEAT	82.00		82.00	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	160.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	170.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	44.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	17.75	320
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.00	104
TAILS		F	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.50		62.50	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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 APRIL 2000.

Demand and trading light to fair, mostly fair on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins. Offerings varied with delivery times sometimes playing a factor when considering the availability of product. Some buyers paid premiums on fresh tom breast meat for late next week's shipments due in part to the holiday schedules. Bulk parts demand was light to fair on drums, balance light. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of tom drums at steady to lower trending price levels and a light volume of tom 2-joints for export. Offerings of bulk parts adequate to ample with tom drums and wings the most available.

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/		W	105.00	960	105.00	960
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	40	149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	97.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	9	25.12	89
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	23.00		23.00	80	23.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	23.30	20	23.30	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.00-21.00		19.53	120	19.53	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	24.00	14	24.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	21.00	120	21.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	37.00	20	37.00	20
NECKS, TOM	16.00		16.00	24	16.00	24
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	14	15.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	170.00	40	170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	180.50-184.00		182.00	450	181.42	690
THIGH MEAT	64.00-65.00		64.50	40	64.50	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	63.00-67.00		65.28	125	65.28	125
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	117.80	200		
SCAPULA MEAT	80.00		80.00	40	81.50	160
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	160.00	40	160.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	168.00-172.00		171.53	300	171.10	420
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	44.00-45.00		44.50	40	44.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	40	13.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-18.00		16.71	248	17.30	568
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.50-25.00		23.69	608	24.03	948
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00		20.00	208	20.33	312
TAILS		F	20.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	38	61.15	326

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