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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for frozen hens and toms steady to fully steady, hens remain in the tightest position and some asking premiums for the lighter weights. Frozen demand generally moderate with most interest for delayed arrivals. No trading reported. Parts and meats trading remains seasonally slow with most interest coming from the export area.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand mixed and ranged from light to moderate. Trading fairly good for thigh meat going to Asia. Mexico at a stand still due the Easter Holiday.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 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
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 20, 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/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	3800	APR-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	66	66.00	20	-	-	-	3800	APR-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	3880	APR-AUG
CENTRAL REGION	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	3880	APR-AUG
WESTERN REGION	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.

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 21, 2000

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	67.60**	67.00**	64.00**
CENTRAL REGION	66.00	68.00	64.00**
WESTERN REGION	67.30**	67.00**	64.00**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.50**	63.30**	65.00**
CENTRAL REGION	62.50**	62.50**	65.00**
WESTERN REGION	63.50**	63.30**	65.30**

**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#	71-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-74

**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 24-APR-2000	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	72.00	20	68.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	72.00	20	68.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 08-Apr-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>			
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u>					<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>AVG</u>
N EAST	1,196	133	20.27	NONE	NONE	1,196	20.27			
S ATL	666	-59	30.38	(A)	(A)	677	30.34			
N CENT	2,068	-4	29.03	(A)	(A)	2,114	28.96			
S CENT	637	10	21.20	NONE	NONE	637	21.20			
WEST	345	53	25.33	(A)	(A)	363	25.49			
U.S.TOTAL	4,912(B)	2	25.81	0	75	4,987	25.82			
TO DATE										
2000	64,592(B)			119	542	65,253				
TO DATE										
1999	58,496(B)			0	429	63,446				

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 0 for the year 200,000; last year to date 255,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 08-Apr-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>BREEDERS BREEDERS BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	4,912	0	75	4,987
AVG WT	25.81	0.00	26.61	25.82
LAST WEEK	5,261	30	51	5,143
YR AGO	4,492	29	43	4,564
AVG WT	26.74	24.66	26.40	26.73
TO-DATE/2000	64,511	200	542	65,253
TO-DATE/1999	62,762	255	429	63,446

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

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 08-Apr-2000
FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 58; YOUNG 345 HD, 8,740 LBS,
TO DATE 3,322 HD, 81,268 LBS; OLD 18 HD, TO DATE 64 HD;
TOTAL 363 HD, TO DATE 3,444 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

MARCH	466,750 *
APRIL 1-8, 2000	103,011 *
To date 2000	1,377,522 *
To date 1999	1,313,455 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 APRIL 2000.

Domestic trading was extremely light, mostly less than truck lot volumes. A partial load of fresh scapula moved at 82 cents. Export trading was active. Thigh meat prices became more competitive. Tom drums sold in a wider range and v-type wings traded at unchanged levels. A railcar of breeder thigh meat moved into export channels at 57 cents. Trading was most active for Asian markets.

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/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	24.00	8
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	23.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00		21.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	11
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	173.50	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	180.00	20
THIGH MEAT		M	64.00	30
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	65.28	125
BREAST TRIM MEAT	122.00		122.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	80.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	173.00		173.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	44.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	17.50	280
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00-26.00		24.50	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00		20.00	312
TAILS		M	20.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.50-60.00		58.25	416

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 21 APRIL 2000.

Domestic trading was limited to meats and further processed items. Uneven holiday schedules found fresh breast meat available in some areas. The availability of breast trim was limited, fresh destrapped tenders were mixed. Export trading was fairly active on thigh meat, mostly to Asia.

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	24.00	8	24.00	8
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	23.00	80		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	21.00	8	21.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	15.00	11	15.65	31
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00		170.00	120	171.17	240
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	182.00-183.50		182.43	528	181.74	668
THIGH MEAT	59.00		59.00	80	60.36	110
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	61.00-64.00		61.77	146	61.77	146
BREAST TRIM MEAT	118.00		118.00	40	120.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	82.50		82.50	40	82.50	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	170.00-172.00		170.75	40	171.63	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	44.50	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		16.90	188	17.26	468
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	120	23.77	824
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	20.00	312	20.00	520
TAILS		M	20.00	108	20.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.00	208	13.67	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.50-62.00		58.88	416	59.30	1,080

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