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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for whole frozen hens and toms is steady to fully steady. Demand light with interest for deferred shipments. Supplies light to moderate with hens reported to be in the tightest position. No sales reported. Parts and meats trading light. Offerings adequate for trade needs.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading generally moderate. Most interest noted for thigh meat, tom drums and mechanically separated turkey going to Asia. Also noted activity going to Mexico, and Russia. Supplies available.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 28, 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 27, 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	-	-	-	75.00	60	AUG	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	71.00	108	AUG	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	912	MAY-JUN
CENTRAL REGION	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	912	MAY-JUN
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 28, 2000

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.00**	67.60**	64.00**
CENTRAL REGION	66.50**	66.00	63.70**
WESTERN REGION	67.50**	67.30**	64.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.50**	63.50**	65.00**
CENTRAL REGION	62.50**	62.50**	65.00**
WESTERN REGION	63.50**	63.50**	65.00

**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#	73-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 01-MAY-2000	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	72.00	60	68.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	72.00	60	68.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 15-Apr-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			FRYER RSTR	OLD BANDED	TOTAL TKY AVG
	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVG			
	HEAD	PW	WT			
N EAST	594	-50	25.81	(A)	(A)	595 25.83
S ATL	666	0	29.03	(A)	(A)	677 29.02
N CENT	2,651	28	30.21	(A)	(A)	2,700 30.14
S CENT	687	8	21.07	NONE	NONE	687 21.07
WEST	309	-10	22.19	NONE	NONE	309 22.19
U.S.TOTAL	4,907(B)	2	27.73	0	61	4,968 27.72
TO DATE						
2000	69,499(B)			119	603	70,221
TO DATE						
1999	62,097(B)			0	469	68,022

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 2,000 for the year 202,000; last year to date 267,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 15-Apr-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	4,905	2	61	4,968
AVG WT	27.72	47.50	26.79	27.72
LAST WEEK	4,912	0	75	4,987
YR AGO	3,589	12	40	4,576
AVG WT	25.26	24.25	26.93	24.17
TO-DATE/2000	69,416	202	603	70,221
TO-DATE/1999	58,270	267	469	68,022

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

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 15-Apr-2000
FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 58; YOUNG 243 HD, 5,459 LBS,
TO DATE 3,565 HD, 86,727 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 64 HD;
TOTAL 243 HD, TO DATE 3,687 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

MARCH	466,750 *
APRIL 1-15, 2000	213,184 *
To date 2000	1,487,695 *
To date 1999	1,401,921 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 APRIL 2000.

Fresh tom breast meat was steady and additional product was available. Fresh destrapped tenders were strong. Trading on parts was at fairly steady prices on mostly less than truck lot volumes. Tom parts were available, hen parts were in limited supply. Export trading improved as offering prices on thigh meat attracted buyers.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	104.00-105.00		104.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	12
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	21.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	24
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	170.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	182.00-184.00		182.50	160
THIGH MEAT		F	59.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	61.77	146
BREAST TRIM MEAT	118.00		118.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	82.50	40
TENDERLOINS		T	137.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	175.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	18.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.50-23.00		22.75	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	20.00	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00-60.00		57.47	1,224

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 28 APRIL 2000.

The market tone was generally steady on fresh breast meat, fully steady on fresh destrapped tenders. Less than trucklot volumes of fresh scapula moved at premium prices. Frozen whole tenders moved at higher trending prices and tom drumsticks moved at lower trending prices. Export trading was fair, mostly on shipments 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/		R	104.50	80	104.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00-23.00		21.67	120	21.88	132
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	24.00		24.00	40	24.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	22.00	3	22.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	15.00	24	15.00	24
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	170.00	120		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	179.00-184.00		180.80	300	180.76	740
THIGH MEAT		F	59.00	80		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00-62.00		58.51	170	58.51	170
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	118.00	40	118.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	82.50	40		
TENDERLOINS	139.00		139.00	80	138.33	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	172.00-176.00		175.56	90	174.66	305
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.50		12.50	40	12.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.50-18.00		17.44	320	17.57	840
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.50-22.00		21.76	432	22.08	640
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-14.00		13.33	156	13.00	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00-58.00		57.57	92	57.48	1,316

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