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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on consumer sized toms, fully steady to firm on hens. Demand light for current shipments, light to fair for deferred. Trading heavy on forward priced sales for June-July and October-November shipments, light for current deliveries. Bulk parts and meat demand light to instances fair with the best interest noted on hen 2-joint wings, fresh destrapped tenderloins and fresh mechanically separated turkey. Offerings of bulk parts light on 2-joints with hens the least available, the balance were adequate to sometimes ample.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to fair with the best interest noted for Asia. Trading was heavy on tom full-cut wings and light to fair on the balance of items. Offerings of frozen thigh meat were readily available, however, some sellers were becoming reluctant to offer out at the lower trending price levels.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 02, 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/	66-69	67.25	67.25	15	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	68	68.00	160	69.00	1080	JUN-JUL	80	AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	82.50	1820	OCT-NOV	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	64	64.00	240	67.00	1080	JUN-JUL	80	AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-	77.50	400	OCT-NOV	-	-

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 02 MAY 2000.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat steady to weak, frozen tom breast meat steady, fresh destrapped tenderloins steady to fully steady and generally steady on the balance of white meat items. Some industry members noting increased offerings of fresh tom breast meat from multiple sellers due to a slowing of the further processed demand. Export demand light to instances fair due in part to the celebration of holidays in other countries. Export trading light. Offerings of frozen thigh meat, frozen mechanically separated turkey and tom drums adequate to fully adequate. Two-joint wing offerings light with some being held with confidence.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	104.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	42.00		42.00	6
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	9
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	172.00		172.00	40
THIGH MEAT	56.00		56.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	58.51	170
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	118.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		F	139.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	175.56	90
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	12.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	17.44	320
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.50		20.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	20.67	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.33	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	57.57	92

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#	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

	RANGE
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

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 03 MAY 2000.

Bulk parts trade sentiment steady to fully steady on 2-joint wings with hens strongest; drums, full-cut wings and necks steady to barely steady with tom parts the weakest. Bulk parts demand light to fair with best interest noted on exports for Asia. Domestic trading centered on a fair volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey, balance light. Some hen 2-joint wings traded at 44 cents delivered early June and 46 cents delivered mid-June. Export trading active on tom full-cut wings, slow to moderate mostly moderate on the balance of items. Offerings of 2-joint wings light at best with hens held with the most confidence. Tom full cut-wing, tom drum and tom neck offerings adequate to sometimes ample. Fresh destrapped tenderloin offerings light. For export: hen necks (4 rail-cars) 15, ground drum meat (1 rail-car) 35 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	104.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	100.00		100.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00		20.00	40
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NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	176.00-179.00		176.75	160
THIGH MEAT		T	56.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	58.51	170
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	118.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	83.00-84.00		83.33	120
TENDERLOINS		F	139.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	175.56	90
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00		12.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.57	560

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00-23.00		22.41	352
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.00-18.50		18.03	988
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.50		20.50	104
TAILS	17.50-20.00		19.02	264
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.33	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.00-57.00		55.67	312

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 05/03/00

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000		272,633	272,983
1998-1999		412,108	412,458