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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on consumer sized toms, steady to firm on hens. Some buyer resistance is noted on the higher asking prices for deferred shipments. Demand light to fair with best interest noted for future deliveries. Trading light on frozen free range non-basted with a net hens at 88 cents delivered current in the West, heavy in the Midwest and East on open priced frozen hens and toms for May-August shipments. Offerings light to adequate with hens the least available. Bulk meat and parts trading centered on light volumes of fresh tom breast meat and tom drums.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Market activity improved to fairly good on tom drums and frozen thigh meat items for mostly Asia and Mexico. Trading was light on the balance of items. Some improved seller confidence was being noted on frozen thigh meat and tom drums as a result of the increased activity. Unaggressive buyer interest continued to be noted on frozen mechanically separated turkey.



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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

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WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	2000	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	2000	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-

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	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	2080	MAY-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	2120	MAY-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	880	MAY-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	920	MAY-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-

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 MAY 05, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF APRIL	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.60**	68.00**	65.40**	EASTERN REGION	67.38	65.35	63.02
CENTRAL REGION	67.94	66.50**	64.50**	CENTRAL REGION	66.50	64.51	62.57
WESTERN REGION	67.80**	67.50**	65.40**	WESTERN REGION	67.08	65.00	63.36
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.10**	63.50**	65.70**	EASTERN REGION	63.23	61.87	63.73
CENTRAL REGION	64.00	62.50**	65.00**	CENTRAL REGION	62.38	61.02	63.61
WESTERN REGION	63.90**	63.50**	65.80**	WESTERN REGION	63.20	61.70	64.20

**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 08-MAY-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)	72.00	80	68.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	72.00	80	68.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS** WEEK ENDING 22-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	1,026	73	21.54	NONE	NONE	1,026	21.54			
S ATL	638	-4	30.31	(A)	(A)	646	30.23			
N CENT	1,468	-45	28.31	(A)	(A)	1,473	28.31			
S CENT	618	-10	21.47	NONE	NONE	618	21.47			
WEST	278	-10	26.21	(A)	(A)	280	26.19			
U.S.TOTAL	4,028(B)-16		25.71	0	15	4,043	25.71			
TO DATE										
2000	73,527(B)			119	618	74,264				
TO DATE										
1999	73,846*(B)			0	514	74,360				

*Note Young Turkey to-date 1999 for week ending 15-Apr corrected to 67,553.

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 17,000 for the year 219,000; last year to date 283,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-Apr-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>BREEDERS BREEDERS BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	4,011	17	15	4,043
AVG WT	25.57	31.82	26.13	25.71
LAST WEEK	4,905	2	61	4,968
YR AGO	6,277	16	45	6,338
AVG WT	24.46	22.94	27.51	24.48
TO-DATE/2000	73,427	219	618	74,264
TO-DATE/1999	73,563*	283	514	74,360

*Note Young turkey to-date 1999 for week ending 15-Apr corrected to 67,286

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

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 22-Apr-2000
FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 58; YOUNG 278 HD, 7,285 LBS,
TO DATE 3,843 HD, 94,012 LBS; OLD 2 HD, TO DATE 66 HD;
TOTAL 280 HD, TO DATE 3,967 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

MARCH	466,750 *
APRIL 1-22, 2000	296,332 *
To date 2000	1,570,843 *
To date 1999	1,526,025 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 04 MAY 2000.

Undertone barely steady at best on fresh tom breast meat and frozen thigh meat, frozen tom breast meat about steady, fresh destrapped tenderloins at least steady. Demand on fresh tom breast meat light to fair for the adequate to ample offerings. Fresh destrapped tenderloin demand fair with offerings ranging from light to adequate. Frozen thigh meat demand light to instances fair with the best inquiry noted for export to Asia. However, some industry members are noting improved export inquiry from Mexico. Offerings of frozen thigh meat continue to be readily available with discounted offers still noted on spot loads of frozen young tom thigh meat from current production. Trading light on all items.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	107.00		107.00	29
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	97.00-102.00		100.50	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00		20.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	42.00	160
NECKS, TOM	13.00-15.00		13.22	45
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	176.00		176.00	40
THIGH MEAT		T	56.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00		57.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	118.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	83.33	120
TENDERLOINS		F	139.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	174.00		174.00	44
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	12.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	17.57	560
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00-23.50		22.88	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	18.03	988
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	20.50	104
TAILS		W	19.02	264
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	14
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00		54.00	28

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 05 MAY 2000.

The trade sentiment showed signs of improvement on frozen thigh meat and tom drums with the increased export demand and trading at present price levels moving some seller's inventories into a better balance. The trade sentiment on destrapped tenderloins and scapula starting to become unsettled with some not seeing the strength that others see. Demand on destrapped tenderloins light to fair with best interest noted on fresh and offerings ranged from light to adequate. Scapula demand, however, is mixed ranging from slow to moderate with some in the West not seeing the demand and strength that others are resulting in more available offerings. Mechanically separated turkey market slow to fair at best for the readily available offerings. For export: tom defatted gizzards (1 container) 63.50 cents delivered.

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	107.00	29	107.00	29
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	100.50	160	100.40	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.38	225	23.58	361
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	24.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00		19.00	40	19.53	85
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.33	30	22.08	142
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	45.00		45.00	40	42.33	246
NECKS, TOM	13.00-15.00		14.00	80	13.81	134
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	40	15.00	44
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00-170.00		166.67	120	166.67	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	169.00-179.00		174.72	360	175.17	600
THIGH MEAT		T	56.00	4	56.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00-55.00		54.82	114	55.39	154
BREAST TRIM MEAT	117.50-120.00		118.25	160	118.25	160
SCAPULA MEAT		W	83.33	120	83.33	120
TENDERLOINS		F	139.00	80		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00		150.00	40	150.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	172.00-175.00		174.00	100	174.00	144
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	11.50		11.50	160	11.75	320
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-18.00		15.57	140	17.17	700
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00-25.50		22.96	856	22.60	1,680
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.50	80	18.21	1,068
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00		20.00	52	20.56	468
TAILS		W	19.02	264	19.02	264
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	14.00	14	14.00	14
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00-56.00		53.92	2,069	54.15	2,409

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