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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment steady to firm on hens, 16-24 lb. toms steady to fully steady. Demand light to fair, best for deferred shipments. Trading was slow. Offerings were light to adequate with hens held with the most confidence. Domestic bulk meat demand was fair to good, mostly fair and continued to center on white meat items, with the exception of wing meat. Bulk parts demand ranged from light to fair with necks the slowest. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service announced plans to purchase young whole turkeys, turkey roasts and turkey hams for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs on Tuesday, May 16, 2000.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was heavy on tom drums, light to fair on the balance of items. Export interest continued to be active mostly on tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Demand was noted from Asia, Mexico and Russia. Offering of frozen thigh meat light to adequate and held with confidence. Tom drum offerings adequate and frozen mechanically separated turkey adequate to ample.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 16, 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/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	1200	AUG-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	2000	AUG-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	70	70.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 MAY 2000.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat ranged from instances barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady with increased confidence noted. Destrapped tenderloin, scapula and breast trim trade sentiment steady to instances firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Wing meat trade sentiment cautiously steady. Fresh tom breast meat demand in a full range from light to sometimes fairly good for the generally adequate offerings. Some sellers have noted increased activity due to some buyers adding on to their regular commitments. Destrapped tenderloin, scapula and breast trim demand slow to fair, mostly fair for the light to instances adequate offerings. Wing meat demand slow with offerings ranging from adequate to fully adequate.

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DOMESTIC TRADING				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00		17.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	13.00		13.00	80
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	168.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	178.00		178.00	20
THIGH MEAT		M	59.00	22
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	55.00-59.00		56.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	119.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	90.00		90.00	15
TENDERLOINS	136.00		136.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	150.00	42
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	176.77	104
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	44.00	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	17.56	360
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00-24.00		22.18	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	19.08	328
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	10.50-13.00		12.17	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00-58.00		56.86	280

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#	84-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#84-90	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	71-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-74

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-102

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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 17 MAY 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. breasts, drums and wings. Tom neck and mechanically separated turkey trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Demand continued to be the most active on tom drums and frozen thigh meat for export, balance light to fair. Some improved market activity was noted on mechanically separated turkey and prices continued their gradual climb on tom full-cut wings. Export trading was heavy on tom drums, light to moderate on the balance. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of frozen destrapped tenderloins and tom full-cut wings. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts light, light to adequate on drums and wings, necks and mechanically separated turkey adequate to ample.

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DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00		20.00	200
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	13.00		13.00	120
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	168.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	167.00-176.00		173.25	80
THIGH MEAT	58.00		58.00	26
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	56.33	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	119.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		T	90.00	15
TENDERLOINS	137.00		137.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	153.00-155.00		154.67	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	176.77	104
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	44.00	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00-25.00		22.92	1,312
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00		19.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	21.00		21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	360
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.50-58.50		58.00	132

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 05/17/00

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	-	284,908	285,258
1998-1999	-	424,317	424,667