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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on hens and toms. Inquiry and offerings light for current shipment. Fresh breast meat market tone, availability and demand all vary by day of production and delivery date. Parts trading was spotty. Supplies of fresh and frozen mechanically separated turkey (MST) were adequate to more than adequate, with some excess fresh MST moving into pet food channels.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light to fair. Inquiry was most active on MST, tom drums and thigh meat. The market tone was fully steady on tom drums and thigh meat, soft on MST.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 24, 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/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 23 MAY 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins for pre-holiday needs due to a slowing in demand. However, most anticipate demand to improve for prompt shipments for post holiday needs as processing plants search for additional product to resume production after the long holiday weekend. Improved interest and trading is noted on mechanically separated turkey for domestic and export, however, offerings continued to easily exceed demand. Trading light on hen drums and tom full-cut wings for mid-late June shipments. Tom drum trading moderately heavy at 20 cents transferred in storage and light on tom full-cut wings at 17 cents transferred in storage. For export: frozen whole tenderloins (1 load) 137 cents delivered.

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DOMESTIC TRADING				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	104.50	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	13
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	200
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.02	207
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	21.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	43.00	20
NECKS, TOM	15.00-16.00		15.17	6
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	170.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	172.46	130
THIGH MEAT	59.00		59.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	56.68	124
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		M	96.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	137.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	155.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	173.19	74
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	43.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	12.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.50		16.89	526

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00-24.00		23.43	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	18.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	20.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00		12.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	60.00	160

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#	69-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-74

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 24 MAY 2000.

Trade sentiment mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat. Demand slow to sometimes fair on fresh tom breast meat with instances of improved interest and spot premiums noted for plant start up next week. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat uneven ranging from light to fully adequate with some buyers finding product hard to come by out of certain day's production schedules for plant start up next week. Offerings of fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) continued to exceed demand from this week's production with some movement noted to pet foods. Grade A non-basted breasts (2 loads): 8-10 lb. 110, 12-16 lb. 115 cents delivered. Export interest continued to improve on mechanically separated turkey with some interest noted from Russia.

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BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	174.00-180.00		176.00	60
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THIGH MEAT—FRESH	63.00		63.00	40
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EXPORT TRADING

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WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.50		18.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	21.00		21.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-14.00		13.19	432
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00-61.00		60.00	280

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 05/24/00

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	HEAVY	ACCUMULATED HEAVY	ALL BREEDS
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	19,648	304,556	304,906
1998-1999	6,321	430,638	430,988