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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone steady to fully steady on hens and toms, with hens reported to be in the tightest position and asking for premiums for the lighter weights. No trading reported. Parts and meats trading moderate, however most activity coming from the export area.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand was moderate. Trading fairly good and mostly centering on tom drums, frozen thigh meat and wings going to Asia. Trading to Mexico slowing somewhat as some permits have been filled and resistance to the market sets in due to firmness in the thigh meat and tom drum markets.



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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	960	OCT-NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	69	69.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	960	JUL-AUG
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	560	OCT-NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	440	JUL-AUG

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 JUNE 02, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MAY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.00	69.80**	69.00	EASTERN REGION	69.18	67.38	65.55
CENTRAL REGION	69.00	68.30**	67.50	CENTRAL REGION	68.13	66.50	65.13
WESTERN REGION	69.50**	68.70**	69.00	WESTERN REGION	68.25	67.08	65.65
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00	64.90**	69.00**	EASTERN REGION	64.55	63.23	66.81
CENTRAL REGION	64.25**	64.50	68.50**	CENTRAL REGION	63.77	62.38	66.64
WESTERN REGION	65.25**	64.80**	69.00	WESTERN REGION	64.39	63.20	66.74

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-75

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
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

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 05-JUN-2000

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>		
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	73.03	144	69.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	73.03	144	69.00	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 20-May-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	342	-57	24.15	(A)	(A)	343	24.20			
S ATL	651	-2	30.37	(A)	(A)	667	30.22			
N CENT	2,229	-12	26.50	(A)	(A)	2,259	26.49			
S CENT	422	-44	22.82	(A)	(A)	430	22.87			
WEST	201	-3	23.65	NONE	NONE	201	23.65			
U.S.TOTAL	3,845(B)-24		26.39	0	55	3,900	26.38			
TO DATE										
2000	91,803(B)			119	768	92,690				
TO DATE										
1999	94,789(B)			27	618	95,434				

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 8,000 for the year 325,000; last year to date 309,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 20-May-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>BREEDERS BREEDERS BREEDERS</u>			
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	3,837	8	55	3,900
AVG WT	26.34	26.50	25.45	26.38
LAST WEEK	4,919	39	40	4,998
YR AGO	4,754	10	23	4,787
AVG WT	24.47	27.60	25.43	24.39
TO-DATE/2000	91,597	325	768	92,690
TO-DATE/1999	94,507	309	618	95,434

(A) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 27,000 in 1999.

****NOTE: Effective June 15, Slaughter of Young Turkeys will be reported as Young Hens and Young Toms. This will include separate data on the number of birds slaughtered and average live weights with comparisons to last week and the same week a year ago. In addition, turkey slaughter data will be reported one week earlier.****

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 20-May-2000
FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 58; YOUNG 201 HD, 4,753 LBS,
TO DATE 4,797 HD, 117,995 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 81 HD;
TOTAL 201 HD, TO DATE 4,936 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

APRIL	395,746 *
MAY 1-20, 2000	411,751 *
To date 2000	2,082,008 *
To date 1999	1,954,436 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 01 JUNE 2000.

Undertone generally steady on fresh tom breast meat with instances of increased confidence noted. Fresh thigh meat undertone steady to fully steady with spot premiums noted on part loads. Offerings generally adequate. The tom 2-joint wing undertone improved to steady to fully steady with trading noted at higher trending price levels for export, while tom full-cut wings remain steady. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings light, tom full-cut wings adequate. The undertone on tom drums continued steady to fully steady and tom necks were steady at best. Offerings of tom drums and frozen thigh meat light and held with confidence, tom necks available. Grade A non-basted (mixed load): 10-12 lb. 118, 14-16 lb. 123, 16-18 lb. 128 cents delivered. A part load of plant grade 8-10 lb. breasts traded at 105 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	104.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	97.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	26.00		26.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	20.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00		19.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	22.50	23
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	13.00-15.00		13.05	164
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	173.00	2
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	174.00-176.00		174.67	180
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	60.00-64.00		60.95	105
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	120.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		F	95.00	80
TENDERLOINS		R	139.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	174.00	10
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	17.78	370
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.16	248
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00		19.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00-25.00		24.00	416
TAILS		R	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.00-62.00		61.67	120

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 02 JUNE 2000.

Trade sentiment on tom drums mostly steady to fully steady with some cautiousness starting to develop. Demand light to fair with best interest noted for export. Offerings light to instances adequate with some held with more confidence than others. Frozen thigh meat trade sentiment steady to firm, however, some buyers are reluctant to pay the higher asking prices. Inquiry light to instances fair with the light to adequate offerings held with confidence. Tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins undertone generally steady. Demand light to fair with some processors noting an increased further processed interest. Offerings mostly adequate. For export: tom necks (1 container) 13.50, frozen fine grind 10% fat ground turkey (1 load) 50, tom defatted gizzards (1 container) 64 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	104.00	80	104.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	100.00		100.00	40	99.79	43
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-27.00		24.35	104	24.76	284
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	26.00	40	26.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00-26.00		24.29	35	24.29	35
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00-23.00		19.46	138	19.25	256
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.20	130	23.10	268
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	13.05	164	13.20	178
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	168.00		168.00	120	168.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	172.00-174.00		172.57	212	172.85	732
THIGH MEAT	59.50		59.50	40	59.50	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00-58.00		57.50	80	58.90	345
BREAST TRIM MEAT	118.00-119.00		118.33	120	118.57	140
SCAPULA MEAT		F	95.00	80		
TENDERLOINS	144.00		144.00	20	144.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	173.00-175.00		174.09	110	174.08	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	44.00		44.00	40	44.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	13.00	40	13.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		17.14	70	17.48	580
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00-25.00		23.37	290	24.44	698
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.50		18.50	364	18.79	860
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	104	23.80	520
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.50		12.50	200	12.72	360
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	80	61.50	480

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