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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to firm on hens and toms. Supplies available, but held in firm hands with the Eastern region the most confident. Demand generally light, best for deferred shipments. No trading reported. Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat steady to fully steady. Parts trading slow.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand slow. Limited sales reported centering on frozen thigh meat. Offerings of parts and meats mixed but generally available.

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	79.00	60	SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	84.00	20	OCT	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70	70	70.00	800	76.00	100	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	68.00	40	SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-73	70.5-73	72.58	240	71.80	100	OCT	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 AUGUST 18, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	73.00 **	73.00	73.20**
CENTRAL REGION	72.50 **	72.33	73.09
WESTERN REGION	73.50 **	73.50**	73.30**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.50 **	70.00	72.00**
CENTRAL REGION	69.50 **	69.50**	72.14
WESTERN REGION	70.50 **	70.50**	72.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	90-94
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	87-94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	78-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-80

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	78-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	86-102
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 21-AUG-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>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	77.71	124	74.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	77.71	124	74.00	20
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS	
JULY	518,177 *
AUGUST 1-12	206,801 *
To date 2000	3,225,648 *
To date 1999	3,159,569 *

* PRELIMINARY

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 12-Aug-2000 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL TKY	AVG		
	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVGRSTR					BANDED	WT
N EAST	869	5	21.14	NONE	(A)	869	21.14		
S ATL	839	-1	26.38	(A)	(A)	840	26.38		
N CENT	2,406	3	25.98	NONE	(A)	2,406	25.98		
S CENT	605	-14	19.37	NONE	(A)	605	19.37		
WEST	606	11	20.37	NONE	(A)	606	20.37		
U.S.TOTAL	5,325(B)	1	22.47	0	2	5,327	22.47		
TO DATE									
2000	148,266(B)			166	885	149,317			
TO DATE									
1999	151,531(B)			55	1,122	152,708			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 34,000 for the year 706,000; last year to date 491,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 12-Aug-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS				BREEDERS
HEAD	2,317	2,973	35	2	5,327	
AVG WT	15.23	30.58	24.73	22.37	23.86	
LAST WEEK	2,358	2,837	52	6	5,253	
YR AGO	4,856(B)		25	67	4,948	
AVG WT	25.44(B)		25.20	25.39	24.67	
TO-DATE/2000	147,725(B)		707	885	149,317	
TO-DATE/1999	151,099(B)		491	1,118	152,708	

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 AUGUST 2000.

Trade sentiment improved in some parts of the nation on 4-8 lb. breasts higher trending offering prices noted for deferred shipments. Rib breast trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts delivered prompt, balance light. Private label Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts traded at 108 delivered current and 109 cents delivered September. Grade A non basted breasts traded at 115 on 8-10 lb. and sizes and 136 cents delivered on 14-16 lb. sizes. Trade sentiment on tom necks showed signs of improvement with some noting offers not as abundant as before. Thigh meat undertone steady with a light to fair export demand noted for the mostly adequate offerings. Tom neck trade sentiment fully steady to firm for the limited offerings. Trading light on bulk parts and meat for domestic and export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	108.00		108.00	41
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	97.00		97.00	600
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00-26.00		25.48	207
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00		25.00	24
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00-22.00		20.56	43
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00-29.00		28.76	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	11.00-15.00		12.01	152
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	178.00-181.00		178.80	300
THIGH MEAT	55.00-56.00		55.48	84
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	55.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	119.00-123.00		121.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT		W	108.00	40
TENDERLOINS	139.00		139.00	9
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	146.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	174.26	153
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	38.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.08	520
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.50		23.50	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	20.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.00	260
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	55.20	1,108

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.

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Fresh tom breast meat was about steady with light trading. The market tone was mixed on frozen tom breast meat and trading was thin. Frozen destrapped tenders moved at slightly lower prices and fresh destrapped tenders were about steady. Bulk parts trading was light. A load of white trim sold at 56 cents and a partial load of fresh scapula traded at 120. Export sales were most active on tom wings to various ports. One container of livers moved at 16 cents delivered port.

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					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	108.00	41	108.00	41
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	97.00	600	97.00	600
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	80	24.74	413
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	25.00	24	25.00	24
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	32.00	6	31.90	51
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.50-21.00		20.70	67	20.92	213
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	28.76	42	28.64	44
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM		R	12.01	152	12.47	220
NECKS, HEN		R	15.00	15	15.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	164.00		164.00	8	164.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	179.00-180.00		179.50	80	177.42	860
THIGH MEAT		R	55.48	84	55.48	84
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	56.00		56.00	80	55.80	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	121.67	120	121.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT		W	108.00	40	106.50	80
TENDERLOINS		R	139.00	9	139.00	19
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	143.00-145.00		144.00	80	145.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	172.00-175.00		174.67	150	174.55	314
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	38.00	20	38.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	13.00	40	14.80	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-17.00		15.94	340	16.02	860
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	104	25.81	472
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00-23.50		20.01	576	20.01	696
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.00	260	22.82	728
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	20	14.00	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00-55.00		54.75	80	55.40	1,552

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