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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady. Inquiry slow to moderate. Offerings light to adequate. Frozen offering prices on a national basis ranged for hens 71-76 cents and toms ranged 71-74 cents shipping point with a light volume of commodity equivalent hens trading at 76 cents shipping point.

The market tone on white meat was mostly steady to barely steady. The market tone on thigh meat was steady, bulk parts and mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings of white meat light to adequate. Bulk parts and thigh meat offerings were short to light. Trading slow.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

No trading reported. Demand light to fair. Offerings short to light.

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

| | RANGE |
|---|---|
| TURKEYS Y HENS | 118-149 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22# | 115-149 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24# | 115-149 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26# | 110-149 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER | 118-149 |

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

| | RANGE |
|---|---|
| FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# | 105-120 |
| FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# | |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# | 75-77 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# | 75-87 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28# | 77-87 |

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 23-Jan-10 (Preliminary)

| | YOUNG HENS | YOUNG TOMS | YOUNG BREEDERS | OLD | TOTAL TURKEYS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Head | 1,799 | 2,586 | 28 | 6 | 4,419 |
| Avg Wt | 17.30 | 40.11 | 27.98 | 42.32 | 30.75 |
| Last week | 1,810 | 2,510 | 24 | 12 | 4,356 |
| Same wk yr ago | 1,683 | 2,617 | 26 | 1 | 4,327 |
| Avg Wt | 16.51 | 40.33 | 27.21 | 29.23 | 30.98 |
| To-date/2010* | 5,332 | 7,604 | 69 | 19 | 13,024 |
| To-date/2009* | 5,468 | 8,105 | 93 | 36 | 13,702 |
| % Change YTD | -2% | -6% | -26% | -47% | -5% |
| ***Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage*** | | | | | |
| Current week | 24,902 | 82,989 | 603 | 196 | 108,690 |
| Last week | 24,498 | 79,652 | 513 | 282 | 104,945 |
| Same wk yr ago | 22,229 | 84,435 | 541 | 22 | 107,227 |
| To-date/2010* | 72,954 | 242,688 | 1,456 | 530 | 317,628 |
| To-date/2009* | 71,890 | 257,817 | 1,975 | 838 | 332,520 |
| % Change YTD | 1% | -6% | -26% | -37% | -4% |
| Dressing % | 80.0% | 80.0% | 77.0% | 77.0% | |

**Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.*

### NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 01-FEB-2010

| | Price (cents/lb.) | Volume (lbs.) |
|---|---|---|
| **PRICED AT TIME OF SALE** | | |
| 8-16 lbs. | 100.89 | 61,000 |
| 16-24 lbs. | 87.00 | 20,000 |
| **PRICE TO BE DETERMINED** | | |
| 8-16 lbs. | -- | 5,000 |
| 16-24 lbs. | -- | 5,000 |
| Total Volume: | | 91,000 |

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 23-Jan-10 (Preliminary)

| | Young turkeys Thousand Head | Young turkeys Pct chg PW | Young turkeys Avg Live wt | Old Breeders -Thousand head- | Total | Turkeys Avg Live wt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| North East | 583 | -3 | 26.56 | (A) | 585 | 26.56 |
| South Atlantic | 656 | 14 | 39.11 | (A) | 657 | 39.11 |
| North Central | 2,082 | 4 | 34.08 | (A) | 2,083 | 34.08 |
| South Central | 796 | -5 | 19.47 | (A) | 797 | 19.47 |
| West | 296 | -10 | 27.19 | (A) | 297 | 27.19 |
| U.S. total | 4,413(B) | 2 | 30.75 | 6 | 4,419 | 30.75 |
| To-date 2010* | 13,005(B) | | | 19 | 13,024 | |
| To-date 2009* | 13,666(B) | | | 36 | 13,702 | |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of youngbanded breeder turkeys included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date* 69,000; for last year todate* 93,000.
**Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.*

**Weekly Weighted Average Prices for Frozen Whole Young Turkeys**
**USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service, Poultry Market News & Analysis Branch**
(consumer sizes, commodity pack or equivalent, U.S. Grade A, cents/lb. (minimum 10,000 lb lots)

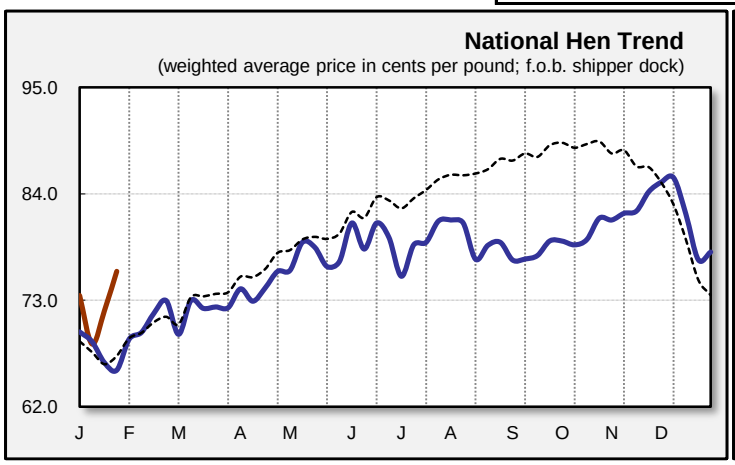
## For the Week Ending January 29, 2010

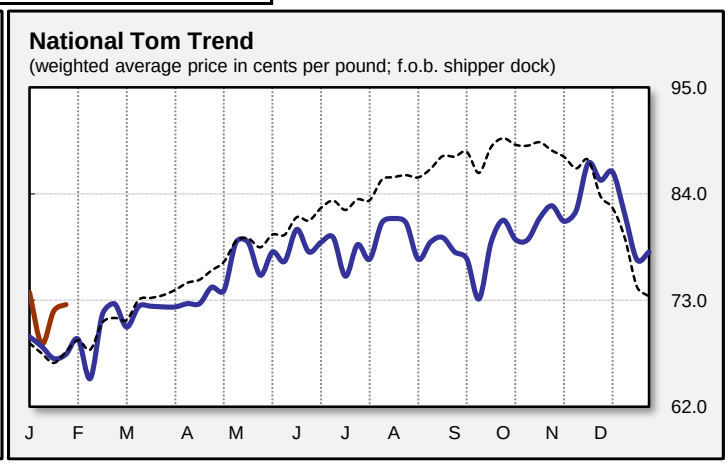
| National Weighted Average Price (FOB Shipper Dock basis) | Current Week wtd avg (cents/lb) | Current Week volume (000 lbs.) | Last Week wtd avg (cents/lb) | Last Week volume (000 lbs.) | Last Year wtd avg (cents/lb) | Last Year volume (000 lbs.) | December Averages This Month | December Averages Last Month | December Averages Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **8-16 lb. (Hens)** | 76.00 | 80 | 71.92 [1] | | 65.80 [1] | -- | 83.79 | 85.03 | 72.82 |
| **16-24 lb. (Toms)** | 72.57 [1] | | 71.92 [1] | | 67.44 [1] | -- | 83.88 | 85.20 | 72.12 |

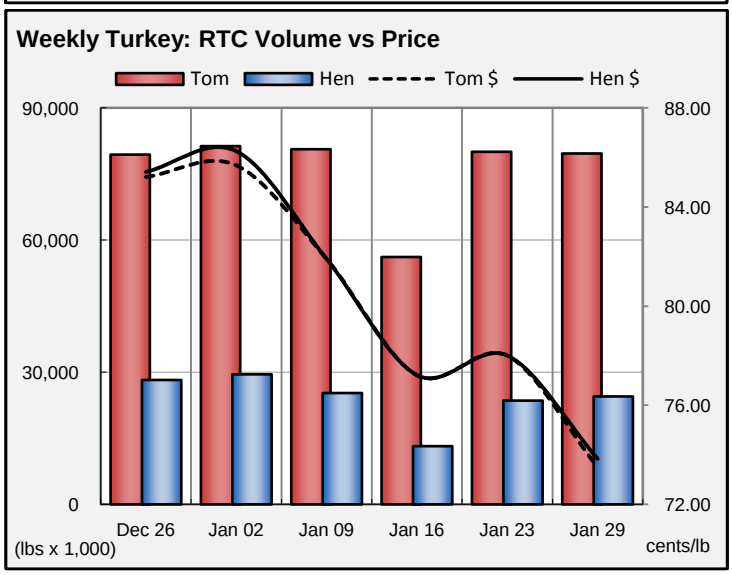
| Regional Weighted Average Price (Delivered basis) | Current Week wtd avg (cents/lb) | Current Week volume (000 lbs.) | Current Week wtd avg (cents/lb) | Current Week volume (000 lbs.) | Last Year wtd avg (cents/lb) | Last Year volume (000 lbs.) | December Averages This Month | December Averages Last Month | December Averages Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **8-16 lb. (Hens)** | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Region | 79.00 | 80 | 76.00 [1] | | 72.00 | | 87.93 | 84.96 | 75.64 |
| Central Region | 74.70 [1] | | 72.75 [1] | | 71.50 [1] | | 87.65 | 85.25 | 75.73 |
| Western Region | 76.00 [1] | | 76.00 [1] | | 71.50 [1] | | 87.80 | 84.87 | 76.42 |
| **16-24 lb. (Toms)** | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Region | 76.00 [1] | | 76.00 [1] | | 72.00 | | 88.03 | 85.28 | 74.88 |
| Central Region | 74.70 [1] | | 72.75 [1] | | 71.50 [1] | | 87.78 | 85.40 | 74.31 |
| Western Region | 76.00 [1] | | 76.00 [1] | | 71.50 [1] | | 87.80 | 84.93 | 76.12 |

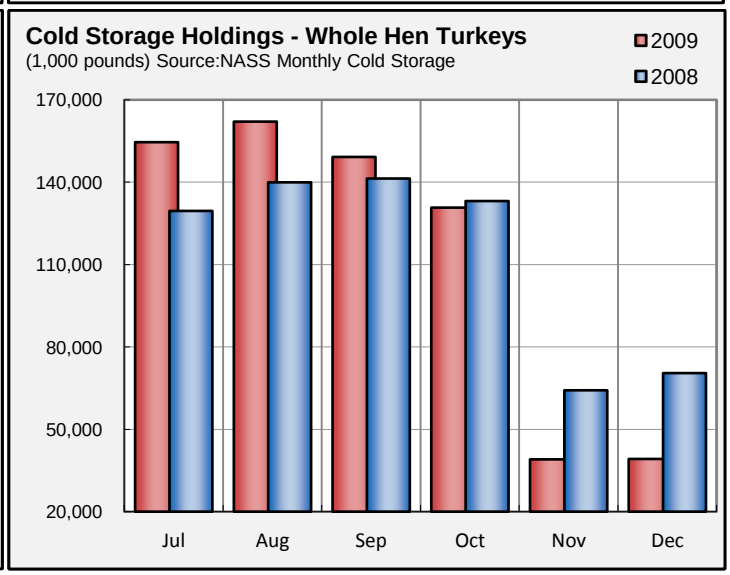
1 based on offers.

2010 — 2009 — Prior 3 Year Avg.



**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and 28 JAN 2010.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to instances firm. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings tight to barely adequate. The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings were adequate to available. The market tone on thigh meat was steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mixed from light to adequate, mostly light. The trade sentiment on MST was steady. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate offerings. For domestic: fresh tails 33 cents and bone-in thigh 88.5 cents.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | | | |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/ | | M | 158.00 | 10 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | M | 97.00 | 80 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 60.00 | | 60.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH | 59.00 | | 59.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | 60.00 | | 60.00 | 5 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 74.00 | | 74.00 | 10 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | 72.00 | | 72.00 | 10 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 79.00 | | 79.00 | 10 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | 115.00 | | 115.00 | 5 |
| NECKS, TOM | 51.00 | | 51.00 | 20 |
| NECKS, HEN | | M | 47.00 | 5 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | M | 148.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/ | 145.00 | | 145.00 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT | | M | 116.00 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT--FRESH | | T | 114.00 | 40 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | R | 118.00 | 20 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | T | 105.00 | 20 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | | | |
| TENDERLOINS | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH | | | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | T | 19.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/ | | W | 21.00 | 40 |
| **EXPORT TRADING** | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | | F | 64.50 | 40 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | F | 74.00 | 108 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | M | 72.00 | 120 |
| TAILS | | M | 35.00 | 108 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | | | |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | | M | 117.00 | 40 |

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**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 29 JAN 2010.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to instances firm. Demand was moderate to good for the tight to barely adequate offerings. The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to weak and lightly tested. Demand was light. Offerings were adequate to available. The market tone on thigh meat was steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mixed from light to adequate. The trade sentiment on MST was steady instances firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings generally adequate. For domestic: fresh necks 39 cents, fresh tails 32 cents and fresh full cut wings 73cents. For export: fresh tom drums 58 cents delivered to border.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | LST CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) | WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE | WEEKLY VOLUME (000) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | | | | | |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/ | | M | 158.00 | 10 | 158.00 | 10 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | 97.00 | | 97.00 | 80 | 97.00 | 160 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 62.00-63.00 | | 62.50 | 80 | 63.86 | 277 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH | 58.00-60.00 | | 59.13 | 160 | 59.15 | 800 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | | R | 60.00 | 5 | 60.00 | 10 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | | R | 74.00 | 10 | 75.23 | 143 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | R | 72.00 | 10 | 72.00 | 30 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 77.00-79.00 | | 78.00 | 40 | 78.43 | 70 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | | R | 115.00 | 5 | 119.71 | 85 |
| NECKS, TOM | | R | 51.00 | 20 | 51.33 | 210 |
| NECKS, HEN | | M | 47.00 | 5 | 47.00 | 5 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | M | 148.00 | 40 | 148.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/ | 144.00-145.00 | | 144.87 | 92 | 144.94 | 212 |
| THIGH MEAT | | M | 116.00 | 40 | 116.00 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT--FRESH | | T | 114.00 | 40 | 114.00 | 80 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | | | | | |
| SCAPULA MEAT | 102.00 | | 102.00 | 24 | 103.36 | 44 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | | | | | |
| TENDERLOINS | 130.00 | | 130.00 | 20 | 130.00 | 20 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | 130.00-137.00 | | 135.60 | 400 | 135.60 | 400 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH | 142.00 | | 142.00 | 5 | 142.00 | 5 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | 23.00 | | 23.00 | 40 | 21.00 | 80 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/ | 23.00 | | 23.00 | 40 | 19.71 | 280 |
| **EXPORT TRADING** | | | | | | |
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| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | F | 74.00 | 108 | | |
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