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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 to fully steady. Demand was slow to moderate, instances good. Frozen offerings light to adequate and continue to be held with confidence. Frozen offering prices on a national basis ranged for hens 77-82 cents shipping point and toms ranged 77-82 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading light for current shipments. Frozen basted equivalent hens and toms traded at 82 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

The market tone on most items was steady to firm, except for tom full-cut wings which were steady to instances weak. Demand on tom full-cut wings was light at best, balance of items light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of tom full-cut wings adequate to fully adequate, balance of items short to adequate. Trading centered on fresh mechanically separated turkey, balance slow to moderate. Ground turkey activity continued moderate to good into retail channels.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading active on tails into export channels, balance slow to moderate. Trading was also noted on fresh thigh meat and fresh tom drums for export. Offerings short to adequate and mostly held with confidence, except for tom full-cut wings which some processors struggled to move.

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#	78-84
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-90

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 13-Mar-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
Head	1,847	2,499	21	10	4,377
Avg Wt	16.68	38.51	25.80	30.30	29.22
Last week	1,706	2,605	29	8	4,348
Same wk yr ago	1,743	2,672	27	3	4,445
Avg Wt	17.85	38.36	26.10	39.31	30.24
To-date/2010*	17,770	25,189	273	75	43,307
To-date/2009*	18,906	26,300	241	73	45,520
% Change YTD	-6%	-4%	13%	3%	-5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	24,640	76,987	417	233	102,277
Last week	22,798	79,368	596	194	102,956
Same wk yr ago	24,890	81,998	539	90	107,517
To-date/2010*	241,469	794,094	5,511	1,902	1,042,976
To-date/2009*	254,232	827,051	4,919	1,724	1,087,926
% Change YTD	-5%	-4%	12%	10%	-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 22-MAR-2010

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	93.71	222,000
16-24 lbs.	88.86	70,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	5,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000
	Total Volume:	302,000

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 13-Mar-10 (Preliminary)

	--------Young turkeys--------			Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt	Breeders -Thousand head-		Avg Live wt
North East	613	3	26.21	(A)	615	26.21
South Atlantic	674	4	34.47	(A)	676	34.47
North Central	2,049	-3	33.36	(A)	2,051	33.36
South Central	715	4	17.72	(A)	717	17.72
West	316	8	22.94	(A)	318	22.94
U.S. total	4,367 (B)	1	29.22	10	4,377	29.22
To-date 2010*	43,232 (B)			75	43,307	
To-date 2009*	45,447 (B)			73	45,520	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 21,000; for the current year to date* 273,000; for last year to date* 241,000.
**Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.*

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Weekly Weighted Average Prices for Frozen Whole Young Turkeys
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(consumer sizes, commodity pack or equivalent, U.S. Grade A, cents/lb. (minimum 10,000 lb lots)

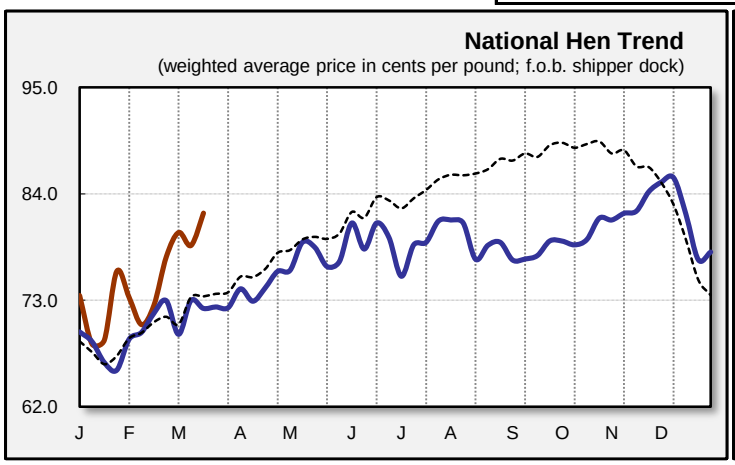
For the Week Ending March 19, 2010

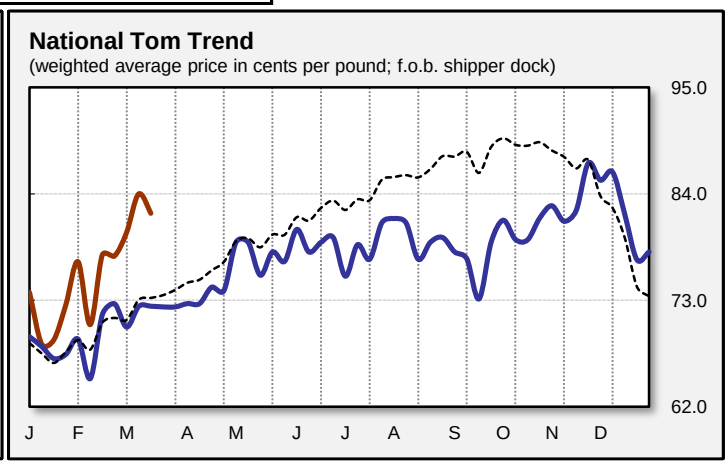
National Weighted Average Price (FOB Shipper Dock basis)	Current Week wtd avg (cents/lb)	Current Week volume (000 lbs.)	Last Week wtd avg (cents/lb)	Last Week volume (000 lbs.)	Last Year wtd avg (cents/lb)	Last Year volume (000 lbs.)	February Averages This Month	February Averages Last Month	February Averages Last Year
8-16 lb. (Hens)	82.00	80	78.67 [1]		72.18	--	75.25	72.71	71.11
16-24 lb. (Toms)	82.00	160	84.00	120	72.40	--	75.26	72.69	71.11

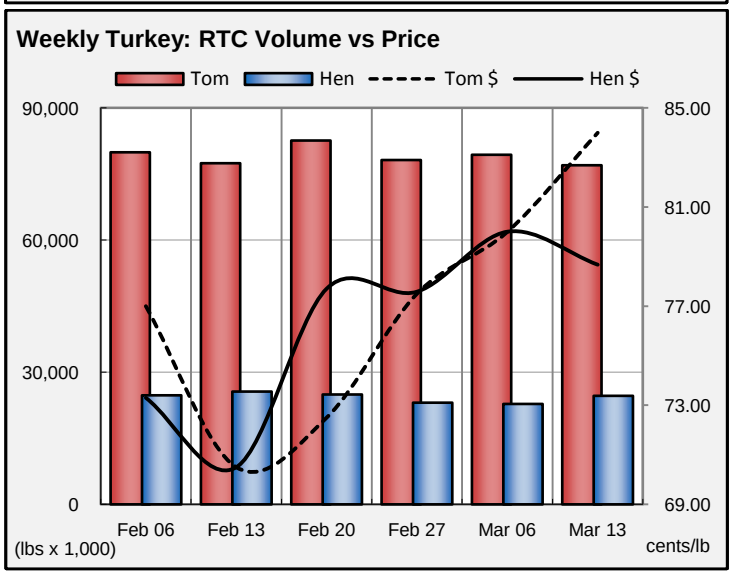
Regional Weighted Average Price (Delivered basis)	Current Week wtd avg (cents/lb)	Current Week volume (000 lbs.)	Last Week wtd avg (cents/lb)	Last Week volume (000 lbs.)	Last Year wtd avg (cents/lb)	Last Year volume (000 lbs.)	February Averages This Month	February Averages Last Month	February Averages Last Year
8-16 lb. (Hens)									
Eastern Region	85.00	80	82.50 [1]		75.50 [1]		78.72	76.50	74.32
Central Region	80.80 [1]		80.00 [1]		75.00 [1]		77.36	74.13	73.87
Western Region	82.50 [1]		82.50 [1]		75.50 [1]		78.28	76.34	74.13
16-24 lb. (Toms)									
Eastern Region	85.00	160	85.00	120	75.50 [1]		78.69	76.34	74.34
Central Region	80.80 [1]		80.00 [1]		75.00 [1]		77.44	74.11	73.87
Western Region	82.50 [1]		82.50 [1]		75.50 [1]		78.31	76.34	74.13

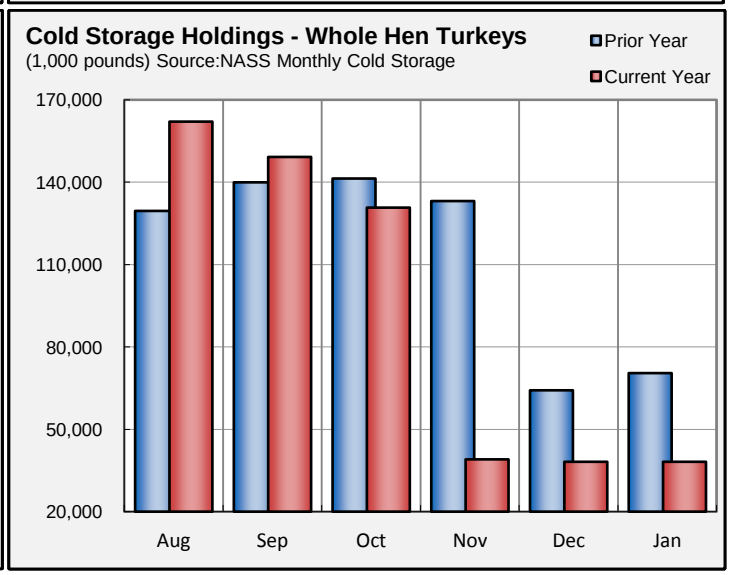
[1] based on offers.

2010 — 2009 — Prior 3 Year Avg.









NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 MARCH 2010.

The market tone on tom full-cut wings was steady to weak, with the balance of bulk parts steady to firm. Demand was light to good, inquiry noted for drums and tails. Offerings of tom bulk parts was short to light, except full-cut wings adequate. The trade sentiment on white meat items was steady to firm. Demand ranged slow to good with offerings tight to adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to firm. Demand was mixed while offerings continued to be limited. Reported domestic trading centered on tom drums while export trading centered on tails and thigh meat. For export: frozen 12-14 lb. breasts (basted only) 95, frozen hearts 34 cents delivered port or border.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	118.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	164.00	24
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	106.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	66.00-67.00		66.67	60
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	65.00-66.00		65.83	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	63.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	70.00-71.00		70.33	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	71.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	82.00		82.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	117.00	20
NECKS, TOM	64.00-68.00		66.00	80
NECKS, HEN		M	63.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	156.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	162.00	42
THIGH MEAT		T	123.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	122.00		122.00	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	130.00	6
SCAPULA MEAT		M	117.00	4
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS		F	147.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	28.00-30.00		29.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	27.50		27.50	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	70.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	36.00-43.00		39.09	348
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	35.50		35.50	54
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	120.00-125.00		123.04	148

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 19 MAR 2010.

The market tone on bulk parts was steady to firm with the exception of tom full-cut wings steady to weak. Demand ranged slow to good. Offerings of tom full-cut wings were adequate with the balance of bulk parts short to barely adequate, tom drums in the tightest position. The trade sentiment on white meat items continued steady to firm. Demand was light to good. Offerings were tight to adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to firm. Demand was varied for the limited offerings. Domestic and export trading was in a full range light to instances heavy. For domestic: frozen 20-24lb. breasts (basted only) 100, fresh breast trim 136, fresh wing meat 120, fresh tom necks 63 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 121-125, fresh tom drums 65-66 cents delivered 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/		F	164.00	24		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	106.33	120	106.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	69.00-72.00		71.00	60	68.69	153
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	65.00-67.00		65.63	127	65.89	409
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	63.00	5	63.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	68.00-70.50		68.97	183	69.65	410
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	71.00	2	71.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	85.00		85.00	40	82.30	182
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	117.00	20	117.00	20
NECKS, TOM	69.00-72.00		70.60	100	66.39	389
NECKS, HEN		M	63.00	5	63.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	168.00		168.00	80	159.43	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	156.00-168.00		165.09	220	161.50	357
THIGH MEAT	121.00		121.00	20	119.64	66
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	120.00		120.00	20	119.20	194
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	130.00	6	130.00	6
SCAPULA MEAT		M	117.00	4	117.00	4
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS		F	147.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	160.00		160.00	20	160.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	30.00		30.00	40	27.75	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	26.00-31.00		28.92	443	27.34	863
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	36.00-43.00		38.77	376	38.77	764
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	35.50	54	35.50	54
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	120.00		120.00	108	121.76	256

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