

# TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

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# **NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE**

#### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on frozen hens and consumer sized toms is steady to weak. Demand seasonally light and continuing to slow as the holidays approach. Offerings light to moderate with sizes varying by processor. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 91.00-96.00 cents shipping point and toms 91.00-95.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. No trading reported.



Specialty whole turkey demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good and starting to slow in some areas as some distributors start wrapping up their holiday purchases while others continue to find moderate to good consumer interest. Offerings light to moderate. Free range fresh hen and tom whole turkey prices ranged 122-151, antibiotic free fresh hen and tom whole turkey prices 186-319, and frozen organic hens and toms 209-255 cents.

The market on fresh tom breast meat is steady to weak from pre-holiday production, frozen tom breast meat steady to barely steady and the balance of white meat steady. Demand on fresh tom breast meat light, balance of white meat light to moderate, mostly light. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat mostly moderate from pre-holiday production with some processors freezing excess production for future needs. Offerings on the balance of white meat light with any new offers being absorbed at steady price levels. The market on tom full-cut wings is steady to weak; tom 2-joint wings steady to barely steady; tom drums about steady; and tom necks at least steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom full-cut wings moderate to heavy, mostly moderate for buyer interest; balance of tom bulk parts light to moderate, mostly light with some finding tom 2-joint wings not as tight as previous weeks. The market on thigh meat is steady. Demand and offerings light. The market on mechanically separated turkey (MST) is steady to weak. Demand light for the moderate to heavy offerings with excess fresh product continuing to move into pet foods. Trading light to moderate, mostly light with activity centered on fresh MST.

# **EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS**

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SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKET	
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTION</b>	NS
	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	141-155
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	137-155
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	137-155
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	138-155
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	142-155

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	124-145
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	124-138
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	105-110
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	105-110
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	106-114

# **LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 11-Dec-10 (Preliminary)

	YO	YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREE	DERS	<b>TURKEYS</b>
Head	2,018	2,742	23	5	4,788
Avg Wt	16.59	38.48	25.77	35.10	29.19
Last week	1,982	2,579	54	18	4,633
Same wk yr ago	2,277	2,661	21	3	4,962
Avg Wt	16.20	38.20	25.06	39.28	28.05
To-date/2010*	91,424	127,785	1,077	356	220,642
To-date/2009*	94,312	129,280	1,150	307	225,049
% Change YTD	-3%	-1%	-6%	16%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook	Weight ar	nd Dressing	Percentage		
Current week	26,781	84,414	456	135	111,786
Last week	26,377	81,756	1,641	375	110,149
Same wk yr ago	29,510	81,320	403	90	111,323
To-date/2010*	1,241,836	3,877,455	21,946	8,916	5,150,153
To-date/2009*	1,269,134	3,872,678	23,698	7,325	5,172,835
% Change YTD	-2%	0%	-7%	22%	0%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

<sup>\*</sup>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 20-Dec-2010

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME 8-16 lbs. 16-24 lbs.	OF SALE 115.58 114.89	1,442,000 996,000
PRICE TO BE DET 8-16 lbs. 16-24 lbs.		
	Total Volume	: 2,638,000

#### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E II-Dec-	io (Preiir	ninary)				
	Young	turkey	/S	Old	Total	Turkeys
•	Thousand Po	ct chg	Avg	Breede	rs	Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	d head-	Live wt
North East	725	14	26.82	(A)	726	26.82
South Atlantic	691	13	35.51	(A)	692	35.51
North Central	2,144	-3	32.9	(A)	2,145	32.90
South Central	831	1	18.80	(A)	832	18.80
West	392	21	24.11	(A)	393	24.11
U.S. total	4,783 (B)	4	29.19	5	4,788	29.19
To-date						
2010*	220,286 (B)			356	220,642	
To-date	,					
2009*	224,742 (B)			307	225,049	
(A) Not publis	hed to avoid o	disclosir	ng individu	ual operation	ns.	

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 23,000; for the current year to date\* 1,077,000; for last year to date\* 1,150,000.

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

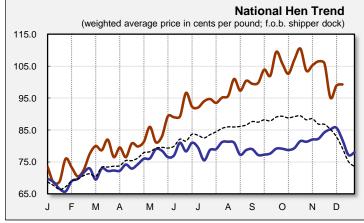
# Weekly Weighted Average Prices for Frozen Whole Young Turkeys USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service, Poultry Market News & Analysis Branch

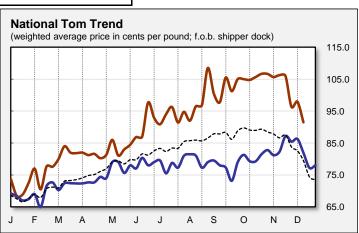
(consumer sizes, commodity pack or equivalent, U.S. Grade A, cents/lb. (minimum 10,000 lb lots)

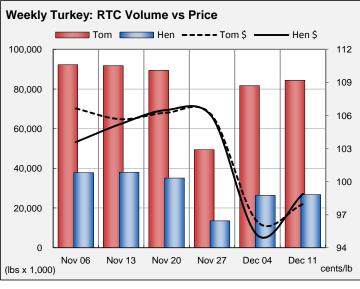
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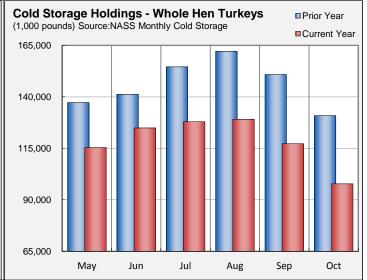
National	Current	Week	Last V	Veek	Last '	Year	No	vember Aver	ages
Weighted Average Price	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	This	Last	Last
(FOB Shipper Dock basis)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	Month	Month	Year
8-16 lb. (Hens)	99.28	90	98.88	260	81.90		106.05	107.22	82.03
16-24 lb. (Toms)	91.50	10	97.95	220	81.90		105.44	105.01	82.20
NOTE: Effec	ctive Januar	y 3, 2011,	the 3 region	al quotati	ons for hen	s and toms	will be disco	ontinued.	•
Regional	Current	Week	Last V	Veek	Last '	Year	No	vember Aver	ages
Weighted Average Price	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	This	Last	Last
(Delivered basis)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	Month	Month	Year
8-16 lb. (Hens)									
Eastern Region	93.50	10	107.50	60	85.00 <sup>1</sup>		109.29	111.03	84.96
Central Region	103.25	80	100.00	200	84.70 <sup>1</sup>		108.35	111.05	85.25
Western Region	101.90 <sup>1</sup>		106.10 <sup>1</sup>		85.00 <sup>1</sup>		110.64	108.60	84.87
16-24 lb. (Toms)									
Eastern Region	93.50	10	105.50	20	85.00 <sup>1</sup>		108.97	108.10	85.28
Central Region	96.40 <sup>1</sup>		100.00	200	84.70 <sup>1</sup>		107.89	108.30	85.37
Western Region	101.00 <sup>1</sup>		105.50 <sup>1</sup>		85.00 <sup>1</sup>		110.53	109.03	84.93

based on offers. -2009 2010 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 16 DECEMBER 2010.

The market on bulk parts is steady, except tom full-cut wings steady to weak and tom necks steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light except for tom full-cut wings moderate to heavy. Fresh tom breast meat is steady to weak with the balance of white meat steady. Demand was light. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat sufficient for current needs, balance of white meat light. Trading was slow. For domestic: frozen breeder destrapped tenders 220 cents, fresh tom full-cut wings 81cents, fresh tom necks 45 cents, fresh tails 38 cents and fresh mechanically separated turkey 12 cents for pet food. For export: fresh tom drums 71 cents to border.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		Т	125.00	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE AFRESH 2/		F	167.11	37
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	119.00		119.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	75.00		75.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOMFRESH	71.00-72.00		71.91	44
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	74.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	85.84	129
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	80.00		80.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	90.00-122.00		92.91	22
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	122.00	2
NECKS, TOM		W	46.00	167
NECKS, HEN		W	43.00	2
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOMFRESH 3/	265.00		265.00	14
THIGH MEAT		T	134.00	40
THIGH MEATFRESH		W	130.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	205.00		205.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	201.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	158.00		158.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	248.00-250.00		249.09	22
DESTRAPPED TENDERSFRESH		M	252.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH 4/		W	21.52	81
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	75.00		75.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	83.00	162
TAILS		M	39.00	1
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	24.00	108
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	135.00	27

<sup>1/</sup> CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

<sup>2/</sup> Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

<sup>3/</sup> Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

<sup>4/15-20%</sup> fat with skin added.

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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/		Ţ	125.00	5	125.00	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE AFRESH 2/		F	167.11	37		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	118.00		118.00	40	118.13	46
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	72.00-75.00		73.20	5	75.01	139
DRUMSTICKS, TOMFRESH	71.00-72.00		71.16	252	71.59	612
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	67.00	147	67.00	3	73.51	43
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	85.84	129	85.76	152
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	80.00	20	80.00	25
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	88.00-90.00	14/	88.67	164	89.24	231
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	40.00.40.00	W	122.00	2	122.00	2
NECKS, TOM	43.00-48.00	14/	46.31	169	46.06	404
NECKS, HEN		W	43.00	2	43.00	2
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 5/	260.00		200.00	00	000.50	4.40
BREASTS, B/S, TOMFRESH 3/ THIGH MEAT	260.00 131.00-132.00		260.00 131.20	80 50	263.50 132.44	148 90
THIGH MEATFRESH	131.00-132.00	W	130.00	40	132.44	147
BREAST TRIM MEAT	203.00	VV	203.00	40	204.50	160
SCAPULA MEAT	192.00		192.00	30	204.50 197.24	74
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	192.00	R	158.00	40	157.75	160
TENDERLOINS		IX	130.00	40	137.73	100
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	245.00-250.50		248.30	100	248.44	122
DESTRAPPED TENDERSFRESH	250.00		250.00	6	251.74	46
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-17.00		16.80	200	17.17	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH 4/	18.00-22.00		20.08	500	20.45	690
MEGINATORIELI GELITATORIED TITLEGIT II	10.00 22.00		20.00	000	20.10	000
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	75.00	40	75.00	40
TAILS		M	39.00	1	39.00	1
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	24.00	108		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	131.00		131.00	40	131.00	40

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