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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 extremely light as industry members prepare for the long holiday weekend. Offerings light to moderate with sizes varying by processor. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 87.00-90.00 cents shipping point and toms 87.00- 90.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. No trading reported.

Specialty whole turkey demand is mostly light as the industry wraps up the holiday season. Offerings light and spotty. 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 tom breast meat is steady to barely steady while the balance of white meat steady is steady to fully steady, mostly steady. The market on tom necks is steady to fully steady, tom wings steady to weak with full-cuts in the softest position and tom drums steady. The market on 4-8 lb. breasts is steady to barely steady and institutional sizes steady to fully steady. Demand is light to moderate, mostly light with most interest for post holiday needs. Offerings light to moderate mechanically separated turkey and tom wings the most available. Trading light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading extremely light. Offerings light to moderate for the extremely light buyer interest.

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	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#	124-135
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	94-95
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94-95
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	95-113

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 03-JAN-2010

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	106.73	10,900
16-24 lbs.	--	--
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	2,500
16-24 lbs.	--	2,500
	Total Volume:	15,900

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 25-Dec-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL TURKEYS
Head	1,404	2,050	7	1	3,462
Avg Wt	16.48	39.43	27.00	59.28	30.10
Last week	1,839	2,624	16	12	4,491
Same wk yr ago	1,017	1,824	10	8	2,859
Avg Wt	16.24	38.48	26.89	29.20	30.50
To-date/2010*	94,667	132,459	1,100	369	228,595
To-date/2009*	97,267	133,709	1,171	327	232,474
% Change YTD	-3%	-1%	-6%	13%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	18,509	64,659	146	46	83,360
Last week	23,920	83,135	331	284	107,670
Same wk yr ago	13,213	56,150	206	179	69,748
To-date/2010*	1,284,265	4,025,249	22,423	9,246	5,341,183
To-date/2009*	1,307,619	4,009,458	24,122	7,767	5,348,966
% Change YTD	-2%	0%	-7%	19%	0%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 25-Dec-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	508	-22	25.86	(A)	510	25.86
South Atlantic	604	-16	34.57	(A)	604	34.57
North Central	1,757	-18	32.25	(A)	1,757	32.25
South Central	465	-38	19.09	(A)	465	19.09
West	126	-41	36.24	(A)	126	36.24
U.S. total	3,460 (B)	-23	30.10	1	3,461	30.10
To-date 2010*	228,225 (B)				369	228,594
To-date 2009*	232,147 (B)				327	232,474

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 7,000; for the current year to date* 1,100,000; for last year to date* 1,171,000.
**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 December 31, 2010

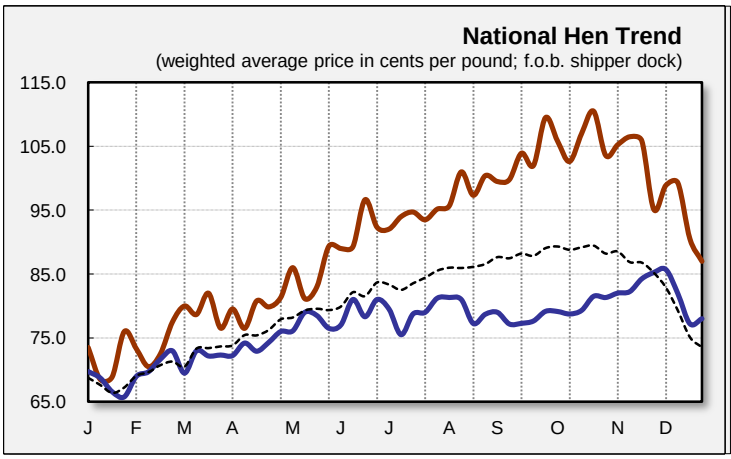
National	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		December Averages		
Weighted Average Price (FOB Shipper Dock basis)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
8-16 lb. (Hens)	87.00	20	90.50	20	78.00	--	97.90	106.05	83.79
16-24 lb. (Toms)	87.00	20	91.50	60	78.00	--	97.15	105.44	83.88

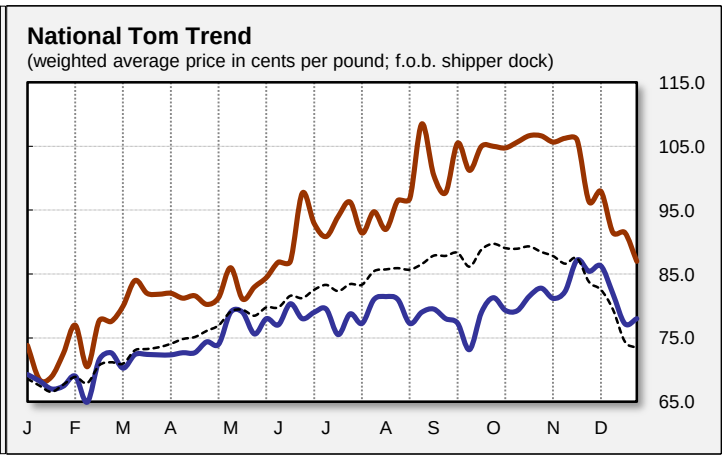
NOTE: Effective January 3, 2011, the 3 regional quotations for hens and toms will be discontinued.

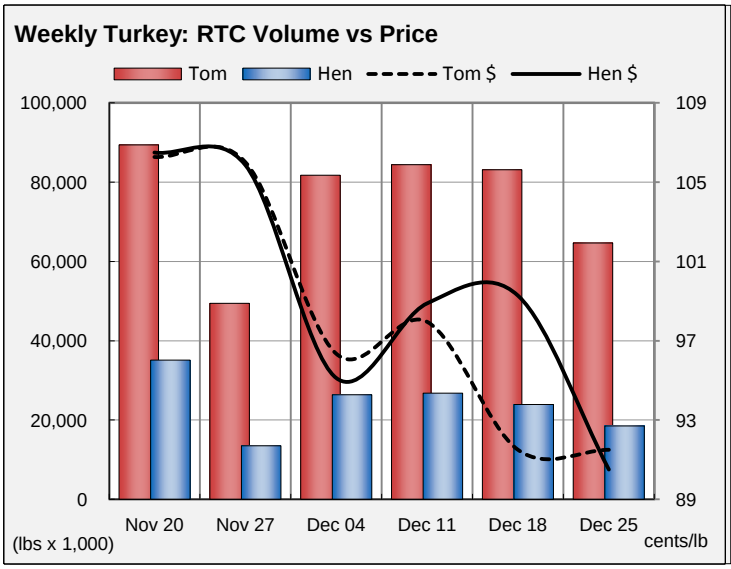
Regional	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		December Averages		
Weighted Average Price (Delivered basis)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
8-16 lb. (Hens)									
Eastern Region	93.38 [1]		94.50 [1]		78.38 [1]		101.16	109.29	87.93
Central Region	90.00	20	92.00	20	78.00		98.86	108.35	87.65
Western Region	93.75 [1]		96.00 [1]		78.38 [1]		103.34	110.64	87.80
16-24 lb. (Toms)									
Eastern Region	93.38 [1]		94.38 [1]		78.38 [1]		100.87	108.97	88.03
Central Region	90.00	20	94.00	60	78.00		98.26	107.89	87.78
Western Region	93.75 [1]		95.75 [1]		78.38 [1]		101.65	110.53	87.80

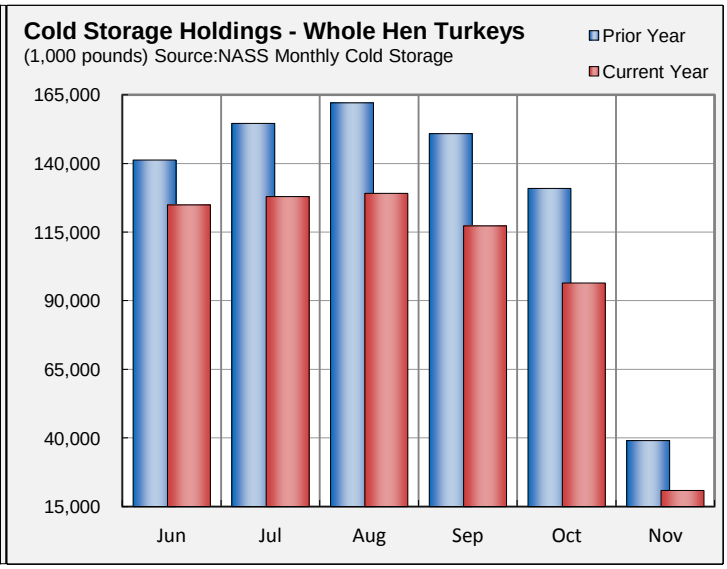
[1] based on offers.

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 30 DECEMBER 2010.

The market on tom wings is steady to weak, tom necks steady to fully steady, balance of bulk parts steady. Demand is mostly light to instances moderate. Offerings are light to moderate, tom full-cut wings most available. The fresh tom breast meat and 4-8 lb. bone-in breast market is steady to barely steady with the remainder of white meat items steady. Demand and offerings are light to moderate. The market on thigh meat is steady and not well tested. The mechanically separated turkey (MST) market is steady. Demand is light to moderate while offerings are moderate. Market activity remains slow due to Holiday production schedules. Some reports of transportation availability continuing to be an issue. For domestic: frozen hearts 29 cents shipping point.

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/		W	122.00	80	122.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	76.00		76.00	17	75.87	61
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	71.00	389	71.00	389
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	80.00-82.00		81.77	17	80.89	42
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	80.00	5		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	87.00	40	87.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	122.00	2		
NECKS, TOM	48.00		48.00	17	48.33	152
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	252.00		252.00	80	252.75	160
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	132.00-133.00		132.50	40	130.89	201
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	205.00	40	205.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	201.00	40	201.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	156.00	21	156.00	21
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	250.00	20	250.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	250.00	20	250.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	18.00	20	18.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00-22.00		21.50	80	20.92	563
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	76.00		76.00	40	75.66	174
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	84.00	162	84.00	162
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN						

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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