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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand light. Offerings very light to moderate. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 100.00-108.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 100.00-111.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. No trading reported.

The market on fresh white meat is steady and frozen white meat steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of fresh white meat light to moderate. Frozen white meat offerings are mixed ranging from light to moderately heavy, mostly moderate. The market on tom full-cut wings is steady to barely steady, mostly steady; tails steady, and the balance of tom bulk parts steady to firm. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom full-cut wings and tails light to moderate with the balance of tom bulk parts very light to light, mostly light. The market on thigh meat is mostly steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings at least moderate. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady to barely steady. Demand light. Offerings moderate. Trading light to moderate. Some Grade A 18-120 lb. breasts traded at 195 cents delivered.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. The market is mostly steady to barely steady on thigh meat, tom full- cut wings steady and the balance of tom bulk parts steady to firm. Demand light to moderate, sometimes good on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings. Offerings very light to moderate.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 16-July-11 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL TURKEYS
Head	1,983	2,633	23	15	4,654
Avg Wt	16.43	38.39	27.33	24.24	28.93
Last week	1,659	2,303	19	7	3,988
Same wk yr ago	1,859	2,691	43	13	4,606
Avg Wt	16.84	37.24	24.76	26.18	28.73
To-date/2011*	50,127	71,781	588	202	122,698
To-date/2010*	49,996	70,290	569	183	121,038
% Change YTD	0%	2%	3%	10%	1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	26,060	80,864	484	280	107,688
Last week	22,394	70,860	390	144	93,788
Same wk yr ago	25,044	80,170	820	262	106,296
To-date/2011*	686,118	2,246,559	11,789	4,885	2,949,351
To-date/2010*	682,234	2,180,835	11,225	4,653	2,878,947
% Change YTD	1%	3%	5%	5%	2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 16-July-11 (Preliminary)

	--------Young turkeys--------			Old	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt	Breeders -Thousand head-		Avg Live wt
North East	674	30	27.60	(A)	676	27.60
South Atlantic	668	15	34.29	(A)	669	34.29
North Central	2,328	17	30.99	(A)	2,334	30.99
South Central	719	12	17.89	(A)	723	17.89
West	250	3	31.02	(A)	252	31.02
U.S. total	4,639 (B)	17	28.93	15	4,654	28.93
To-date 2011*	122,496 (B)			202	122,698	
To-date 2010*	120,855 (B)			183	121,038	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 23,000; for the current year to date* 588,000; for last year to date* 569,000.

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

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	144-165
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	141-165
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	141-165
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	145-165
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	147-165

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	115-128
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	105-111
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	105-117
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	112-124

Weekly National Fresh and Frozen Whole Young Turkeys

USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service, Poultry Market News & Analysis Branch

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending July 22, 2011

FROZEN Whole Body Trading

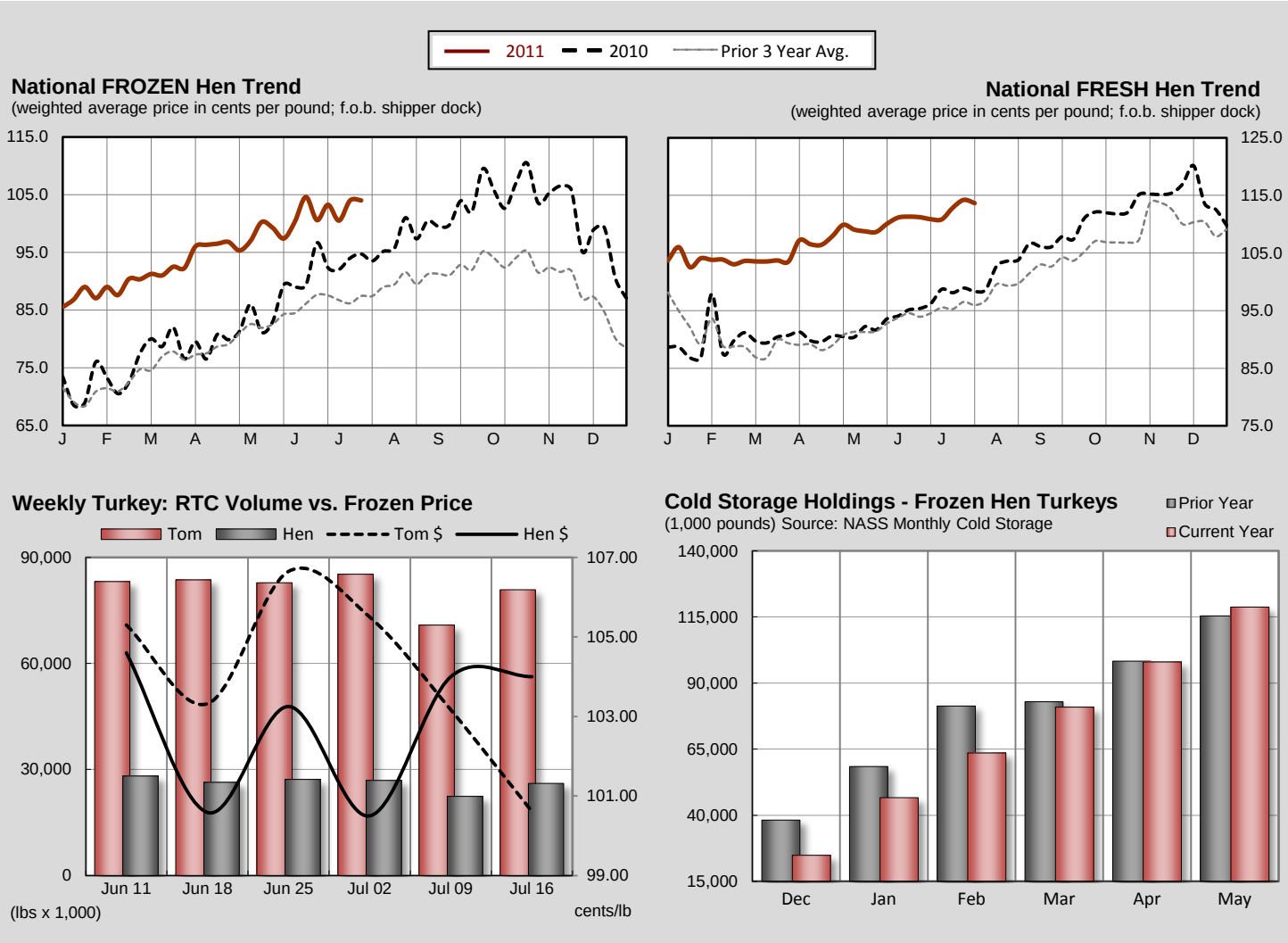
commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots, current negotiation for delivery within two weeks

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		June Averages		
	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)	104.00 [1]		104.00 [1]		93.50	120	103.14	99.75	90.28
16-24 lb. (Toms)	105.50 [1]		100.61	82	91.43	285	105.06	102.11	89.98

[1] based on offers.

FRESH Whole Body Turkeys - with timers; for delivery within the next seven days.

U.S. Grade A - FRESH	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		June Averages		
	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
Priced At Time Of Sale:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	113.65	86.0	114.22	92.0	98.65	127.5	111.08	109.15	96.23
16-24 lb. (Toms)	111.70	50.0	112.00	55.0	97.84	47.5	108.97	108.21	94.52
Price To Be Determined:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	5.0	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	5.0	--	--	--



Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis

National Young Turkey Parts

Including bulk meat and frozen (unless specified), cents per lb., delivered first receivers, part and full trucklots as of 21 Jul 2011.

The market on tom bulk parts is steady with tom drums, necks and 2-joint steady to firm. Demand was mixed and ranged from light to good. Offerings light to moderate. Fresh white meat is steady and frozen steady to barely steady and tenders remain weak. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings mixed and ranged from light to heavy. Mechanically separated turkey market is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading for all parts slow to moderate.

Domestic Trading	Price Range	L.S.T. Code 1/	Wtd Avg Price	Volume (000)
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/	129.00		129.00	10
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/		R	174.00	20
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/				
Drumsticks, Tom		W	82.38	174
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh		W	75.00	40
Drumsticks, Hen	75.00		75.00	8
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom		W	80.00	40
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	78.00		78.00	6
Wings, V-Type, Tom		T	97.00	80
Wings, V-Type, Hen				
Necks, Tom	42.00		42.00	122
Necks, Hen	35.00		35.00	60
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/	226.00-227.00		226.25	800
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/		F	250.00	181
Thigh Meat	134.00-135.00		134.23	52
Thigh Meat--Fresh		M	135.00	12
Breast Trim Meat		R	200.00	40
Scapula Meat		F	194.00	23
Wing Meat with Skin		M	158.00	2
Tenderloins		W	220.00	40
Destrapped Tenders				
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh		F	235.00	40
Mechanically Separated 4/		T	28.00	40
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	29.00		29.00	40
Export Trading				
Drumsticks, Toms	94.00		94.00	240
Wings Full-Cut - Toms	82.00		82.00	54
Wings, V-Type, Tom		M	104.00	120
Tails		T	44.00	54
Mechanically Separated 4/		W	28.00	27
Thigh Meat - Frozen	130.00-131.00		130.33	120

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 22 Jul 2011.

The market on tom bulk parts is steady with frozen tom drums, necks and 2-joint steady to firm. Demand was mixed and ranged from light to good. Offerings light to moderate. Fresh white meat is steady and frozen steady to barely steady along with tenders. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings mixed and ranged from light to heavy. Mechanically separated turkey market is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading for all parts slow to moderate.

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Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/		R	129.00	10	129.00	10
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/	159.00-189.00		174.00	20	174.00	20
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/						
Drumsticks, Tom	81.00-84.00		82.75	80	82.12	338
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	75.00-79.00		75.67	96	74.83	336
Drumsticks, Hen		R	75.00	8	75.00	10
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	81.00-82.00		81.50	40	80.92	204
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		R	78.00	6	78.57	70
Wings, V-Type, Tom		T	97.00	80	96.98	82
Wings, V-Type, Hen						
Necks, Tom	42.00		42.00	40	41.10	402
Necks, Hen		R	35.00	60	35.00	60
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/		R	226.25	800	226.25	800
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	250.00		250.00	80	250.00	80
Thigh Meat		R	134.23	52	131.67	132
Thigh Meat--Fresh	134.00-135.00		134.30	134	134.36	146
Breast Trim Meat						
Scapula Meat		F	194.00	23		
Wing Meat with Skin	160.00		160.00	40	159.90	42
Tenderloins		W	220.00	40	220.24	42
Destrapped Tenders						
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh	220.00		220.00	30	220.00	30
Mechanically Separated 4/		T	28.00	40	28.00	40
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	30.00-32.00		31.01	276	30.55	436
Export Trading						
Drumsticks, Toms	84.00-94.00		90.67	162	92.66	402
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		R	82.00	54	81.50	108
Wings, V-Type, Tom		M	104.00	120	104.00	120
Tails	43.00		43.00	40	43.57	94
Mechanically Separated 4/		W	28.00	27	28.00	27
Thigh Meat - Frozen		R	130.33	120	131.75	160

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