TURKEY: Weekly National Fresh and Frozen Whole Young Turkeys (Fri)

Fri. Dec 23, 2011

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Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending December 23, 2011

See Page 2 for Seasonal Specialty Whole Body Turkey Information

FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - 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		November 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)	101.83	960	108.07	61	90.50	20	113.57	114.83	106.05
16-24 lb. (Toms)	103.19	846	109.51	293	91.50	60	113.08	111.95	105.44

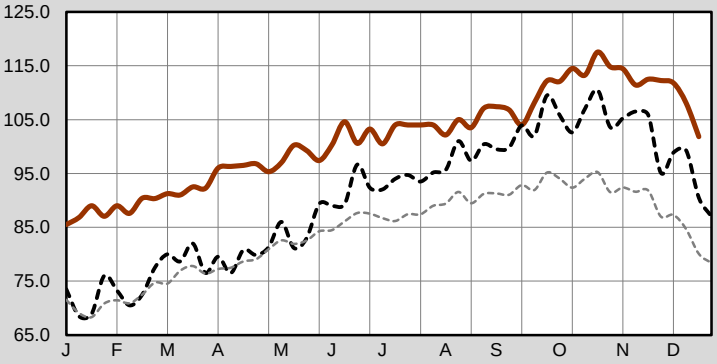
[1] based on offers.

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

U.S. Grade A - FRESH	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		November 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)	112.33	60.0	133.21	3,355.0	109.80	25.0	129.32	125.33	115.28
16-24 lb. (Toms)	113.50	40.0	133.56	3,286.0	109.80	25.0	129.48	125.74	115.26
Price To Be Determined:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	5.0	--	350.0	--	5.0	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	5.0	--	350.0	--	5.0	--	--	--

2011 — 2010 — Prior 3 Year Avg.

National FROZEN Hen Trend
(weighted average price in cents per pound; f.o.b. shipper dock)



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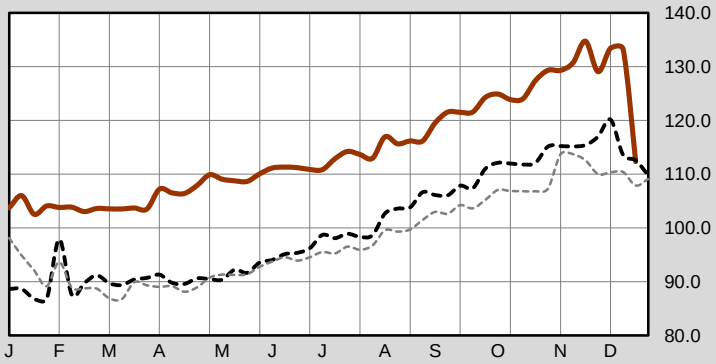
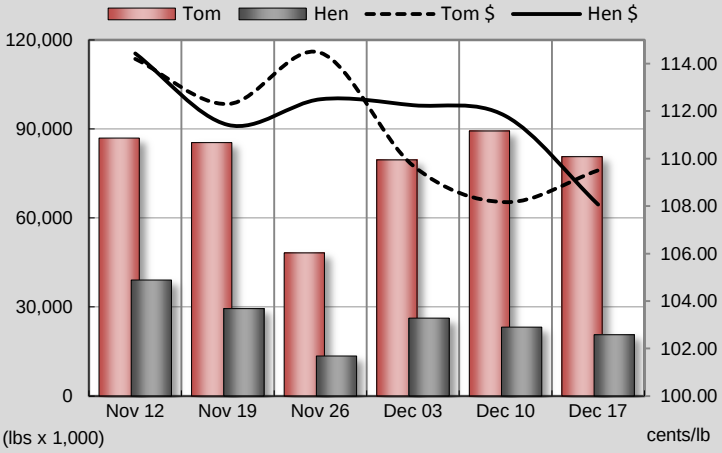
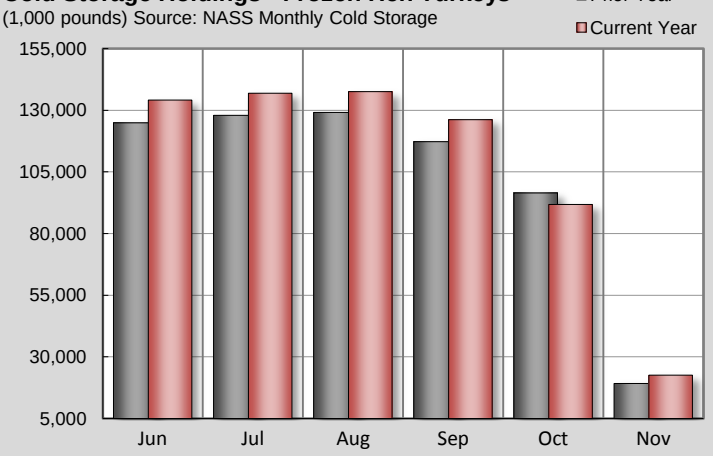


Weekly Turkey: RTC Volume vs. Frozen Price



Cold Storage Holdings - Frozen Hen Turkeys
(1,000 pounds) Source: NASS Monthly Cold Storage



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Specialty[1] Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; consumer sizes; non-basted or equivalent w/o net and timer.

USDA ORGANIC	Price Range			Average
Fresh	262.00	-	335.00	289.00
Frozen	222.00	-	262.00	252.57

ANTIBIOTIC-FREE	Price Range			Average
Fresh	157.00	-	283.00	195.17
Frozen	128.00	-	258.00	170.80

FREE RANGE	Price Range			Average
Fresh	132.00	-	216.00	157.92
Frozen	Too few to report			

This information will be published each week through the remainder of the Nov-Dec holiday season.

Note: averages reflect the simple average of the range of reported prices.

[1] Specialty includes free-range, antibiotice-free, and USDA Certified Organic birds (grown and processed according to USDA's national organic standards and certified by USDA-accredited State and private certification organizations. For more information, visit www.ams.usda.gov/nop/.