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

### **DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS**

The hen and 16-24 lb. tom market is steady with a steady to instances weak undertone. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 93.00-104.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 93-104.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading heavy. Frozen basted equivalent trading hen trading is reported at 95.50 cents shipping point and consumer sized toms at 95.50-103 cents shipping point for January deliveries.



The white meat market is steady to weak. Demand light. Offerings moderate to moderately heavy. The market on tom bulk parts is steady to weak, mostly steady with tom wings weakest. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Some processors are finding tom drum and tom full-cut wing interest at the lower trending price levels. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly moderate. The market on bone-in breasts is mostly steady. Demand light for the light to moderate offerings. The thigh meat market is steady. Demand light to moderate for the light offerings. The mechanically separated turkey (MST) is generally steady. Demand light to moderate, mostly light. Offerings mostly moderate with some excess fresh production moving into pet foods. Trading moderately heavy on fresh MST, balance light to moderate.

#### **EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS**

Trading light to moderate. Demand and offerings light to moderate.

LIVE TURKEYS	S SLAUGH	TERED W/E	E 31-Dec-11 (	Prelimina	ry)
	Y	oung	Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Bree	eders	Turkeys
Head	1,287	1,992	6	8	3,293
Avg Wt	15.41	42.11	26.27	30.19	31.62
Last week	1,314	2,205	20	15	3,554
Same wk yr ago	1,452	1,968	19	13	3,452
Avg Wt	16.60	41.49	25.75	25.60	30.60
To-date/2011*	95,990	133,313	1,122	453	230,878
To-date/2010*	96,119	134,427	1,119	382	232,047
% Change YTD	0%	-1%	0%	19%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook	Weight and	Dressing P	ercentage		
Current week	15,866	67,106	121	185	83,278
Last week	16,750	71,445	395	324	88,914
Same wk yr ago	19,283	65,322	377	256	85,238
To-date/2011*	1,303,052	4,140,197	22,531	10,644	5,476,424
To-date/2010*	1,303,569	4,090,558	22,801	9,502	5,426,430
% Change YTD	0%	1%	-1%	12%	1%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 31-Dec-1	1 (Prel	iminary)				
	Your	ng turkey	/S	Old	Total	Turkeys
٦	Thousand I	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders	S	Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	head-	Live wt
North East	500	-19	26.10	(A)	502	26.10
South Atlantic	473	21	38.52	(A)	475	38.52
North Central	1,588	-8	35.87	(A)	1,590	35.87
South Central	598	-11	18.32	(A)	599	18.32
West	126	-13	37.23	(A)	127	37.23
U.S. total	3,285 (B)	) -7	31.62	8	3,293	31.62
To-date						
2011*	230,425 (B)	)		453	230,878	
To-date						
2010*	231,665 (B)	)		382	232,047	

- (A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 6,000; for the current year to date\* 1,122,000; for last year to date\* 1,119,000.

# SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS R

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	149-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	146-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	146-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	152-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	154-185

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	117-128
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	101-115
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	101-125
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	115-129

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

## 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 January 06, 2012

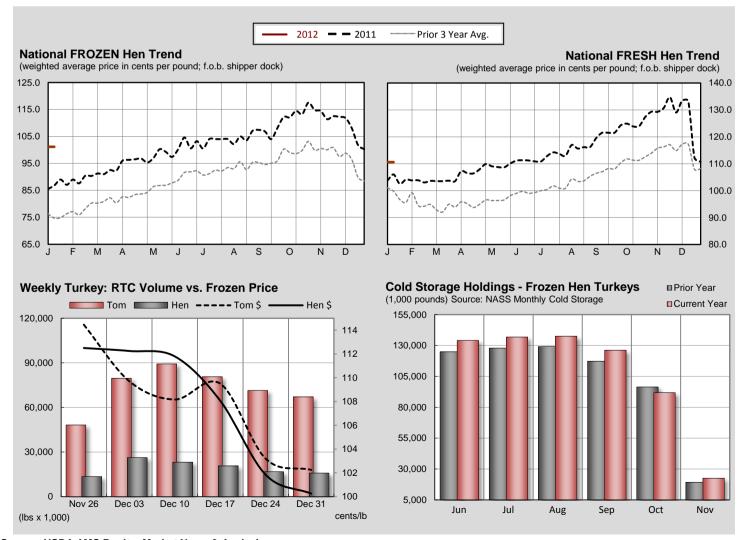
FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

	Curren	t Week	Last V	Veek	Last Year	
U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume
	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	101.15	3,110	100.25 1		85.50	60
16-24 lb. (Toms)	101.27	2,512	102.25 1		85.71	70

December Averages						
This	Last	Last				
 Month	Month	Year				
106.54	113.57	97.90				
107.01	113.08	97.15				

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

	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		December Averages		
U.S. Grade A - FRESH	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	This	Last	Last
	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	Month	Month	Year
Priced At Time Of Sale:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	110.60	139.2	110.74	109.3	103.73	17.9	132.59	129.32	113.04
16-24 lb. (Toms)	111.79	70.0	107.00	20.0			133.22	129.48	113.50
Price To Be Determined:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)		5.0				2.5			
16-24 lb. (Toms)		5.0				2.5			



Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm

based on offers.

### **National Young Turkey Parts**

Including bulk meat and frozen (unless specified), cents per lb., delivered first receivers, part and full trucklots as of 05 Jan 2012.

The market on tom bulk parts is mostly steady, instances weak. Demand and offerings llight to moderate. The market on white meat is barely steady to weak. Demand light. Offerings moderate. Trading was slow. For domestic: Plant grade non-basted 16-20 lbs. breasts 188 cents delivered.

Domestic Trading	Price	L.S.T.	Wtd Avg	Volume
	Range	Code 1/	Price	(000)
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/		F	128.00	40
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade AFresh 2/		R	181.00	7
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/				
Drumsticks, Tom		F	79.00	2
Drumsticks, TomFresh		W	73.00	40
Drumsticks, Hen		W	83.00	2
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	80.00		80.00	2
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		W	84.00	4
Wings, V-Type, Tom		R	104.00	20
Wings, V-Type, Hen				
Necks, Tom		W	55.00	6
Necks, Hen		W	43.00	2
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/	240.00		240.00	160
Breasts, B/S, TomFresh 3/	243.00		243.00	80
Thigh Meat	147.00-148.00		147.71	56
Thigh MeatFresh		F	147.47	121
Breast Trim Meat		W	143.00	2
Scapula Meat				
Wing Meat with Skin				
Tenderloins				
Destrapped Tenders				
Destrapped TendersFresh		Т	218.00	18
Mechanically Separated 4/		W	33.00	40
Mechanically SeparatedFresh 4/	33.00		33.00	40
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Export Trading				
Drumsticks, Toms		F	77.00	40
Wings Full-Cut - Toms				
Wings, V-Type, Tom		F	100.00	208
Tails		W	57.00	40
Mechanically Separated 4/		W	34.00	108
Thigh Meat - Frozen		F	148.34	242

<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.

### **National Young Turkey Parts**

Including bulk meat and frozen (unless specified), cents per lb., delivered first receivers, part and full trucklots as of 06 Jan 2012.

The market on tom bulk parts is steady, instances weak on full cut wings. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on white meat is barely steady to weak. Demand limited. Offerings moderate. Trading was slow. For domestic: fresh scapula 137-138 cents, fresh Mechanically separated turkey 21-22 cents pet food, fresh full-cut wings 73-77 cents, fresh hen breast meat 225 cents, fresh tom necks 49 cents and fresh tails 49 cents. For export: fresh thigh meat 147 cents, frozen livers 31 cents and fresh tom drums 73-75 cents delivered to port or border.

Domestic Trading	Price Range	L.S.T Code 1/	Wtd Avg Price	Volume (000)	Weekly Wtd Avg Price	Weekly Volume (000)
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/		F	128.00	40		(555)
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade AFresh 2/	159.00-191.00		181.29	14	181.29	14
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/	117.00-119.00		118.00	4	118.00	4
Drumsticks, Tom	75.00		75.00	18	75.00	18
Drumsticks, TomFresh	73.00-76.00		73.67	180	73.91	440
Drumsticks, Hen		W	83.00	2	83.00	2
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	77.00-80.00		78.22	270	78.34	278
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	82.00		82.00	2	83.33	6
Wings, V-Type, Tom	104.00-105.00		104.40	200	104.40	200
Wings, V-Type, Hen	123.00		123.00	17	123.00	17
Necks, Tom	52.00-55.00		54.20	182	54.22	188
Necks, Hen	43.00-48.00		45.50	8	45.00	10
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/		R	240.00	160	240.00	160
Breasts, B/S, TomFresh 3/		R	243.00	80	243.00	80
Thigh Meat	145.00-148.00		146.87	204	147.05	260
Thigh MeatFresh	147.00-149.00		147.87	124	147.87	124
Breast Trim Meat		W	143.00	2	143.00	2
Scapula Meat						
Wing Meat with Skin						
Tenderloins						
Destrapped Tenders						
Destrapped TendersFresh		T	218.00	18	218.00	18
Mechanically Separated 4/	33.00-38.00		37.00	50	35.22	90
Mechanically SeparatedFresh 4/	30.00-34.00		32.56	541	32.64	661
Export Trading						
Drumsticks, Toms	74.00-76.00		74.67	120	74.67	120
Wings Full-Cut - Toms						
Wings, V-Type, Tom	95.00		95.00	162	95.00	162
Tails	51.00		51.00	216	51.94	256
Mechanically Separated 4/		W	34.00	108	34.00	108
Thigh Meat - Frozen		F	148.34	242		
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