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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to fully steady with offering prices trending higher for future shipments. Demand slow to moderate. Offerings light to adequate. Frozen offering prices on a national basis ranged for hens 72-77 cents and toms ranged 72-77 cents shipping point for current deliveries. No trading reported.



The market tone on white meat was steady to fully steady on breast trim, balance of white meat mostly steady. Some industry members note tom breast meat may be finding a floor and offerings of scapula are getting harder to find. The market tone on thigh meat was mostly steady, bulk parts steady to instances fully steady and mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady. Demand was slow to moderate. Offerings of white meat light to adequate with tom breast meat the most available. Thigh meat offerings were light and bulk parts offerings short to adequate with both held with confidence. Trading was active on fresh tom drums, moderate on tom full-cut wings, tom necks and fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST).

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was moderately heavy on tom 2-joint wings, balance slow. Activity was noted tom hand cut hand defatted gizzards, tom necks, fresh tom drums, fresh thigh meat and fresh MST. The market tone on thigh meat was steady, with the balance of items steady to fully steady. Offerings mostly light to adequate and held with confidence.

### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	118-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	115-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	115-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	110-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	118-149

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	105-120
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-87
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-87

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 06-Feb-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
Head	1,816	2,484	47	6	4,353
Avg Wt	17.04	40.22	26.39	45.35	30.41
Last week	1,664	2,413	22	4	4,103
Same wk yr ago	1,678	2,735	27	16	4,456
Avg Wt	15.98	38.87	28.09	29.09	30.15
To-date/2010*	8,812	12,501	138	29	21,480
To-date/2009*	8,931	13,451	155	59	22,596
% Change YTD	-1%	-7%	-11%	-51%	-5%
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Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	24,759	79,932	955	210	105,856
Last week	22,681	76,900	449	110	100,140
Same wk yr ago	21,452	85,048	580	356	107,436
To-date/2010*	120,394	399,520	2,860	850	523,624
To-date/2009*	117,418	425,749	3,235	1,353	547,755
% Change YTD	3%	-6%	-12%	-37%	-4%
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Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

\*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 15-FEB-2010

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>		
8-16 lbs.	92.74	136,500
16-24 lbs.	87.00	40,000
<b>PRICE TO BE DETERMINED</b>		
8-16 lbs.	--	5,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000
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Total Volume:		186,500

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 06-Feb-10 (Preliminary)		-----Young turkeys-----		Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders		Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-		Live wt
North East	552	-2	26.90	(A)	554	26.90
South Atlantic	561	1	37.32	(A)	562	37.32
North Central	2,054	2	34.26	(A)	2,055	34.26
South Central	886	31	19.82	(A)	887	19.82
West	294	0	28.55	(A)	295	28.55
U.S. total	4,347 (B)	6	30.41	6	4,353	30.41
To-date						
2010*	21,451 (B)			29	21,480	
To-date						
2009*	22,537 (B)			59	22,596	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 47,000; for the current year to date\* 138,000; for last year to date\* 155,000.

\*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 February 12, 2010**

National Weighted Average Price (FOB Shipper Dock basis)	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year	
	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	70.50	1,000	73.30 <sup>1</sup>		69.70	--
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	70.50	1,000	77.00	20	64.93	--

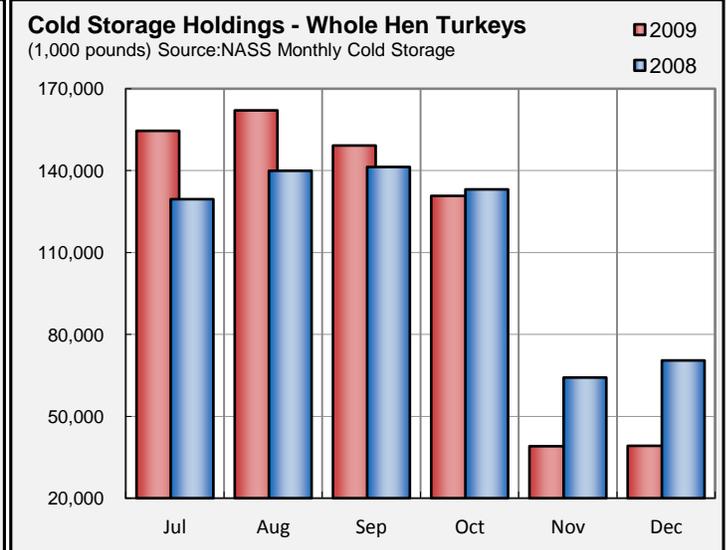
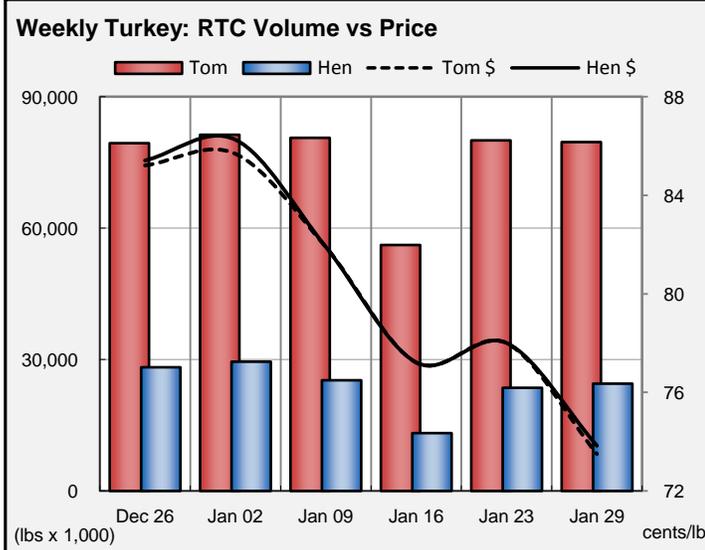
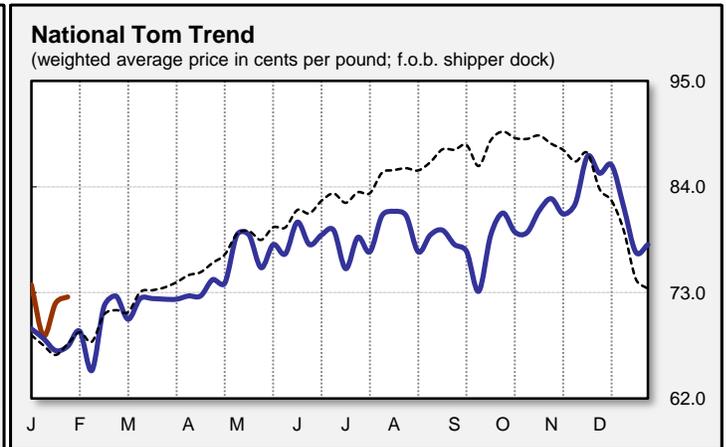
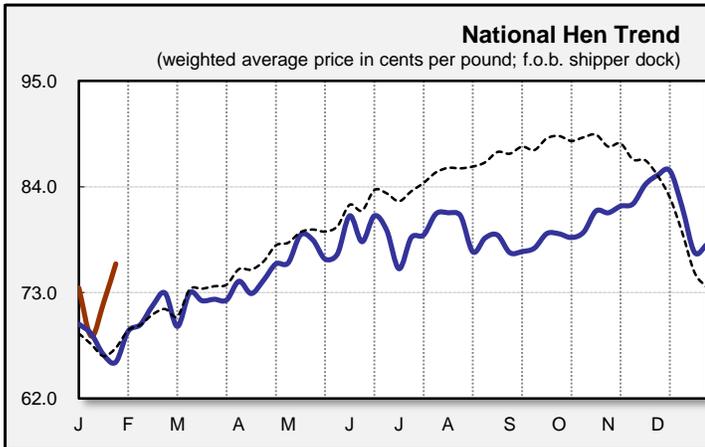
January Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
72.71	83.79	68.75
72.69	83.88	68.33

Regional Weighted Average Price (Delivered basis)	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year	
	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>						
Eastern Region	77.50 <sup>1</sup>		77.10 <sup>1</sup>		75.00	
Central Region	73.50	1,000	75.70 <sup>1</sup>		73.80 <sup>1</sup>	
Western Region	76.70 <sup>1</sup>		76.10 <sup>1</sup>		74.33	
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>						
Eastern Region	77.50 <sup>1</sup>		80.00	20	75.00	
Central Region	73.50	1,000	75.70 <sup>1</sup>		73.80 <sup>1</sup>	
Western Region	76.70 <sup>1</sup>		76.20 <sup>1</sup>		74.09	

January Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
76.50	87.93	71.73
74.13	87.65	71.63
76.34	87.80	71.88
76.34	88.03	71.20
74.11	87.78	71.23
76.34	87.80	71.55

<sup>1</sup> 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 11 FEBRUARY 2010.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Demand was slow to moderate. Offerings were light to barely adequate with tom drums in tightest position. The trade sentiment on white meat items was mostly steady, except fresh tom breast meat steady to barely steady. Demand and trading was limited and not well tested. Offerings were adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady with some caution noted. Demand was moderate for the light offerings. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate with limited offerings. Processors affected by the winter weather earlier in the week began to return to normal processing schedules. For domestic: frozen mature breeder breast meat 131 cents delivered. Export: frozen gizzards (hand defatted) 92 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	179.00	6
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	100.00		100.00	18
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	61.00-64.00		62.54	101
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	61.00-62.00		61.25	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	60.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	74.00-76.00		75.43	21
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	72.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	79.00		79.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00		117.00	5
NECKS, TOM	58.00		58.00	15
NECKS, HEN		M	52.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		T	143.51	322
THIGH MEAT	117.00		117.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	116.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	118.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		F	106.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	109.00		109.00	5
TENDERLOINS		R	131.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	141.00	6
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	23.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		T	22.00	80
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	61.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	75.00	120
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	116.50		116.50	40

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 12 FEB 2010.

The market tone on tom bulk parts and mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate with best inquiry on tom drums, tom necks, tails and fresh MST. Offerings were tight to barely adequate. The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat steady to barely steady, with the balance of white meat items mostly steady. Demand was limited while offerings were adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady. Demand was moderate for the light offerings. For domestic: frozen heavy hen thigh meat 117, fresh scapula meat 109-110, fresh tom full-cut wings 72, fresh tom necks 47-49, fresh tails 32, fresh mechanically separated turkey (pet food) 18 cents delivered. Export: frozen\*\*tom\*\*gizzards (hand cut, hand defatted) 104, frozen tom necks 59, fresh tom drums 61, fresh thigh meat 115, fresh mechanically separated turkey 22 cents delivered port or border.

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	141.00		141.00	19	142.17	46
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	100.00	18	100.00	18
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	63.00-64.00		63.33	120	62.69	281
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	60.00-63.00		60.67	722	60.60	1,042
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	61.00		61.00	7	61.00	7
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	74.00-76.00		74.96	208	74.37	349
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	71.00		71.00	5	71.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	79.00	20	79.00	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	117.00	5	117.00	5
NECKS, TOM	54.00-56.00		55.14	210	55.29	325
NECKS, HEN	52.00		52.00	7	52.00	22
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	145.00		145.00	30	143.52	432
THIGH MEAT	116.00-117.00		116.06	85	116.24	105
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	117.00		117.00	10	116.11	90
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	118.00	20	118.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		F	106.00	20		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	107.00		107.00	5	108.00	10
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	142.00-146.00		142.84	19	142.40	25
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00-23.00		22.13	268	22.29	388
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	63.00		63.00	40	61.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	75.00-76.00		75.41	588	75.34	708
TAILS	36.00		36.00	162	36.00	162
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	117.00		117.00	40	115.70	200

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