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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 instances firm. Demand light to moderate, best for deferred. Offerings light to adequate and generally held with confidence. Frozen offering prices on a national basis ranged for hens 75-82 cents and toms ranged 75-82 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading was light for current shipments with frozen basted equivalent toms traded at 79.00 cents shipping point.



The market tone on tom breast meat was steady with the balance of white meat steady to fully steady. The market tone on bulk parts and mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady. Demand on white meat was slow to moderate. Bulk parts demand light to good, best on drums and necks. Demand on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey moderate. Offerings short to adequate. Trading slow to moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow to moderate. Offerings short to adequate and generally 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#	75-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-88

### NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 22-FEB-2010

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>		
8-16 lbs.	94.18	130,000
16-24 lbs.	89.80	50,000
<b>PRICE TO BE DETERMINED</b>		
8-16 lbs.	--	5,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000
Total Volume:		190,000

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 13-Feb-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
Head	1,869	2,424	35	12	4,340
Avg Wt	17.13	39.94	24.97	32.00	29.97
Last week	1,816	2,484	47	6	4,353
Same wk yr ago	2,064	2,527	35	6	4,632
Avg Wt	17.00	39.73	25.40	29.07	29.48
To-date/2010*	10,681	14,925	173	41	25,820
To-date/2009*	10,995	15,978	190	65	27,228
% Change YTD	-3%	-7%	-9%	-37%	-5%

### Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	25,608	77,448	673	296	104,025
Last week	24,759	79,932	955	210	105,856
Same wk yr ago	28,070	80,318	680	133	109,201
To-date/2010*	146,002	476,968	3,533	1,146	627,649
To-date/2009*	145,488	506,067	3,915	1,486	656,956
% Change YTD	0%	-6%	-10%	-23%	-4%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders		Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-		Live wt
North East	574	4	26.63	(A)	577	26.63
South Atlantic	560	0	35.96	(A)	563	35.96
North Central	2,038	-1	34.06	(A)	2,040	34.06
South Central	789	-11	19.76	(A)	791	19.76
West	367	25	25.28	(A)	369	25.28
U.S. total	4,328(B)	0	29.97	12	4,340	29.97
To-date						
2010*	25,779(B)			41	25,820	
To-date						
2009*	27,163(B)			65	27,228	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 35,000; for the current year to date\* 173,000; for last year to date\* 190,000.

\*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 19, 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>	72.50	20	70.50	1,000	71.67	--
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	77.70	100	70.50	1,000	71.55	--

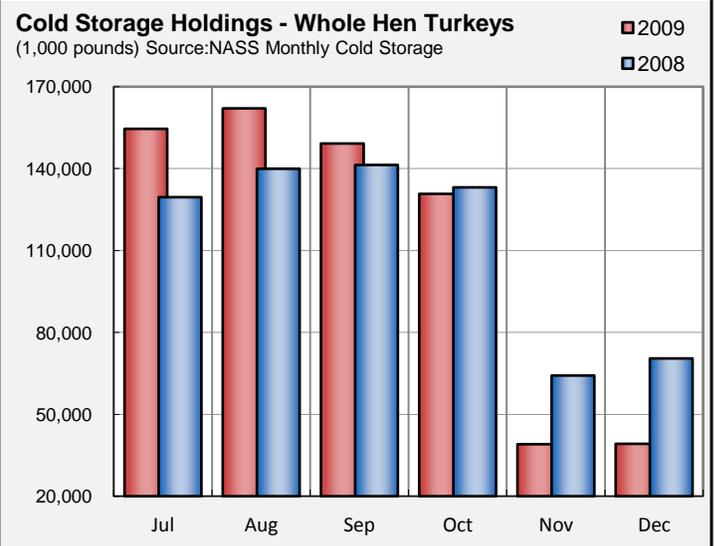
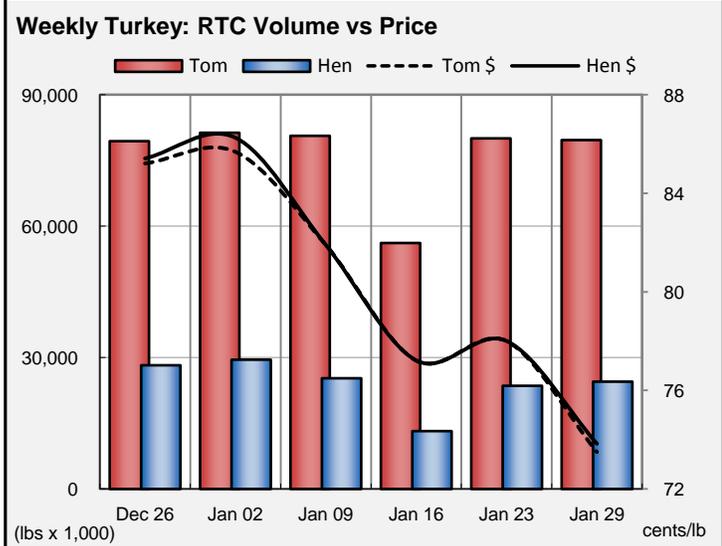
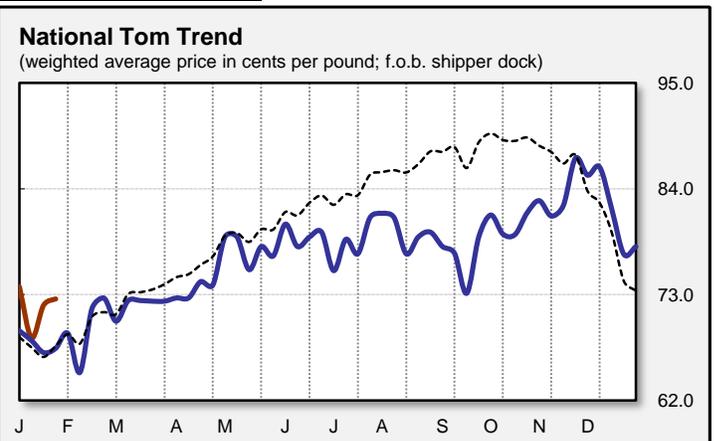
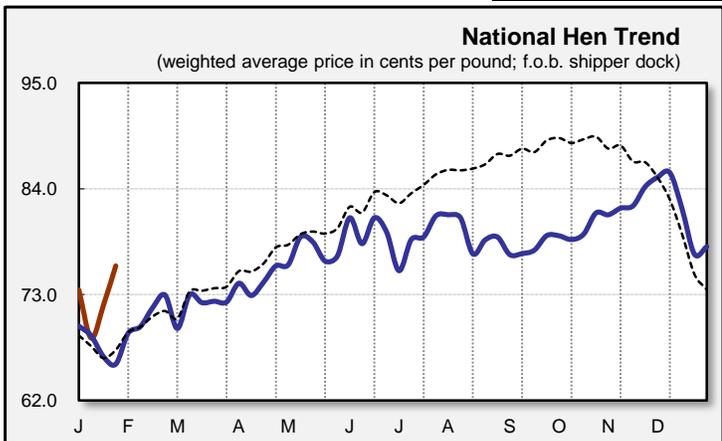
January Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
72.71	83.79	68.75
72.69	83.88	68.33

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	79.75 <sup>1</sup>		77.50 <sup>1</sup>		77.67	
Central Region	77.50	20	73.50	1,000	74.42	
Western Region	79.75 <sup>1</sup>		76.70 <sup>1</sup>		75.00 <sup>1</sup>	
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>						
Eastern Region	82.00	80	77.50 <sup>1</sup>		77.37	
Central Region	77.50	20	73.50	1,000	74.50	
Western Region	79.75 <sup>1</sup>		76.70 <sup>1</sup>		75.00 <sup>1</sup>	

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 18 FEBRUARY 2010.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Demand was mixed, light to good. Offerings of drums and necks were tight, full-cut wings adequate, balance barely adequate. The trade sentiment on tom breast meat was mostly steady with balance of white meat items steady to fully steady. Demand was slow to moderate while offerings were light to adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to moderate. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was fully steady. Demand was moderate. Offerings were limited. Largest volume of reported trading was into export channels. For domestic: fresh ground breast trim 122-125.5, fresh scapula meat 112, fresh wing meat 110, frozen hen breast meat 133, frozen mature hen drums 62 cents delivered. For export: frozen tom necks 59, frozen tom gizzards (hand cut, hand defatted) 104 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/	179.00		179.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	108.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	62.00		62.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	61.00		61.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	64.00		64.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	75.00		75.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	71.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	79.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	117.00	5
NECKS, TOM		W	58.00	80
NECKS, HEN		F	52.00	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	145.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	145.00		145.00	40
THIGH MEAT	117.00		117.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	118.00		118.00	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	107.00	5
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	144.00		144.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	28.00-29.00		28.50	80
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	64.00-65.00		64.40	270
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	75.41	588
TAILS	36.00		36.00	162
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	117.00		117.00	108

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 19 FEB 2010.

The market tone on tom bulk parts and mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady. Demand was in a full range, slow to good. Offerings were light to moderate with tom full-cut wings most available. The trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady, balance of white meat items were steady to fully steady. Some increased interest was reported on frozen tom breast meat. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to moderate while offerings were mostly limited. Domestic and export trading was fair to moderate. For domestic: frozen A grade breasts (non-basted) 8-10 lbs. 110, 12-16 lbs. 125, frozen hen breast meat 150, frozen tails 32, fresh scapula meat 109, fresh tom necks 56, fresh tails 32, fresh MST (pet food) 19-23 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 115, frozen livers 17 cents delivered border or port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WTD AVG PRICE
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	116.00		116.00	6	116.00	6
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	179.00	10	179.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	108.00	120	108.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	62.00-65.00		62.76	143	63.28	303
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	60.00-64.00		61.89	224	61.47	344
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	63.00		63.00	40	63.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	73.00-75.00		73.74	234	74.08	474
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	72.00		72.00	20	72.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	79.00		79.00	60	79.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00		117.00	13	117.00	13
NECKS, TOM	58.00-60.00		59.33	60	58.44	180
NECKS, HEN		F	52.00	7		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	150.00		150.00	40	146.67	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	145.00		145.00	40	145.00	162
THIGH MEAT		R	117.00	40	117.50	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	114.00-117.00		115.33	90	116.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	122.00		122.00	80	122.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	107.00	5		
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	141.00		141.00	20	142.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	29.00		29.00	40	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	24.00-29.00		26.02	130	26.96	210
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	64.00		64.00	40	64.35	310
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	73.00		73.00	108	73.00	108
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	75.41	588		
TAILS	37.00-38.00		37.33	162	36.67	324
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	114.00-118.0		116.70	268	116.78	456

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