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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. Demand was slow for current shipments with some industry members taking a long holiday weekend. Frozen offerings light to adequate. Frozen offering prices on a national basis ranged for hens 77-82 cents shipping point and toms ranged 77-82 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading moderate for current shipments. Frozen basted equivalent toms traded at 82 cents shipping point for current deliveries.



The market tone on white meat was steady was steady to firm. The frozen tom breast meat market was strongest on new production. Demand light to moderate. The market tone on thigh meat, tom bulk parts and mechanically separated turkey was steady to firm. Demand light to instances good, best on fresh MST for post-holiday needs. Offerings mixed due in part to some processors taking a long holiday weekend.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow. Activity was noted on frozen mixed and hen machine defatted gizzards. Demand light to moderate. Offerings short to adequate.

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#	95-105
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	81-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	81-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	81-91

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 05-APR-2010

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	92.80	475,000
16-24 lbs.	90.44	250,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

Total Volume: 745,000

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 27-Mar-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	TURKEYS	
Head	1,817	2,493	12	2	4,324
Avg Wt	17.22	39.34	24.48	59.71	30.01
Last week	1,849	2,580	9	13	4,451
Same wk yr ago	1,845	2,576	36	3	4,460
Avg Wt	16.38	38.69	25.91	33.58	29.35
To-date/2010*	21,436	30,262	294	90	52,082
To-date/2009*	22,490	31,554	310	81	54,435
% Change YTD	-5%	-4%	-5%	11%	-4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,038	78,454	226	92	103,810
Last week	24,917	79,296	188	311	104,712
Same wk yr ago	24,177	79,732	714	77	104,700
To-date/2010*	291,424	951,844	5,925	2,305	1,251,498
To-date/2009*	301,586	988,301	6,237	1,970	1,298,094
% Change YTD	-3%	-4%	-5%	17%	-4%

Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders	-Thousand head-Live wt	Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt			
North East	652	-2	26.34	(A)	653	26.34
South Atlantic	632	-2	33.12	(A)	633	33.12
North Central	2,088	0	34.43	(A)	2,088	34.43
South Central	697	-3	19.23	(A)	697	19.23
West	253	-22	24.78	(A)	253	24.78
U.S. total	4,322 (B)	-3	30.01	2	4,324	30.01
To-date						
2010*	51,992 (B)			90	52,082	
To-date						
2009*	54,354 (B)			81	54,435	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 12,000; for the current year to date* 294,000; for last year to date* 310,000.

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



For the Week Ending April 02, 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.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	79.53 ¹		76.54	840	72.25	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	82.00	320	81.85	200	72.33	--

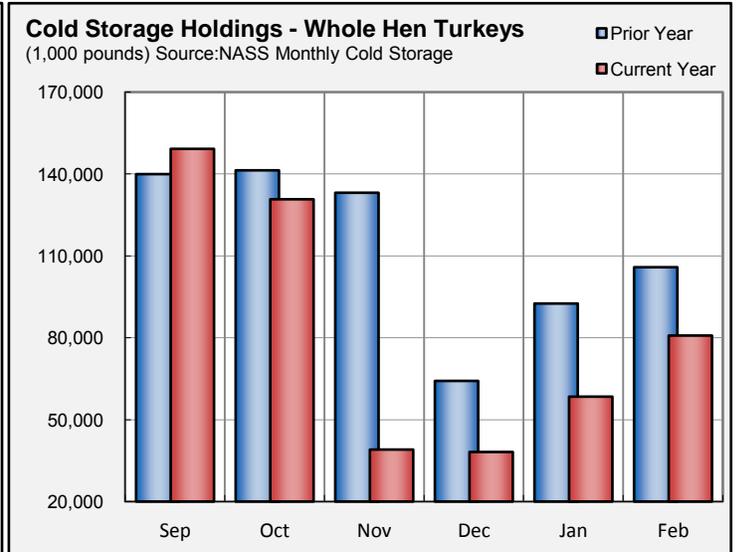
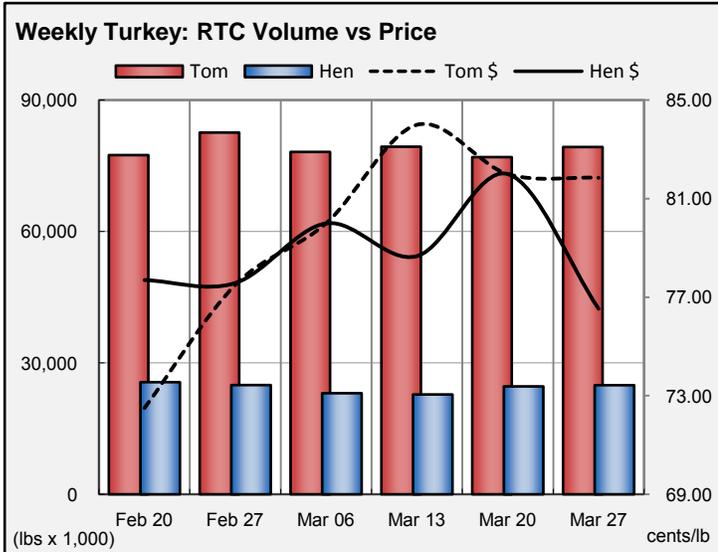
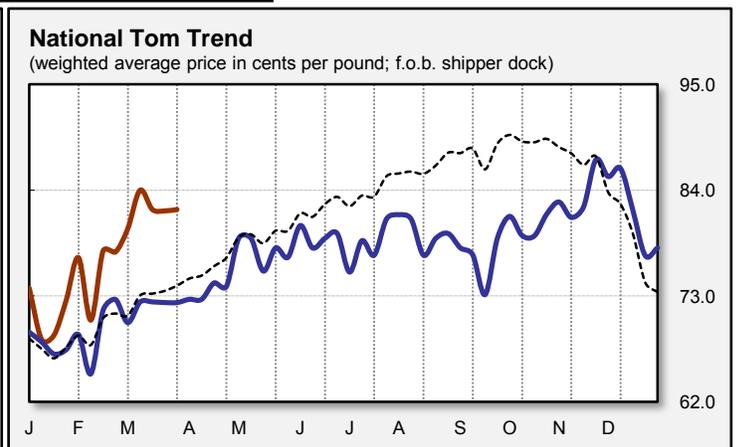
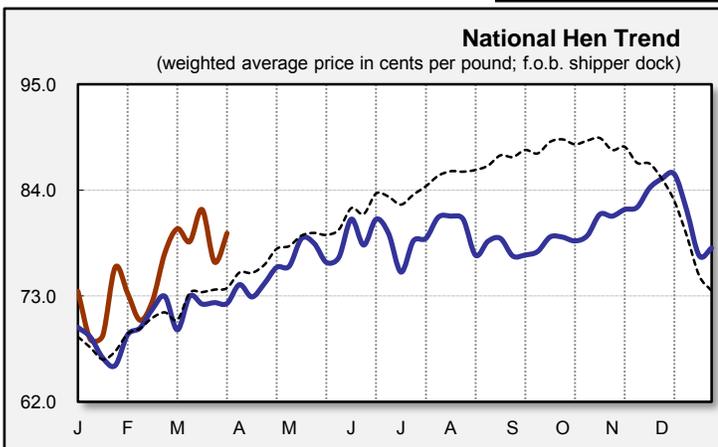
March Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
78.90	75.25	72.30
79.04	75.26	72.30

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.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)						
Eastern Region	82.90 ¹		83.00 ¹		77.07	
Central Region	81.40 ¹		80.25	40	77.50	
Western Region	82.90 ¹		79.50	800	75.80 ¹	
16-24 lb. (Toms)						
Eastern Region	84.00	320	85.00	160	76.50	
Central Region	81.40 ¹		80.25	40	75.00 ¹	
Western Region	82.90 ¹		83.00 ¹		75.80 ¹	

March Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
82.64	78.72	75.22
80.61	77.36	75.32
82.34	78.28	75.34
82.82	78.69	75.26
80.61	77.44	75.27
82.48	78.31	75.34

¹ based on offers.

— 2010 — 2009 - - - Prior 3 Year Avg.



Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis; www.ams.usda.gov/pymnhomepage

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 01 APRIL 2010.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to fully steady. Demand light to fair with most interest for post holiday needs for the light to adequate offerings. The market tone on frozen tom breast meat was steady to fully steady with some processors not seeing the interest or strength others are and wonder where to find it. Offerings light to adequate on -6 months aged product. The market tone on the balance of white meat steady to firm for the short to light offerings. Demand light to moderate. The market tone on institutional sized breasts was steady to fully steady with non-basted strongest and the least available. The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to firm. Demand mostly moderate to good with interest centered on drums and necks. Offerings short to adequate. Trading slow.

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/		F	149.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	70.00-71.00		70.15	94
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	71.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	67.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	71.00		71.00	54
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	69.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	86.00		86.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	120.00	5
NECKS, TOM	71.00		71.00	14
NECKS, HEN		T	67.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	172.00		172.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	169.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	125.00	44
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	122.00-124.00		123.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	117.00	40
TENDERLOINS		T	157.00	15
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	162.00		162.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	33.00		33.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	27.00-30.00		28.31	520

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	72.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	68.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		T	38.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	123.00	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 02 APR 2010.

The market tone on white meat steady to firm. The strength on frozen tom breast meat was strongest on new production. The market tone on tom bulk parts steady to firm with a few processors wondering if exporters will continue to pay the higher trending prices on drums. The market tone on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady to firm for post holiday needs. Demand light to moderate on white meat, thigh meat and parts, moderate to good on MST for post holiday needs. Some fresh MST buyers were looking for additional loads above contract for after Easter. Offerings mixed in partial response to processors taking a long holiday weekend. Trading active on fresh MST for domestic, balance slow. For domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 113 cents shipping point; Grade A non-basted breasts: 8-10 lb. 115, 10-12 lb. 120, 12-16 lb. 125 fresh tom full-cut wings 68-69, fresh tom necks 67, tails 35, fresh scapula 125-127 cents delivered. For export: mixed and hen machine defatted gizzards 87 cents shipping point.

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/		F	149.00	200		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	95.00	40	95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	72.00		72.00	40	70.86	152
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	67.00-68.00		67.67	120	68.30	400
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	68.00		68.00	2	67.12	17
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	68.00-69.50		68.85	137	69.46	191
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	69.00	15	69.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	86.00	40	86.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	120.00	5	120.00	5
NECKS, TOM	70.00		70.00	97	70.11	126
NECKS, HEN		T	67.00	15	67.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	172.00	40	172.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	165.00		165.00	4	166.29	124
THIGH MEAT		F	125.00	44		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	121.00-125.00		121.63	38	121.41	143
BREAST TRIM MEAT	136.00		136.00	20	136.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS		T	157.00	15	157.00	15
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	162.00		162.00	20	162.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	33.00		33.00	80	32.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	26.00-28.00		26.33	569	27.27	1,089

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	72.00	120	70.76	174
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	68.00	54	68.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		T	38.00	108	38.00	108
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