



# TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was fully steady to firm. Demand light to moderate. Frozen offerings extremely light to light and held with confidence. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 90.00-100.00 cents shipping point and toms 90.00-100.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading light for current shipments. Frozen basted equivalent hens and toms traded at 93.50 cents shipping point for current deliveries.



The market on white meat was steady to firm. Demand light to good, mostly moderate to good. Offerings very light to light. However, some spot unsettledness was noted on fresh tom breast meat out of next week's production for pre-holiday needs. The market on tom necks was barely steady to weak, tom full-cut wings steady to instances weak and tom drums steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom necks moderate to heavy with the balance of tom bulk parts moderate to instances heavy with fresh tom drums the most available. The market on thigh meat was barely steady to steady for the light demand. Offerings light to moderate. The mechanically separated turkey (MST) market was steady on frozen and barely steady to weak on fresh. Demand light. Offerings of MST moderate to heavy with excess fresh MST production moving into pet food channels as low as 16 cents delivered. The thigh meat market was steady to barely steady. Demand light for the light to moderate offerings. Trading light.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. The market is steady at best on parts and meats, steady to firm on whole turkeys. Demand light to fair with some industry members finding reduced fresh tom needs. Offerings of tom drums moderate to instances heavy, balance of items light to moderate.

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	122-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	119-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	119-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	117-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	117-149

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-120
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	90-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	91-100
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	98-100

### NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 28-JUN-2010

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>		
8-16 lbs.	101.71	140,000
16-24 lbs.	100.44	45,000

### PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	5,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume: 195,000

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 19-Jun-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	TURKEYS	
Head	1,832	2,575	13	1	4,421
Avg Wt	16.81	38.23	25.75	47.97	29.32
Last week	1,836	2,468	8	4	4,316
Same wk yr ago	2,125	2,665	3	1	4,794
Avg Wt	16.62	36.49	36.37	44.68	27.68
To-date/2010*	42,628	60,287	495	162	103,572
To-date/2009*	45,712	61,999	538	106	108,355
% Change YTD	-7%	-3%	-8%	53%	-4%

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

Current week	24,633	78,746	258	37	103,674
Last week	25,827	76,508	166	172	102,673
Same wk yr ago	27,901	76,824	83	34	104,842
To-date/2010*	580,926	1,879,248	9,822	4,180	2,474,176
To-date/2009*	608,402	1,897,243	11,183	2,744	2,519,572
% Change YTD	-5%	-1%	-12%	52%	-2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders	head-Live wt	Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	head-Live wt	
North East	570	-3	26.94	(A)	571	26.94
South Atlantic	583	0	36.04	(A)	583	36.04
North Central	2,284	8	31.7	(A)	2,284	31.70
South Central	765	-4	18.76	(A)	765	18.76
West	218	-5	29.52	(A)	218	29.52
U.S. total	4,420 (B)	3	29.32	1	4,421	29.32
To-date						
2010*	103,410 (B)			162	103,572	
To-date						
2009*	108,249 (B)			106	108,355	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date\* 495,000; for last year to date\* 538,000.

\*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 June 25, 2010**

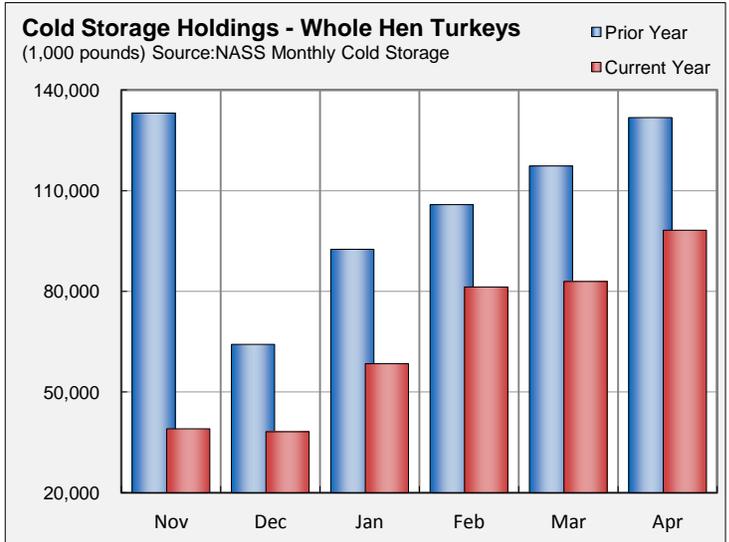
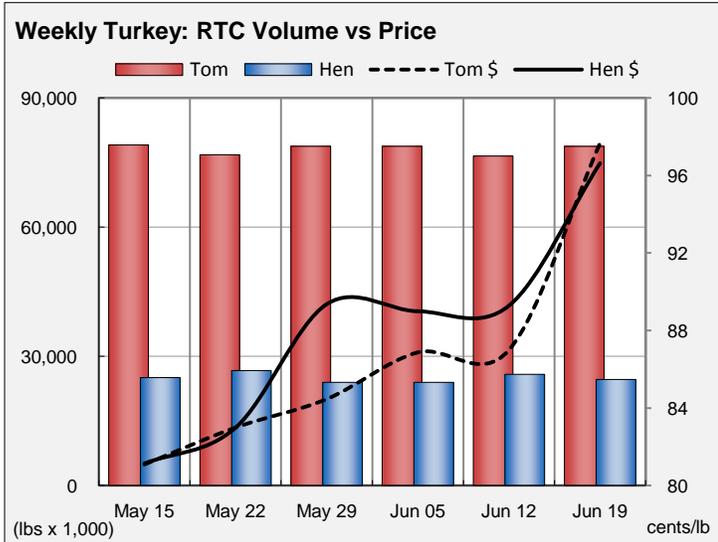
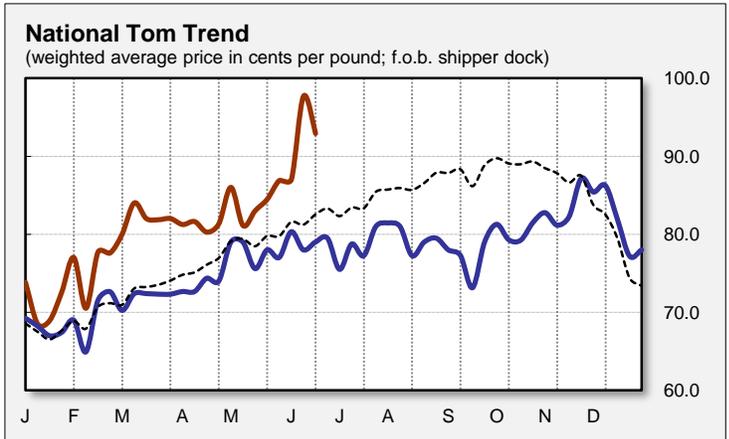
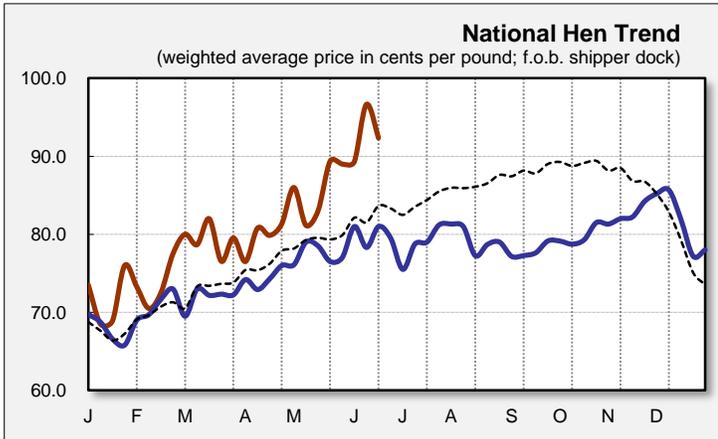
National Weighted Average Price (FOB Shipper Dock basis)	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year	
	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	92.33	135	96.64	840	81.00	--
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	92.90	288	97.67	725	79.00	--

May Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
82.46	80.43	75.61
82.33	80.70	75.58

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	94.60 <sup>1</sup>		93.00	120	84.00	
Central Region	96.32	95	103.50	600	80.38 <sup>1</sup>	
Western Region	94.00	40	92.00	120	81.50 <sup>1</sup>	
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>						
Eastern Region	94.60 <sup>1</sup>		93.10 <sup>1</sup>		82.00	
Central Region	97.21	208	103.38	605	80.38 <sup>1</sup>	
Western Region	94.00	80	92.00	120	81.50 <sup>1</sup>	

May Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
86.45	83.90	78.71
84.73	82.90	78.74
85.10	83.45	78.50
86.26	83.93	78.75
84.43	83.35	78.59
85.10	83.60	78.50

<sup>1</sup> 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 24 JUNE 2010.

The market on tom necks is steady to instances weak, tom drums and tom full-cut wings steady to barely steady and tom 2-joint wings steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom necks adequate to ample, fresh tom drums moderate to moderately heavy, tails mixed with supplies varying by processor, frozen tom drums and tom 2-joint wings light to moderate. The thigh meat market was steady with caution noted and mechanically separated turkey (MST) steady to weak with fresh sold into pet foods at lower trending prices. Demand light. Offerings of thigh meat light to moderate, fresh MST moderate to instances heavy and frozen MST light to moderate. Trading light.

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/	161.00		161.00	1
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	74.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	70.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	70.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	71.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	70.83	48
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	89.25	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	122.78	45
NECKS, TOM		W	48.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	239.33	120
THIGH MEAT		W	119.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	120.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	165.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		W	168.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	133.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	192.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	208.00	15
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	34.00-39.00		35.67	120
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	73.00		73.00	27
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	93.00	120
TAILS	45.00		45.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

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 25 JUNE 2010.

The market tone on bulk parts was mostly steady with tom necks steady to weak, tom drums steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were light to moderate with necks and drums mixed but mostly moderate. The thigh meat market was steady, instances weak. Mechanically separated turkey (MST) barely steady to weak with fresh sold into pet foods at lower trending prices. Demand for both MST and thigh meat was light. Offerings of thigh meat light to moderate and fresh MST moderate to instances heavy. Trading was light. For domestic: fresh scapula 161 cents, 8-10 lb. plant grade breast basted 116 cents, 8-10 lb. A grade breast non basted 115 cents and 12-16 lb. A grade non basted 130 cents. For export wing tips 68-69 cents port and tom necks 46 cents port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	WTD VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	161.00	1	161.00	1
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	74.00	40	74.55	55
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	70.00	40	70.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	70.00	20		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	70.00-72.00		70.67	60	71.06	155
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	70.00		70.00	15	70.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	91.50		91.50	20	89.70	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	122.78	45		
NECKS, TOM	48.00		48.00	20	48.26	69
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	239.33	120	237.53	300
THIGH MEAT	119.00		119.00	40	119.02	82
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	119.00-120.00		119.67	60	119.67	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT	169.00		169.00	40	167.67	60
SCAPULA MEAT	161.00		161.00	20	162.33	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	133.00	40	133.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	192.00	12		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	208.00	15		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	210.00		210.00	6	210.00	6
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	40.00		40.00	16	37.32	228
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	73.00	27	73.00	67
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	91.00		91.00	240	91.00	240
TAILS		R	45.00	40	43.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	119.00		119.00	40	119.00	40

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