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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on frozen hens and consumer sized toms is steady to firm. Demand light to moderate. Frozen offerings light at best. 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 with activity centered on frozen basted equivalent hens at 95 cents shipping point.



The market on white meat steady to fully steady with some spot unsettledness noted on frozen tom breast meat. However, instances of increased strength are being noted as some producers are expressing increased concerns over the continuing heat wave in parts of the country. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate with fresh supplies the least available and frozen tom breast meat the most available. The market on tom bulk parts is steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate with some noting increased interest on fresh tom drums for domestic grinding needs. Offerings of tom bulk parts light to instances moderately heavy with fresh tom drums the most available. The market on thigh meat is steady to barely steady, fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) steady to barely steady, and frozen MST barely steady to weak. Demand light with continued improved interest being noted on fresh MST. Offerings of thigh meat light to moderate, instances moderately heavy. Fresh MST offerings are light to mostly moderate. Frozen MST offerings are moderate to sometimes heavy. Trading activity light to moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light to moderate with activity noted on frozen mature strap-in tenderloins, scapula, hen drums, tom necks and tom hand defatted gizzards. Demand light with some improved interest noted. Offerings 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#	95-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95-100
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	98-100

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 17-Jul-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
Head	1,859	2,691	43	13	4,606
Avg Wt	16.84	37.24	24.76	26.18	28.86
Last week	1,658	2,222	13	1	3,894
Same wk yr ago	1,920	2,579	34	2	4,535
Avg Wt	17.23	37.14	39.33	43.18	28.73
To-date/2010*	49,996	70,290	569	183	121,038
To-date/2009*	53,552	72,135	641	135	126,463
% Change YTD	-7%	-3%	-11%	36%	-4%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	25,040	80,177	820	262	106,299
Last week	22,490	67,944	235	53	90,722
Same wk yr ago	26,465	76,627	1,023	66	104,181
To-date/2010*	682,212	2,180,820	11,225	4,653	2,878,910
To-date/2009*	715,989	2,196,775	13,548	3,378	2,929,690
% Change YTD	-5%	-1%	-17%	38%	-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

W/E 17-Jul-10 (Preliminary)	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeder	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg		
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head	-Live wt
North East	615	24	25.93	(A)	619 25.93
South Atlantic	728	32	33.13	(A)	730 33.13
North Central	2,289	18	31.57	(A)	2,292 31.57
South Central	685	0	18.40	(A)	687 18.40
West	276	24	27.7	(A)	278 27.70
U.S. total	4,593 (B)	18	28.86	13	4,606 28.86
To-date					
2010*	120,855 (B)			183	121,038
To-date					
2009*	126,328 (B)			135	126,463

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 43,000; for the current year to date\* 569,000; for last year to date\* 641,000.

\*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 26-JUL-2010

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>		
8-16 lbs.	101.65	127,500
16-24 lbs.	100.84	47,500

### PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

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

Total Volume: 185,000

**Weekly Weighted Average Prices for Frozen Whole Young Turkeys**  
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 (consumer sizes, commodity pack or equivalent, U.S. Grade A, cents/lb. (minimum 10,000 lb lots))

**For the Week Ending July 23, 2010**

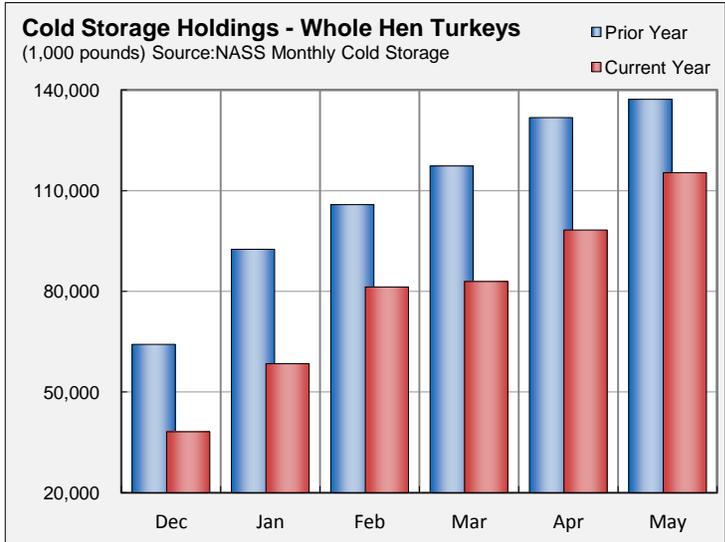
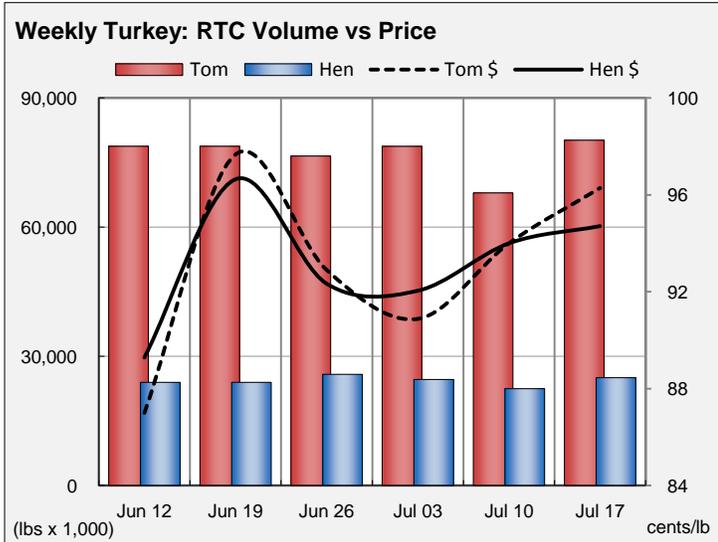
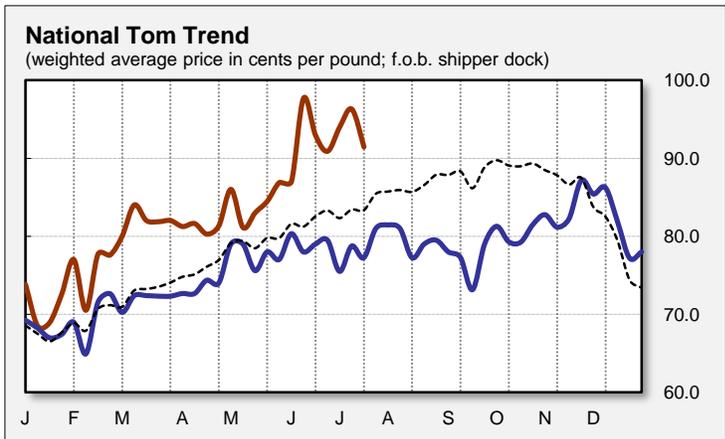
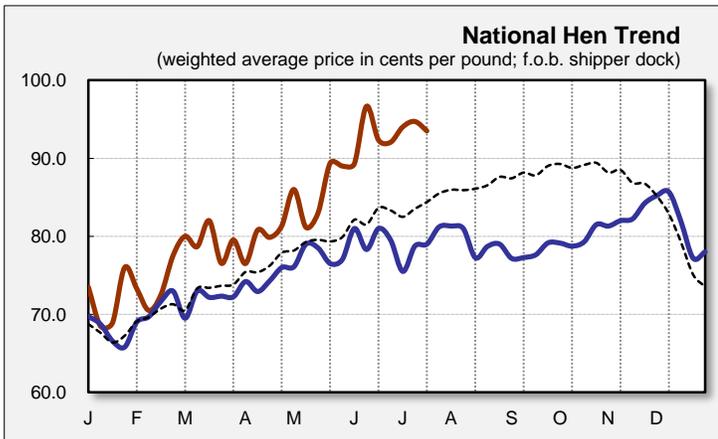
National Weighted Average Price (FOB Shipper Dock basis)	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year	
	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	93.50	120	94.71	1,620	79.00	--
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	91.43	285	96.29	865	77.25	--

June Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
90.28	82.46	78.18
89.98	82.33	78.19

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	98.00	80	98.61	1,620	82.40 <sup>1</sup>	
Central Region	93.50	40	99.30 <sup>1</sup>		82.00	
Western Region	96.00 <sup>1</sup>		95.80 <sup>1</sup>		81.75 <sup>1</sup>	
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>						
Eastern Region	99.50 <sup>1</sup>		100.15	860	80.12	
Central Region	94.98	285	95.00	5	82.00	
Western Region	96.00 <sup>1</sup>		95.80 <sup>1</sup>		81.75 <sup>1</sup>	

June Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
93.38	86.45	82.00
95.47	84.73	80.55
91.19	85.10	81.00
93.25	86.26	81.95
94.74	84.43	80.59
91.19	85.10	81.02

<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 22 JUL 2010.

The market on bulk parts remained steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom drums and necks were moderate to instances heavy with the balance of bulk parts light to moderate. The white meat market is mostly steady to fully steady with trims continuing to be in the strongest position. Demand and offerings were light to moderate. The market on thigh meat was steady to barely steady and mechanically separated turkey (MST) steady to weak. Both had light demand. Offerings of thigh meat was light to moderate while offerings of mechanically separated turkey was moderate to at times heavy. Market activity was slow to moderate into domestic and export channels. For export: frozen tom gizzards (machine cut, machine defatted) 66, frozen tom necks 35 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/	161.00		161.00	8
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	72.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	65.00		65.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	69.00		69.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	70.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	71.00		71.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	88.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	36.00-40.00		37.33	120
NECKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	232.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	245.00	80
THIGH MEAT	116.00		116.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	116.00		116.00	36
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	166.00		166.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS		R	200.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	229.00		229.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	229.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		T	25.88	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	67.00		67.00	108
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	69.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	83.18	294
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	119.00	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 23 JULY 2010.

The market on bulk parts ranged steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings of tom bulk parts were light to moderate with fresh tom drums moderate to instances heavy. The white meat market was mostly steady for tom breast meat and steady to fully steady for white trims. Demand and offerings remained light to moderate. The market on thigh meat was steady to barely steady and mechanically separated turkey (MST) steady to weak with light demand for both. Offerings of thigh meat was light to moderate while offerings of mechanically separated turkey was moderate to at times heavy, frozen MST in the longest position. Market activity was slow to moderate with increased trading reported into domestic and export channels. For domestic: fresh scapula meat 161, fresh wing meat 136, fresh tom full-cut wings 66, fresh tom necks 37, fresh tails 35, frozen tails 35- 36 cents delivered. For export: frozen mature whole tenderloins 215, frozen scapula meat 169, frozen hen drums 68, frozen tom gizzards (hand cut, hand defatted) 94, frozen tom necks 33 cents delivered border or port; frozen tom breast meat 210 cents FOB.

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	161.00	8	161.00	8
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	72.00	20	70.00	140
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	63.00-64.00		63.76	230	64.82	470
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	69.00		69.00	48	69.00	72
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	67.00-69.00		68.60	205	68.83	245
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	71.00	6	69.57	21
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	88.00-89.00		88.33	120	88.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	36.00-39.00		37.23	350	37.41	590
NECKS, HEN	41.00		41.00	17	41.53	36
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	232.00	120		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	245.00-254.00		247.25	80	245.58	390
THIGH MEAT		R	116.00	40	116.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	115.00-116.00		115.33	60	115.99	134
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	162.00		162.00	46	163.86	86
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	136.00		136.00	20	136.00	20
TENDERLOINS	200.00		200.00	10	200.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	229.00	40	229.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	229.00-231.50		230.25	80	229.83	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	23.00-24.00		23.41	68	21.03	148
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00-26.00		25.14	282	25.30	362

## EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	68.00		68.00	162	68.00	378
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	69.00	52	69.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	88.00		88.00	378	85.89	672
TAILS	34.00		34.00	108	34.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	19.00	80	19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	114.00-116.5		115.47	300	115.47	300

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