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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 with sellers continuing to offer at higher trending price levels. Demand light to moderate for current deliveries, moderate for deferred. Offerings very light to light for current shipments as some processors focus on fresh whole turkey production for the upcoming April holidays. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 94.00-99.00 cents shipping point and toms 94.00-104.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. No trading reported.



The market on white meat, consumer and institutional sized bone-in breasts, and thigh meat is steady to firm. Demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good for the very light to light offerings. Demand on 4-8 lb. breasts is light to moderate. The market on tom drums and tom necks is steady to fully steady, mostly steady while wings continue to be firm. Demand on tom drums and tom necks is light to moderate with some finding less aggressive buyer interest on tom necks while tom wings remain moderate to good. Offerings of tom wings are short of buys' needs while tom necks and drums are light to instances moderate. The market on mechanically separated turkey (MST) is steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of MST are light to moderate with frozen the least available. Trading light.

### **EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS**

Trading light. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light.

### SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS

Delivered to Restaurants and Institution  
(cents per lb.)

	<b>Range</b>
Turkeys Y Hens	129-165
Turkeys Y Toms Under 22#	128-165
Turkeys Y Toms 22-24#	128-165
Turkeys Y Toms 24-26#	128-165
Turkeys Y Toms 26 Lbs & Over	135-165

### LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS

Delivered to Retailers  
(cents per lb.)

	<b>Range</b>
Fresh Turkeys Y Hens 8-16#	118-128
Fresh Turkeys Y Toms 14-24#	
Frozen Turkeys Y Hens 8-16#	96-102
Frozen Turkeys Y Toms 14-24#	96-102
Frozen Turkeys Y Toms 24-28#	102-109

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 05 APRIL 2011.

The market on bulk parts was steady to firm. Demand was light to good. Offerings light with many items short of full needs. The market on white meat is steady to firm. Demand was in a full range, light to good. Offerings light and held with confidence. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady to fully steady. Demand and offerings are light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For export: drumettes 52 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	125.00	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	175.33	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	122.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	79.00		79.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	75.19	84
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	74.00		74.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	80.00		80.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	74.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	94.00	99
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	120.00	2
NECKS, TOM	37.00		37.00	10
NECKS, HEN	36.00		36.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	255.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		M	250.00	80
THIGH MEAT		M	134.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	134.70	198
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	206.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		M	199.00	12
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS	228.00		228.00	6
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	234.00		234.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	227.00	34
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	30.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00		29.00	40

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	80.88	432
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	80.00	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	96.00	108
TAILS		F	42.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	33.00	54
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	133.00	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.

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4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	31.00-32.00		31.50	160

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