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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. Offerings very light for current shipments. 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. White meat offerings are very light to light with some finding fresh tom breast meat not as tight as previous weeks. Offerings of thigh meat, 4-8 lb. and institutional sized breasts are very light to light. The market on tom drums and tom necks is at least steady with necks in the strongest position, while wings continue firm. Demand on tom drums and tom necks is light to moderate while tom wings are moderate to good. Offerings of tom wings are very light at best, tom necks very light to light, and tom drums are light to sometimes moderate. The market on fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) is steady while frozen is at least steady. Demand light to moderate with less aggressive interest continuing to be reported. 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 PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
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

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-128
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	93-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	93-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	95-109

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 02-Apr-11 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
Head	1,692	2,558	45	26	4,321
Avg Wt	16.89	39.20	26.78	26.15	30.26
Last week	1,799	2,543	34	7	4,383
Same wk yr ago	1,673	2,344	7	1	4,025
Avg Wt	17.42	39.02	22.40	54.18	29.16
To-date/2011*	22,631	32,825	293	106	55,855
To-date/2010*	23,109	32,606	301	91	56,107
% Change YTD	-2%	1%	-3%	16%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,720	79,715	934	527	103,896
Last week	25,589	79,765	691	179	106,224
Same wk yr ago	23,315	73,170	121	42	96,648
To-date/2011*	310,634	1,040,485	5,848	2,502	1,359,469
To-date/2010*	314,741	1,025,025	6,046	2,347	1,348,159
% Change YTD	-1%	2%	-3%	7%	1%
Dressing %	79.5%	79.5%	77.5%	77.5%	39

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

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

****Effective May 5, 2011 this report will be discontinued. The weighted average prices and volumes for fresh turkeys will continue to be published on the Weekly National Fresh and Frozen Whole Young Turkey report on a FOB shipper dock basis.****

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 11-APR-2011

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	109.92	536,500
16-24 lbs.	110.05	471,500
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	--	25,000
16-24 lbs.	--	25,000
Total Volume:		1,058,000

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders		Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-		Live wt
North East	571	-4	25.74	(A)	577	25.74
South Atlantic	535	-19	36.69	(A)	540	36.69
North Central	2,080	-3	34.65	(A)	2,085	34.65
South Central	822	10	19.38	(A)	827	19.38
West	287	27	26.92	(A)	292	26.92
U.S. total	4,295 (B)	-2	30.26	26	4,321	30.26
To-date						
2011*	55,749 (B)			106	55,855	
To-date						
2010*	56,016 (B)			91	56,107	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 45,000; for the current year to date* 293,000; for last year to date* 301,000.

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

Weekly National Fresh and Frozen Whole Young Turkeys
USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service, Poultry Market News & Analysis Branch
 Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis

Frozen Whole Body Trading - Week Ending April 08, 2011 -

(commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots)

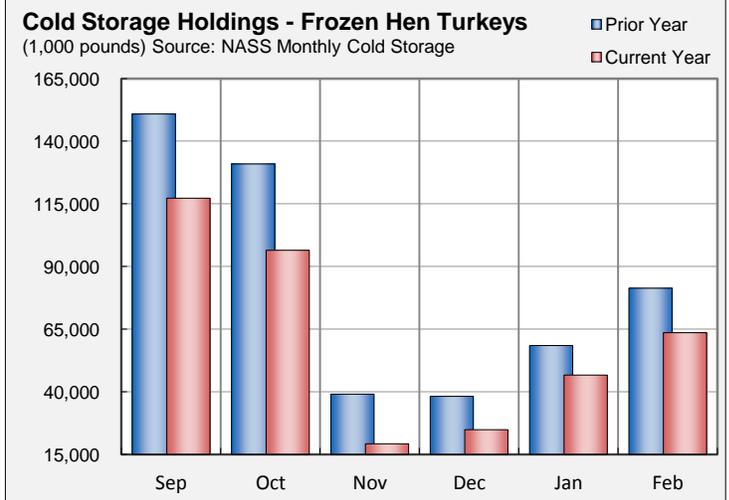
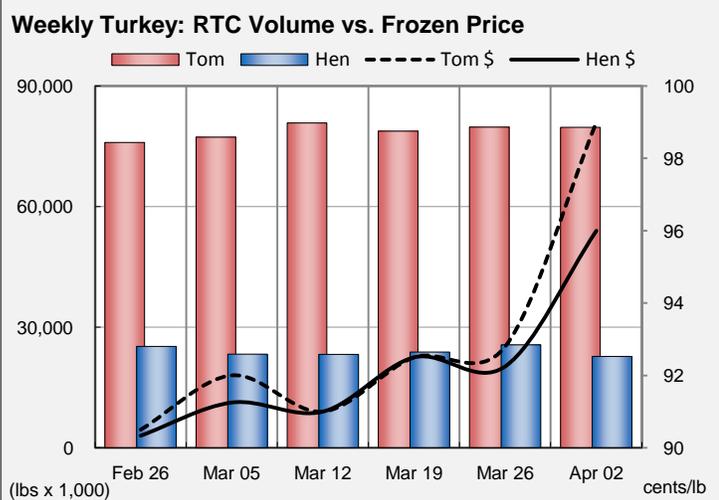
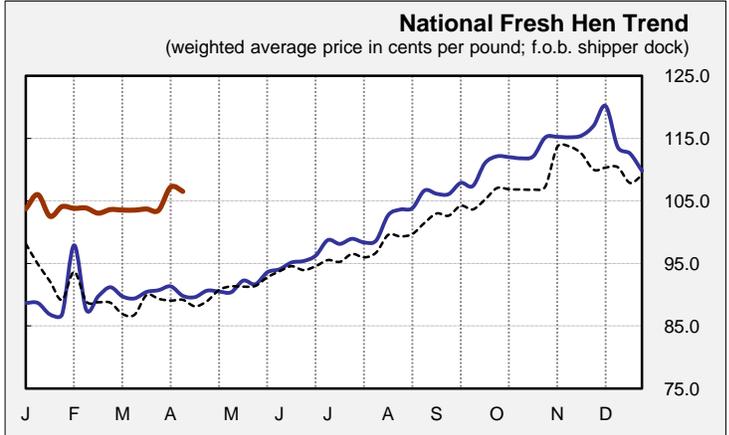
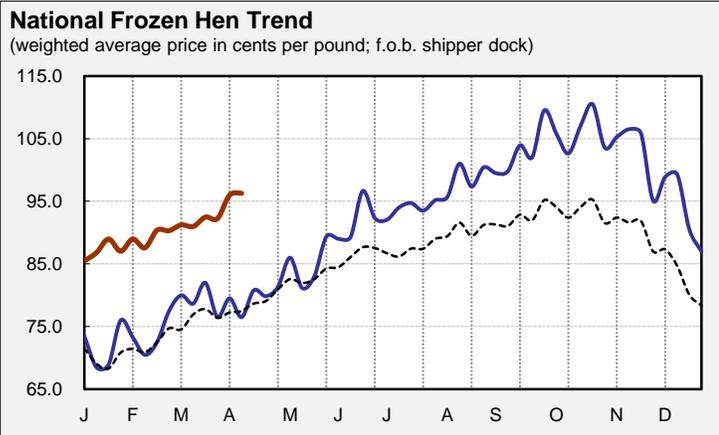
U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		March Averages		
	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
8-16 lb. (Hens)	96.30 ¹		96.00 ¹		76.50	20	92.38	89.97	78.90
16-24 lb. (Toms)	103.00	160	99.00	80	81.23	300	92.33	90.08	79.04

Fresh Whole Body Trading - Week Ending April 07, 2011 -

(with timers; for delivery within the next 7 days)

U.S. Grade A - FRESH	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		March Averages		
	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
Priced At Time Of Sale:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	106.52	536.5	107.22	496.5	89.60	250.0	105.32	103.59	90.72
16-24 lb. (Toms)	107.05	471.5	107.22	431.5	87.32	95.0	105.32	102.24	86.17
Price To Be Determined:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	25.0	--	5.0	--	5.0	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	25.0	--	5.0	--	5.0	--	--	--

¹ 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 07 April 2011.

The market on bulk parts was steady to firm. Demand was mixed and mostly moderate. Offering short to moderate. The market on white meat is steady to firm. Demand was in a full range, light to good. Offerings light. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady. Demand was light. Offerings light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: frozen breasts grade A 8-10 lb. 150 cents, 10-14 lb. 180 cents, 14-16 lb. 185, 16-20 lb. 190 cents.

Domestic Trading	Price Range	L.S.T. Code 1/	Wtd Avg Price	Volume (000)
Breasts, 4-8 Lbs Grade A 2/	132.00		132.00	5
Breasts, 4-8 Lbs Grade A--Fresh 2/	155.00-199.00		175.00	30
Breasts, 4-8 Lbs Plant Grade 2/		R	122.00	80
Drumsticks, Tom	79.00		79.00	40
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	76.00		76.00	80
Drumsticks, Hen	74.00		74.00	20
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	80.00-82.00		81.33	120
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	76.00		76.00	20
Wings, V-Type, Tom		M	94.00	99
Wings, V-Type, Hen		M	120.00	2
Necks, Tom		W	38.00	40
Necks, Hen	36.00		36.00	4
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/		M	255.00	80
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	248.00-253.00		250.86	28
Thigh Meat	135.00		135.00	4
Thigh Meat--Fresh	135.00		135.00	12
Breast Trim Meat	206.00		206.00	6
Scapula Meat	198.00		198.00	20
Wing Meat with Skin		W	158.00	20
Tenderloins	226.00		226.00	20
Destrapped Tenders	236.00		236.00	40
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh		M	227.00	34
Mechanically Separated 4/	30.00		30.00	40
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/		W	31.50	160
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	42.50		42.50	40
Mechanically Separated 4/		M	33.00	54
Thigh Meat - Frozen	132.00		132.00	27

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 08 APRIL 2011.

The market on bulk parts was steady to fully steady with wings firm. Demand was light to moderate, instances good for wings. Offering short to moderate. The market on white meat is steady to firm. Demand remains in a full range, light to good. Offerings light. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady. Demand was slowing and was mostly light. Offerings light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: frozen breasts grade A 10-12 lb. 176 cents, frozen hen breast meat 234 cents, frozen breast pieces 232 cents and fresh scapula 198 cents. For export: hearts 32 cents delivered.

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/	129.00		129.00	40	125.68	285
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/		R	175.00	30	175.00	30
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/	124.00		124.00	40	124.00	40
Drumsticks, Tom	79.00		79.00	80	79.20	197
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	76.00		76.00	40	75.67	204
Drumsticks, Hen	73.00-75.00		74.28	63	74.19	95
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	75.00-83.00		80.70	94	80.01	351
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	71.00		71.00	5	74.94	27
Wings, V-Type, Tom	97.00		97.00	80	95.34	179
Wings, V-Type, Hen		M	120.00	2	120.00	2
Necks, Tom	37.00-38.00		37.50	80	37.30	265
Necks, Hen	35.00		35.00	20	35.29	28
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/		M	255.00	80	255.00	80
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/		R	250.86	28	250.22	108
Thigh Meat		R	135.00	4	134.17	24
Thigh Meat--Fresh	136.00		136.00	2	134.77	252
Breast Trim Meat		R	206.00	6	206.00	106
Scapula Meat		R	198.00	20	198.17	72
Wing Meat with Skin	160.00		160.00	80	159.60	100
Tenderloins		R	226.00	20	226.46	26
Destrapped Tenders	234.00		234.00	20	234.44	180
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh		M	227.00	34	227.00	34
Mechanically Separated 4/	30.00		30.00	40	30.00	80
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	31.00-33.00		31.61	46	31.36	526

Export Trading

Drumsticks, Toms		F	80.88	432		
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		F	80.00	162		
Wings, V-Type, Tom	97.00		97.00	240	97.00	240
Tails	42.00		42.00	40	42.18	110
Mechanically Separated 4/	31.00		31.00	54	32.00	108
Thigh Meat - Frozen		R	132.00	27	132.60	67

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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.

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