



# 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 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 is mostly steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate for the very light to moderate, generally light offerings. The market on bone-in breasts and thigh meat is steady to firm. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings very light to light. The market on tom bulk parts is steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings very light to light. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady to barely steady with fresh in the softest position. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate. Trading light to moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate.

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	133-165
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	129-165
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	129-165
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	139-165
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	139-165

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

	RANGE
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#	96-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	102-110

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 09-Apr-11 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
Head	1,724	2,602	18	2	4,346
Avg Wt	17.02	39.15	26.55	40.69	30.32
Last week	1,692	2,558	45	26	4,321
Same wk yr ago	1,885	2,428	18	2	4,333
Avg Wt	17.18	39.01	25.25	60.53	29.53
To-date/2011*	24,355	35,427	311	108	60,201
To-date/2010*	24,994	35,034	319	93	60,440
% Change YTD	-3%	1%	-3%	16%	0%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	23,329	80,984	370	63	104,746
Last week	22,720	79,715	934	527	103,896
Same wk yr ago	25,907	75,773	350	93	102,123
To-date/2011*	333,963	1,121,469	6,218	2,565	1,464,215
To-date/2010*	340,648	1,100,798	6,396	2,440	1,450,282
% Change YTD	-2%	2%	-3%	5%	1%
Dressing %	79.5%	79.5%	77.5%	77.5%	

\*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 18-APR-2011

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>		
8-16 lbs.	109.41	526,500
16-24 lbs.	109.47	461,500

### **PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	25,000
16-24 lbs.	--	25,000

Total Volume: 1,038,000

### 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		594	4	26.38	(A)	595	26.38
South Atlantic		610	14	35.23	(A)	611	35.23
North Central		2,077	0	34.79	(A)	2,077	34.79
South Central		777	-5	18.38	(A)	777	18.38
West		286	0	27.92	(A)	286	27.92
U.S. total		4,344 (B)	1	30.32	2	4,346	30.32
To-date							
2011*		60,093 (B)			108	60,201	
To-date							
2010*		60,347 (B)			93	60,440	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 18,000; for the current year to date\* 311,000; for last year to date\* 319,000.

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 15, 2011 -**

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

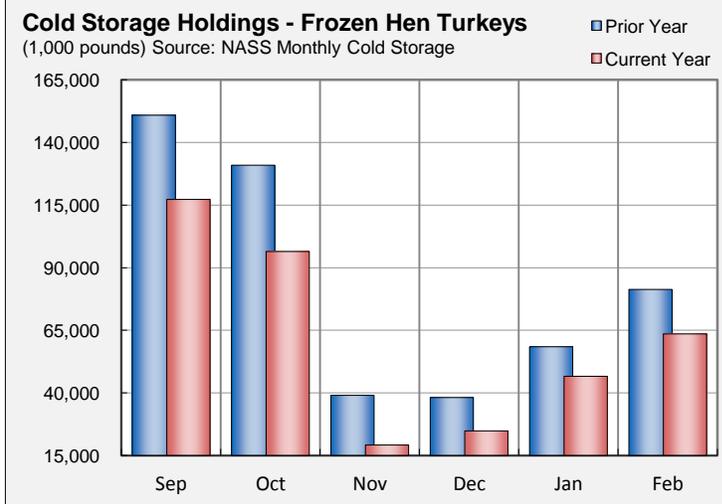
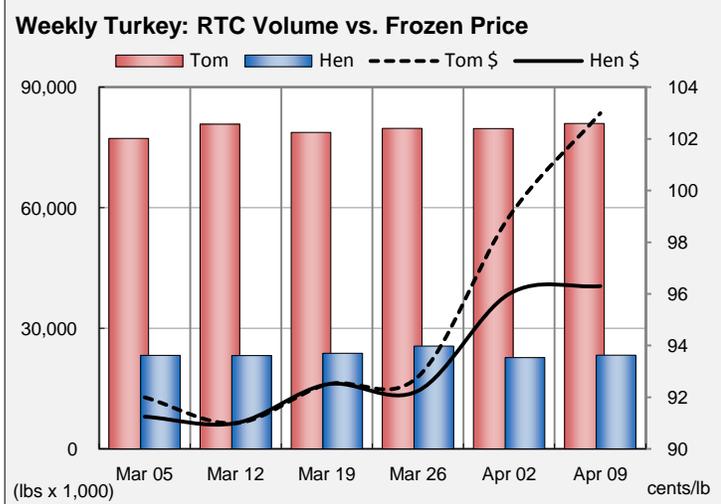
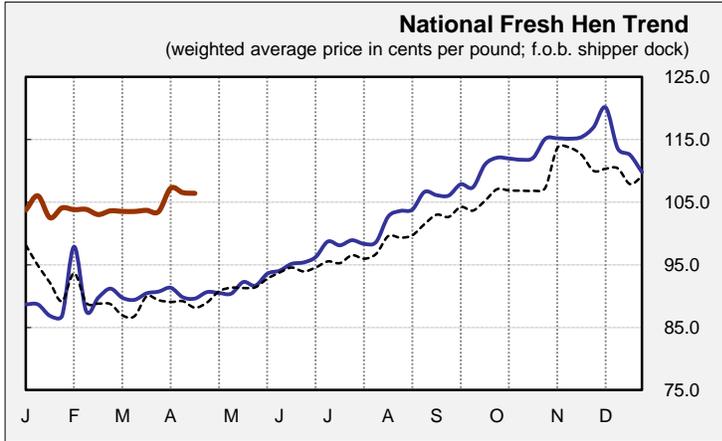
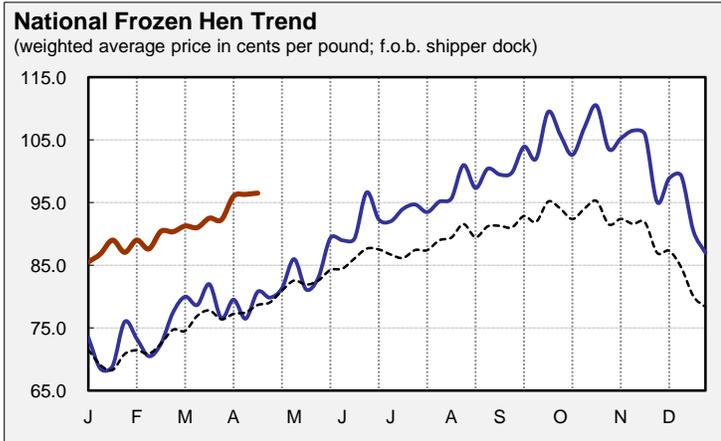
U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		March Averages		
	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	96.50 <sup>1</sup>		96.30 <sup>1</sup>		80.79	340	92.38	89.97	78.90
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	99.00	10	103.00	160	81.61	360	92.33	90.08	79.04

**Fresh Whole Body Trading - Week Ending April 14, 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
<b>Priced At Time Of Sale:</b>									
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	106.41	526.5	106.52	536.5	90.63	196.5	105.32	103.59	90.72
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	106.47	461.5	107.05	471.5	87.32	95.0	105.32	102.24	86.17
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>									
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	--	25.0	--	25.0	--	5.0	--	--	--
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	--	25.0	--	25.0	--	5.0	--	--	--

<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 14 April 2011.

The market on bulk parts was steady to fully steady with tom necks and wings instances firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. The market on all white meat was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings of all white meat was light to moderate, mostly light. Thigh meat market is steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate with offerings limited. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady to barely steady. Demand was light. Offerings moderate. Trading was slow to moderate.

<b>Domestic Trading</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>L.S.T. Code 1/</b>	<b>Wtd Avg Price</b>	<b>Volume (000)</b>
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/	129.00		129.00	120
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/	155.00-199.00		175.33	30
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/		T	117.00	300
Drumsticks, Tom	79.00		79.00	35
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	76.00		76.00	40
Drumsticks, Hen	74.00-76.00		74.60	22
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	82.00		82.00	84
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	78.00		78.00	24
Wings, V-Type, Tom		M	96.00	16
Wings, V-Type, Hen				
Necks, Tom	37.00-38.00		37.64	112
Necks, Hen	36.00		36.00	19
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/				
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	250.00		250.00	40
Thigh Meat		W	135.00	35
Thigh Meat--Fresh	135.00		135.00	40
Breast Trim Meat	206.00		206.00	120
Scapula Meat	198.00		198.00	6
Wing Meat with Skin		F	160.00	80
Tenderloins		R	226.00	20
Destrapped Tenders		F	234.00	20
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh	233.00		233.00	40
Mechanically Separated 4/		T	31.00	40
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	29.00-31.00		30.33	120
<b>Export Trading</b>				
Drumsticks, Toms	81.00-82.00		81.69	174
Wings Full-Cut - Toms				
Wings, V-Type, Tom		F	97.00	240
Tails	42.00		42.00	40
Mechanically Separated 4/		F	31.00	54
Thigh Meat - Frozen		W	134.00	42

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 15 April 2011.

The market on bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light and short of full needs. The market on all white meat was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings of all white meat was light to moderate, mostly light. High meat market is steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate with light offerings. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady. Demand was light. Offerings light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate.

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/		R	129.00	120	129.23	260
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/		R	175.33	30	175.33	30
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/		T	117.00	300	117.00	300
Drumsticks, Tom	79.00		79.00	12	79.00	74
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	74.00		74.00	120	75.30	400
Drumsticks, Hen	73.00		73.00	9	74.13	31
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom		R	82.00	84	82.00	101
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	77.00-82.00		79.63	40	78.99	66
Wings, V-Type, Tom	96.00		96.00	28	96.00	44
Wings, V-Type, Hen	120.00		120.00	7	120.00	7
Necks, Tom	37.00-38.00		37.08	144	38.08	360
Necks, Hen	35.00		35.00	17	35.54	36
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/						
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	250.00-251.00		250.26	54	250.08	174
Thigh Meat	138.00		138.00	80	136.81	155
Thigh Meat--Fresh	133.00-136.00		134.71	140	134.78	180
Breast Trim Meat		R	206.00	120	206.00	120
Scapula Meat	198.00		198.00	40	198.00	46
Wing Meat with Skin		F	160.00	80		
Tenderloins						
Destrapped Tenders	236.00		236.00	6	236.00	6
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh	236.00		236.00	40	234.50	80
Mechanically Separated 4/	30.00		30.00	40	30.50	80
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	30.00-32.00		30.70	295	30.47	615

**Export Trading**

Drumsticks, Toms	78.00		78.00	54	80.82	228
Wings Full-Cut - Toms						
Wings, V-Type, Tom		F	97.00	240		
Tails	41.00		41.00	40	41.50	80
Mechanically Separated 4/	30.00		30.00	80	30.00	80
Thigh Meat - Frozen		W	134.00	42	134.00	42

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