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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady to firm. Demand light to moderate. Offerings very light to light for current shipments. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 95.00-99.00 cents shipping point and toms 95.00-104.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. No truck lot trading report. Less than truck lot trading on consumer sized toms is continuing to be reported at higher trending price levels.



The market on most white meat, bone-in breasts, parts items and thigh meat is steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand is light to moderate on most items with some finding the market not as active in response to some industry members taking extended weekends and are off either today or Monday. Offerings range from very light to moderate with thigh meat and tom 2-joint wings held with the most confidence. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady. Demand light for the light to moderate offerings.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading moderate with activity noted on frozen tom breast meat and livers. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light.

### 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 16-Apr-11 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
Head	1,928	2,500	19	3	4,450
Avg Wt	16.94	39.79	22.50	47.68	29.82
Last week	1,724	2,602	18	2	4,346
Same wk yr ago	1,934	2,498	24	10	4,466
Avg Wt	16.99	38.65	24.60	29.44	28.32
To-date/2011*	26,283	37,927	330	111	64,651
To-date/2010*	26,928	37,532	343	103	64,906
% Change YTD	-2%	1%	-4%	8%	0%

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

Current week	25,965	79,077	331	111	105,484
Last week	23,329	80,984	370	63	104,746
Same wk yr ago	26,287	77,238	455	227	104,207
To-date/2011*	359,928	1,200,546	6,549	2,676	1,569,699
To-date/2010*	366,935	1,178,036	6,851	2,667	1,554,489
% Change YTD	-2%	2%	-4%	0%	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 25-APR-2011

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
<b>PRICED AT TIME OF SALE</b>		
8-16 lbs.	110.90	93,000
16-24 lbs.	109.93	68,000
<b>PRICE TO BE DETERMINED</b>		
8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000
Total Volume:		181,000

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 16-Apr-11 (Preliminary)		-----Young turkeys-----		Old	Total	Turkeys
Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders			Avg
Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-			Live wt
North East	619	4	26.11	(A)	620	26.11
South Atlantic	595	-2	37.44	(A)	596	37.44
North Central	2,162	4	33.25	(A)	2,163	33.25
South Central	806	4	18.46	(A)	806	18.46
West	265	-7	27.77	(A)	265	27.77
U.S. total	4,447 (B)	2	29.82	3	4,450	29.82
To-date						
2011*	64,540 (B)			111	64,651	
To-date						
2010*	64,803 (B)			103	64,906	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 19,000; for the current year to date\* 330,000; for last year to date\* 343,000.

\*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 22, 2011 -**

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

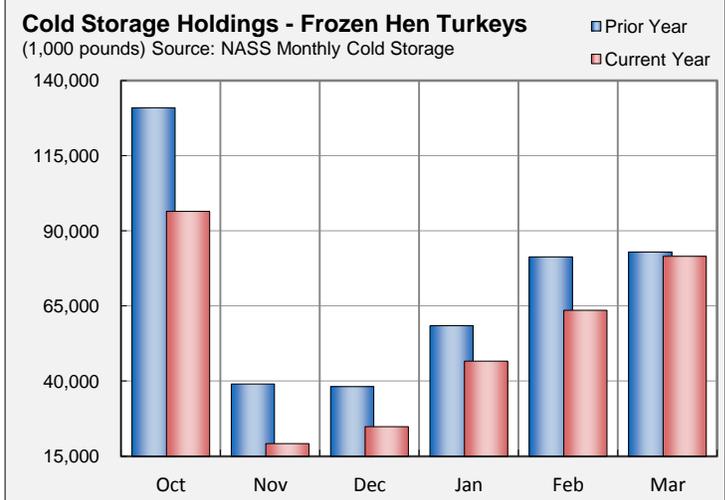
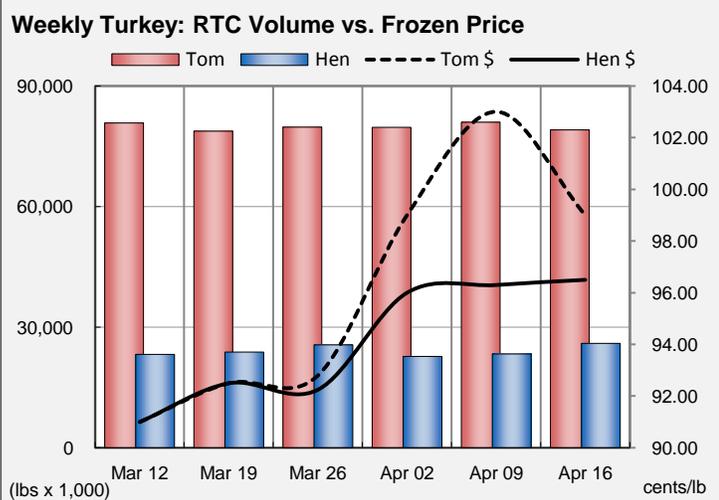
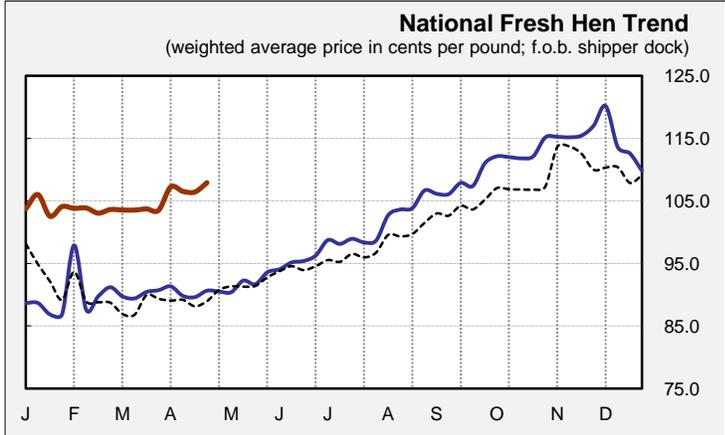
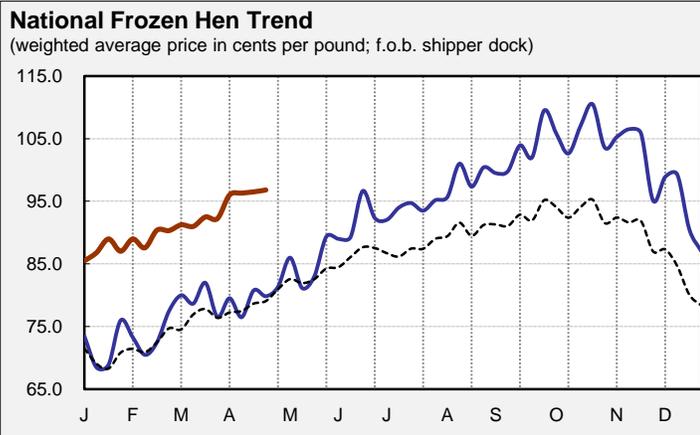
U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		March Averages		
	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	96.80 <sup>1</sup>		96.50 <sup>1</sup>		79.85	340	92.38	89.97	78.90
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	102.74	27	99.00	10	80.26	500	92.33	90.08	79.04

**Fresh Whole Body Trading - Week Ending April 21, 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>	107.9	93.0	106.41	526.5	90.49	209.5	105.32	103.59	90.72
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	106.93	68.0	106.47	461.5	87.94	90.0	105.32	102.24	86.17
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>									
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	--	10.0	--	25.0	--	5.0	--	--	--
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	--	10.0	--	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 21 April 2011.

The market on bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mixed. The market on all white meat was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings for all white meat was light to moderate. Thigh meat market is steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate for the light offers. The market on mechanically separated turkey (MST) is steady. Demand was light. Offerings light to moderate. Trading was slow for this holiday shortened week. For domestic: frozen tails 42-43.5, grade A basted 10-14 lb. breast 170-171 cents, 14-16 lb. 170-175, 16-20 lb. 185 cents. For export: hen drums 71-72.5 cents.

<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/	127.00		127.00	2
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/		R	175.33	30
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/				
Drumsticks, Tom	80.00-81.50		80.36	43
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	76.00		76.00	40
Drumsticks, Hen		W	74.00	4
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	82.00-83.00		82.05	44
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		W	78.00	14
Wings, V-Type, Tom		T	96.67	45
Wings, V-Type, Hen		F	120.00	7
Necks, Tom	37.00-39.00		38.02	56
Necks, Hen		F	35.00	17
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/	255.00		255.00	4
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	135.00-250.00		211.67	120
Thigh Meat	135.00		135.00	12
Thigh Meat--Fresh		T	136.00	10
Breast Trim Meat		R	206.00	120
Scapula Meat		F	198.00	40
Wing Meat with Skin				
Tenderloins		M	228.00	12
Destrapped Tenders		M	234.00	20
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh		M	234.00	15
Mechanically Separated 4/		W	28.00	40
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/		M	30.32	62
<b>Export Trading</b>				
Drumsticks, Toms	83.00-84.50		84.00	162
Wings Full-Cut - Toms	83.00-84.50		83.30	270
Wings, V-Type, Tom		W	97.00	108
Tails		M	43.00	162
Mechanically Separated 4/	31.00-32.50		31.86	94
Thigh Meat - Frozen		W	136.00	54

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 22 APRIL 2011.

The market on bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mixed, mostly light. The market on all white meat was steady to fully steady and only lightly tested. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings for all white meat was light to moderate. Thigh meat market is steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. The market on mechanically separated turkey (MST) is steady. Demand was light. Offerings light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate for this holiday shortened week. For domestic: frozen tails 42-45 cents and breeder hen drums 81 cents. For export: frozen tom breast meat 255 cents and livers 25 cents delivered to port.

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	127.00	2	127.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	155.00-199.00		175.50	20	175.50	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	78.00-83.00		80.63	194	80.24	400
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	76.00		76.00	200	76.00	255
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	73.00		73.00	20	73.17	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	81.00-84.00		81.69	87	82.64	211
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	78.00		78.00	20	78.00	34
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	96.00-99.00		97.27	220	97.17	265
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	120.00		120.00	41	120.00	41
NECKS, TOM	36.00-40.00		37.81	320	37.84	376
NECKS, HEN	37.00		37.00	8	37.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	255.00	4	255.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	250.00		250.00	20	250.00	140
THIGH MEAT		R	135.00	12	135.00	12
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	135.00	40	135.20	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT	206.00		206.00	40	206.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	198.00	40		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS		M	228.00	12	228.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	234.00	20	234.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	234.00	15	234.00	15
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	28.00-30.00		29.00	80	28.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-31.00		30.50	400	30.48	462

## EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	79.00-85.00		81.78	362	82.47	524
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	83.30	270	83.30	270
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	97.00-97.50		97.30	300	97.22	408
TAILS	41.00-42.00		41.40	134	42.28	296
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	31.00		31.00	54	30.60	202
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	135.00		135.00	27	135.67	81

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.

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