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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. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 100.00-104.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 100.00-108.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. No trading reported.



The market on white meat is mostly steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on tom bulk parts is steady to firm, mostly steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. In response to the upcoming holiday more product is being frozen that was originally meant for fresh channels. The thigh meat market is mostly steady. Demand light to moderate for the light offerings. The market on mechanically separated turkey is generally steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate with attention starting to turn towards post-holiday needs. Trading light.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light on all items including fresh thigh meat, scapula, livers and hearts. The market is steady to firm, mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings very light to moderate.

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 14-May-11 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	1,812	2,740	34	3	4,589
Avg Wt	16.80	39.61	27.00	51.14	30.52
Last week	1,829	2,642	18	7	4,496
Same wk yr ago	1,828	2,563	19	7	4,417
Avg Wt	17.14	38.57	24.62	27.81	28.88
To-date/2011*	33,319	48,405	414	129	82,267
To-date/2010*	33,696	48,071	425	125	82,317
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	-3%	3%	0%

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

Current week	24,204	86,291	711	119	111,325
Last week	25,274	83,066	368	145	108,853
Same wk yr ago	25,066	79,084	360	150	104,660
To-date/2011*	455,057	1,528,181	8,227	3,200	1,994,665
To-date/2010*	457,977	1,501,566	8,421	3,232	1,971,196
% Change YTD	-1%	2%	-2%	-1%	1%
Dressing %	79.5%	79.5%	77.5%	77.5%	

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

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS W/E 14-May-11 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders -Thousand head-	Total Turkeys Avg
	Thousand	Pct chg			
		Head	PW		
North East	603	0	27.25	(A) 604	27.25
South Atlantic	670	5	37.24	(A) 671	37.24
North Central	2,260	1	33.22	(A) 2,261	33.22
South Central	792	0	18.47	(A) 792	18.47
West	261	21	33.82	(A) 261	33.82
U.S. total	4,586 (B)	2	30.52	3 4,589	30.52
To-date					
2011*	82,138 (B)			129	82,267
To-date					
2010*	82,192 (B)			125	82,317

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 34,000; for the current year to date\* 414,000; for last year to date \* 425,000.

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

### 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#	115-128
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	102-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	102-111
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	108-113

**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 - Week Ending May 20, 2011

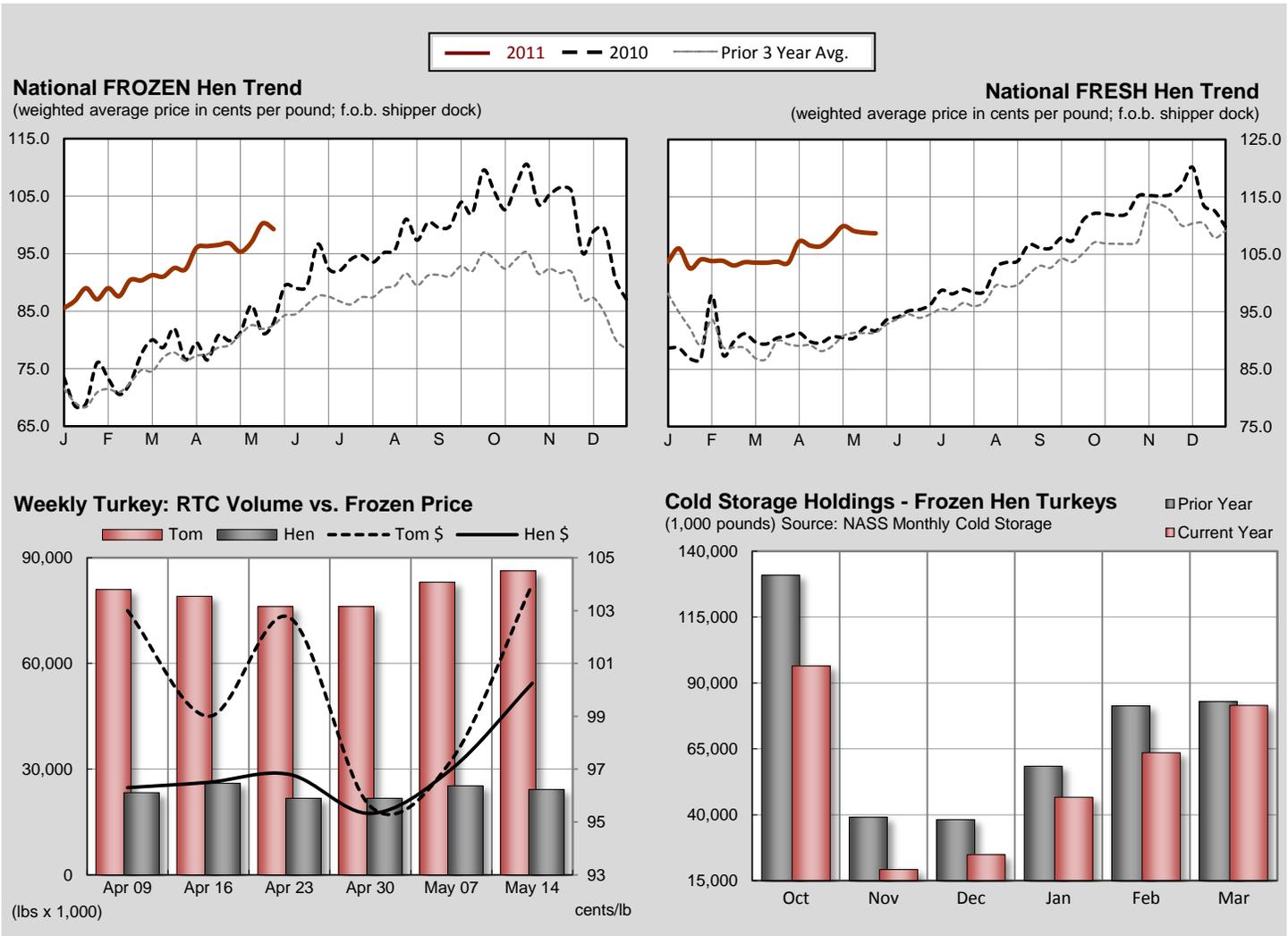
**FROZEN Whole Body Trading** (commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots), current negotiation for delivery within two weeks)

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		April 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>	99.25	80	100.25	10	82.99	201	96.68	92.38	80.43
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	103.60 <sup>1</sup>		104.00	108	83.00	40	99.33	92.33	80.70

<sup>1</sup> based on offers.

**FRESH Whole Body Turkeys - with timers; for delivery within the next seven days.**

U.S. Grade A - FRESH	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		April 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>	108.65	104.0	108.76	106.0	93.58	209.0	106.79	105.32	90.08
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	108.39	61.0	108.23	61.0	90.76	85.0	106.86	105.32	87.54
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>									
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	--	5.0	--	5.0	--	5.0	--	--	--
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	--	5.0	--	5.0	--	5.0	--	--	--



**National Young Turkey Parts**

Including bulk meat and frozen (unless specified), cents per lb., delivered first receivers, part and full trucklots as of 19 May 2011.

The market on bulk parts was steady, instances firm on frozen tom two joint wings, tom drums and thigh meat for export. Demand was light to moderate with the best interest for export. Offerings light to moderate. The market on white meat is steady at best but not fully tested. Demand was light. Offerings light to moderate. The market for bone in breast was steady to firm. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light. Trading was slow. For domestic: frozen grade A bone-in breasts (non-basted) 8-10 lb. 153 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 136 cents delivered border.

<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/		T	130.00	40
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/				
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/				
Drumsticks, Tom		T	81.25	160
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh		T	75.00	80
Drumsticks, Hen		W	74.00	14
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom		W	82.67	120
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		W	78.00	10
Wings, V-Type, Tom	96.00		96.00	13
Wings, V-Type, Hen		T	121.00	4
Necks, Tom	37.00		37.00	13
Necks, Hen		W	36.00	6
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/				
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/		W	250.00	40
Thigh Meat	135.00		135.00	13
Thigh Meat--Fresh		T	135.00	40
Breast Trim Meat		W	206.00	40
Scapula Meat		F	198.00	81
Wing Meat with Skin				
Tenderloins				
Destrapped Tenders		T	235.00	20
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh		F	237.00	40
Mechanically Separated 4/		R	30.00	80
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/		W	31.00	160
<b>Export Trading</b>				
Drumsticks, Toms	92.00		92.00	108
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		F	82.00	120
Wings, V-Type, Tom	98.00		98.00	120
Tails	41.00-46.00		43.50	240
Mechanically Separated 4/				
Thigh Meat - Frozen		T	135.00	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 20 May 2011.

The market on white meat is mostly steady. Demand light to moderate with next week's holiday starting to affect production schedules. Offerings light to moderate. The market on tom bulk parts is mostly steady for the light to moderate demand. Next week's holiday is resulting in some fresh parts being frozen. Offerings light to moderate. The market on thigh meat is steady. Demand light to moderate for the light offerings. The market on mechanically separated turkey is generally steady. Demand light to moderate for post-holiday needs. Offering light to moderate. Trading light. For domestic: hearts 40, fresh scapula 200 cents delivered. For export: livers 21-22 and hearts 29 shipping point, fresh thigh meat 133, frozen scapula 195 shipping point and 200 cents delivered 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/		T	130.00	40	130.00	40
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/						
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/						
Drumsticks, Tom	78.00-79.00		78.95	39	80.79	201
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	74.00-76.00		75.24	105	74.93	225
Drumsticks, Hen		W	74.00	14	73.58	24
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	80.00-83.75		83.36	19	82.25	259
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		W	78.00	10	77.55	22
Wings, V-Type, Tom	95.00		95.00	29	96.66	198
Wings, V-Type, Hen		T	121.00	4	121.00	4
Necks, Tom	36.00-38.00		36.50	8	37.44	82
Necks, Hen		W	36.00	6	36.00	6
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/						
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	250.00-252.00		251.00	80	250.67	120
Thigh Meat	134.00		134.00	12	135.43	65
Thigh Meat--Fresh	135.00-137.00		136.41	14	135.36	54
Breast Trim Meat		W	206.00	40	206.00	120
Scapula Meat		F	198.00	81		
Wing Meat with Skin						
Tenderloins	231.00		231.00	2	231.00	2
Destrapped Tenders		T	235.00	20	235.00	20
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh		F	237.00	40		
Mechanically Separated 4/	31.00-32.00		31.50	80	31.50	80
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	30.00-34.00		31.50	149	31.24	309

**Export Trading**

Drumsticks, Toms	80.00		80.00	40	88.76	148
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		F	82.00	120		
Wings, V-Type, Tom		R	98.00	120	97.53	228
Tails		R	43.50	240	43.50	240
Mechanically Separated 4/						
Thigh Meat - Frozen		T	135.00	54	135.00	54

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