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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. Offerings of hens light and 16-24 lb. toms very light to light. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 102.00-108.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 102.00-109.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. No trading reported.



The market on tom breast meat is steady to weak, mostly to barely steady with frozen in the weakest position as processors weight for either live weights to start declining on toms or further processed demand to improve. The markets on destrapped tenderloins, breast trim and scapula are barely steady to instances weak and wing meat with skin is steady. Some breast trim and scapula trading is noted at lower trending prices due in part to freight considerations. Demand light to moderate. Further processed demand is moderate to good with some finding a gradual increase in demand resulting in less product being frozen while others have started thawing frozen product for internal usage. Offerings moderate to moderately heavy on white meat with frozen held with the least confidence. Demand light to moderate. The market on tom bulk parts is generally steady except for tom drums which are steady to instances firm. Demand light to moderate, instances good with some finding inquiry from smokers and good movement into ground turkey. Offerings light to moderate with tom necks the most available. The market on bone-in breasts is steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate for the light offerings. The market on thigh meat is steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate for the light offerings. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading light to moderate with fresh mechanically separated turkey the most active.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. The market is steady to fully steady, mostly steady with frozen tom drums strongest into select markets. Demand and offerings light to moderate.

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 04-Jun-11 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	1,587	2,274	27	10	3,898
Avg Wt	17.46	38.69	29.13	26.77	29.95
Last week	1,724	2,572	36	6	4,338
Same wk yr ago	1,545	2,160	14	1	3,720
Avg Wt	17.66	38.70	24.74	72.91	28.85
To-date/2011*	38,598	55,878	490	153	95,119
To-date/2010*	38,960	55,244	474	157	94,835
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	3%	-3%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,032	69,939	610	207	92,788
Last week	24,440	79,971	718	162	105,291
Same wk yr ago	21,828	66,874	267	56	89,025
To-date/2011*	529,064	1,759,914	9,823	3,757	2,302,558
To-date/2010*	530,476	1,724,012	9,398	3,971	2,267,857
% Change YTD	0%	2%	5%	-5%	2%
Dressing %	79.5%	79.5%	77.5%	77.5%	

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders -Thousand head-	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		Avg Live wt	
						Head
North East	541	-5	25.16	(A)	543	25.16
South Atlantic	606	-2	35.10	(A)	608	35.10
North Central	1,877	-14	33.28	(A)	1,879	33.28
South Central	657	-7	19.35	(A)	659	19.35
West	207	-18	31.04	(A)	209	31.04
U.S. total	3,888	(B) -10	29.95	10	3,898	29.95
To-date						
2011*	94,966	(B)		153	95,119	
To-date						
2010*	94,678	(B)		157	94,835	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of youngbanded breeder turkeys included: this week 27,000; for the current year to date\* 490,000; for last year to date\* 474,000.

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### 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#	103-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	102-111
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	108-115

**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 June 10, 2011

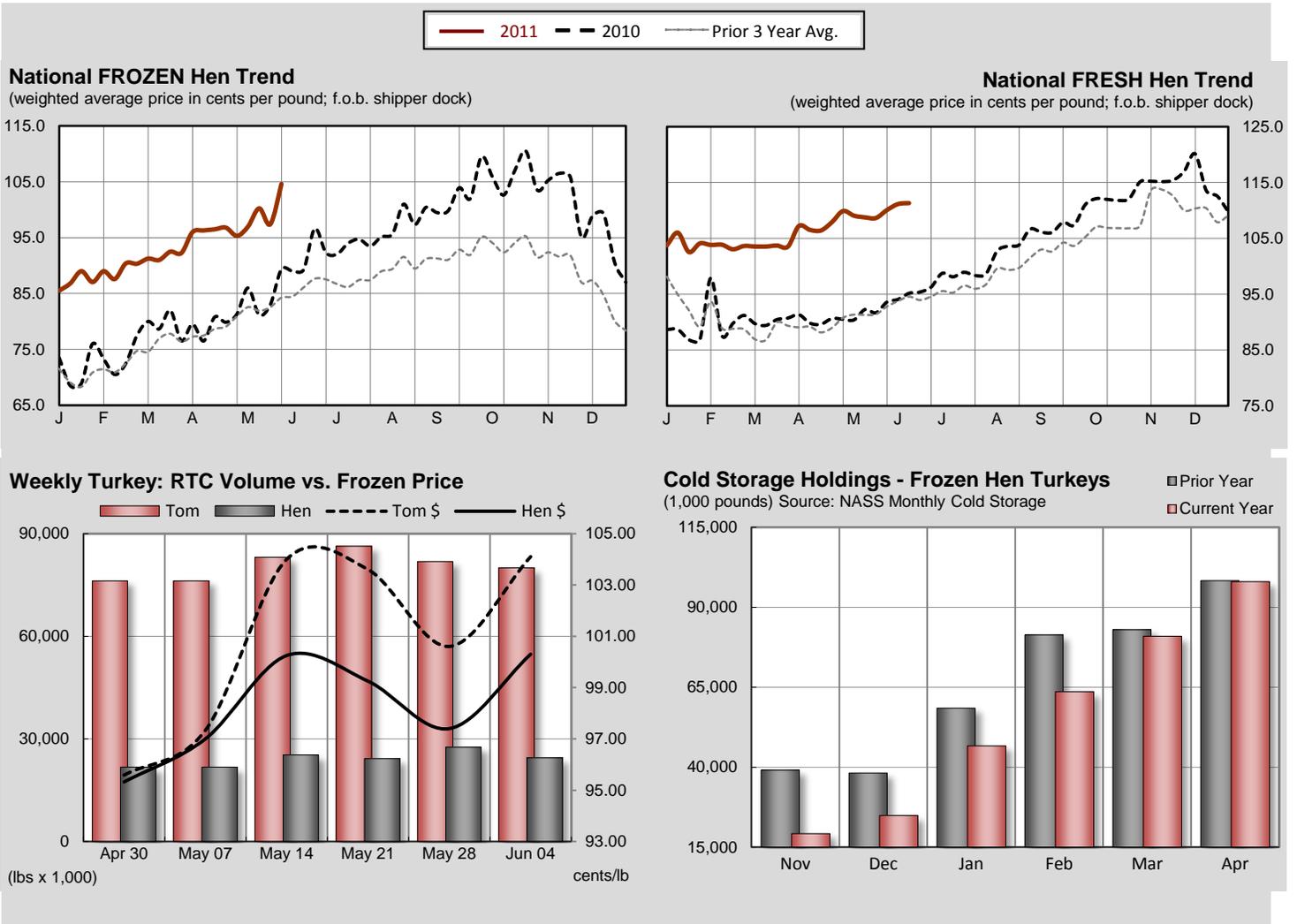
**FROZEN Whole Body Trading** (commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots), current negotiation for delivery within two weeks)

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		May 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>	104.60 <sup>1</sup>		100.30 <sup>1</sup>		89.29	42	99.75	96.68	82.46
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	105.30 <sup>1</sup>		104.10 <sup>1</sup>		87.00	20	102.11	99.33	82.33

<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		May 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>	111.31	103.8	111.14	100.1	95.37	175.0	109.15	106.79	92.91
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	109.05	56.0	108.77	57.0	94.06	85.0	108.21	106.86	91.18
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>									
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	5.0	--	--	--
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	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 09 June 2011.

The market on bulk parts was steady with frozen tom drums in the best position. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were light to moderate. The market on white meat is steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate. Offering were moderate. The market on bone-in breasts is steady to firm. Inquiry was light to moderate. Offerings limited. Thigh meat market was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. Trading was slow on all items.

<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	40
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/		F	158.94	33
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/				
Drumsticks, Tom	80.00		80.00	200
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh		W	75.00	80
Drumsticks, Hen		W	74.00	16
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	80.00		80.00	40
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		W	78.00	6
Wings, V-Type, Tom	95.00		95.00	40
Wings, V-Type, Hen		F	120.00	2
Necks, Tom	28.00-35.00		31.50	80
Necks, Hen		W	34.00	4
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/	245.00-255.00		250.60	100
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	250.00		250.00	48
Thigh Meat	135.00-136.00		135.50	80
Thigh Meat--Fresh		F	135.69	133
Breast Trim Meat		R	206.00	40
Scapula Meat		F	196.00	30
Wing Meat with Skin				
Tenderloins				
Destrapped Tenders				
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh		W	237.00	20
Mechanically Separated 4/		M	30.00	80
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	29.00-31.00		30.00	80
<b>Export Trading</b>				
Drumsticks, Toms		F	92.00	216
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		R	79.50	80
Wings, V-Type, Tom		R	98.00	240
Tails		W	42.00	40
Mechanically Separated 4/		F	27.29	187
Thigh Meat - Frozen	135.00		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.

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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	40	129.00	40
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/	151.00-189.00		169.40	25	169.40	25
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/						
Drumsticks, Tom	80.00		80.00	40	80.00	240
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	74.00		74.00	100	75.46	740
Drumsticks, Hen	76.00		76.00	7	74.61	23
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	78.00-83.00		81.06	133	80.85	213
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		W	78.00	6	78.00	6
Wings, V-Type, Tom	95.00-97.00		96.52	66	96.40	186
Wings, V-Type, Hen		F	120.00	2		
Necks, Tom	33.00-36.00		34.41	220	34.11	450
Necks, Hen		W	34.00	4	34.00	4
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/	238.00		238.00	40	247.00	140
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	255.00		255.00	20	250.56	159
Thigh Meat	134.00-136.00		134.88	25	135.20	185
Thigh Meat--Fresh	133.00-135.00		134.10	89	134.10	89
Breast Trim Meat	200.00		200.00	40	200.00	40
Scapula Meat	194.00-198.00		195.14	56	195.14	56
Wing Meat with Skin						
Tenderloins						
Destrapped Tenders						
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh		W	237.00	20	237.95	38
Mechanically Separated 4/		M	30.00	80	30.00	80
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	29.50-31.00		30.05	441	30.26	709
<b>Export Trading</b>						
Drumsticks, Toms	92.00		92.00	54	92.00	54
Wings Full-Cut - Toms						
Wings, V-Type, Tom						
Tails		W	42.00	40	42.00	40
Mechanically Separated 4/		F	27.29	187		
Thigh Meat - Frozen		R	135.00	54	135.00	54

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