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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. Frozen demand light to moderate. Fresh demand for November moderate to good. Frozen offerings very light to light. November fresh offerings light to moderate. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 108.00-116.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 107.00-112.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading light on frozen basted equivalent hens at 116 cents shipping point for current shipments.



The market on white meat is steady. The undertone on frozen breast trim is weak, tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins is steady to firm, and the balance of white meat steady. Demand light to good, mostly moderate with frozen breast trim slowest. Offerings of frozen breast trim moderate to heavy, balance of white meat very light to light. The market on consumer sized bone-in breasts is steady to firm and institutional sized breasts at least steady. Demand light to moderate and offerings very light for prompt shipments. The market on hen and tom bulk parts is steady to firm. Demand light to good, mostly moderate to good. Offerings very light to light and held with confidence. The market on thigh meat is steady to firm. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings very light to light. The market on mechanically separated turkey is mostly steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading light to moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. The market is steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings very light to light.

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 17-Sep-11 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	2,050	2,645	14	2	4,711
Avg Wt	17.32	38.30	30.03	41.95	29.15
Last week	1,725	2,161	25	2	3,913
Same wk yr ago	1,871	2,750	28	12	4,661
Avg Wt	17.00	36.51	27.09	41.87	28.72
To-date/2011*	66,878	95,006	771	257	162,912
To-date/2010*	66,309	94,115	768	259	161,451
% Change YTD	1%	1%	0%	-1%	1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	28,405	81,043	324	65	109,837
Last week	23,323	65,671	491	82	89,567
Same wk yr ago	25,446	80,322	584	387	106,739
To-date/2011*	909,017	2,945,282	15,446	6,165	3,875,910
To-date/2010*	897,537	2,880,360	15,087	6,612	3,799,596
% Change YTD	1%	2%	2%	-7%	2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	W/E 17-Sept-11 (Preliminary)			Old Breeders Thousand head	Total Turkeys Avg Live wt
	-----Young turkeys-----				
	Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt		
North East	612	14	27.25	(A)	613 27.25
South Atlantic	733	34	33.57	(A)	734 33.57
North Central	2,291	19	31.68	(A)	2,291 31.68
South Central	846	16	19.70	(A)	846 19.70
West	227	32	29.58	(A)	227 29.58
U.S. total	4,709(B)	20	29.15	2	4,711 29.15
To-date					
2011*	162,655(B)			257	162,912
To-date					
2010*	161,192(B)			259	161,451

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 14,000; for the current year to date\* 771,000; for last year to date\* 768,000.

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

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	147-169
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	144-169
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	144-169
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	146-169
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	148-169

### 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#	109-114
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	107-117
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	114-124

**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 September 23, 2011

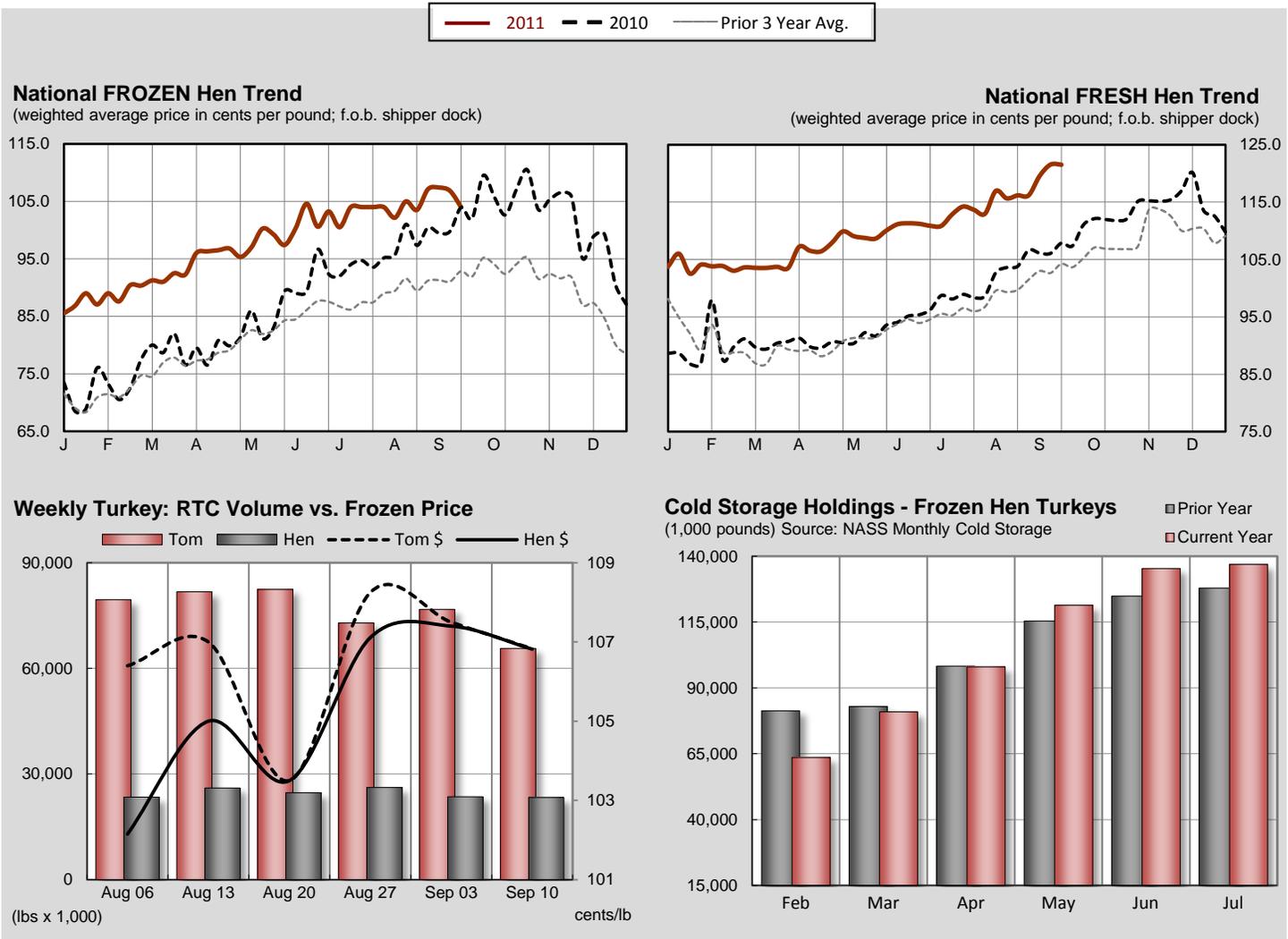
**FROZEN Whole Body Trading** commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots, current negotiation for delivery within two weeks

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		August 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>	108.14	280	104.00	40	102.00	80	105.39	104.00	97.15
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	108.25	320	108.70 <sup>1</sup>		101.23 <sup>1</sup>		106.91	105.08	96.90

<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		August 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>	121.54	108.2	121.50	104.8	111.00	171.5	116.91	113.45	105.13
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	121.46	65.0	122.18	55.0	111.22	57.5	115.92	111.60	105.04
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>									
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	--	--
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	--	--



**National Young Turkey Parts**

Including bulk meat and frozen (unless specified), cents per lb., delivered first receivers, part and full trucklots as of 23 Sep 2011.

The market on bulk parts is steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good and best into export. Offerings light and held with confidence. The market on white meat is steady to fully steady, except frozen breast trim weak. Demand ranged from light to good, with breast trim light. Offerings light instances heavy on frozen breast. The market on thigh meat was fully steady, instances firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings limited. Trading for parts was slow to moderate. For domestic: grade A breasts 10-12 lb. and 12-14 lb. 175 cents. For export: tom necks 44-45 cents delivered to port.

<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/	134.00		134.00	80
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/	151.00-189.00		169.40	25
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/		T	123.50	80
Drumsticks, Tom		W	88.00	18
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	82.00		82.00	80
Drumsticks, Hen	81.00-82.00		81.21	29
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	82.00		82.00	60
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	78.00		78.00	18
Wings, V-Type, Tom	114.00		114.00	40
Wings, V-Type, Hen		W	121.00	2
Necks, Tom		W	44.55	110
Necks, Hen	38.00		38.00	20
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/		W	254.00	21
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/		W	267.00	80
Thigh Meat	135.00		135.00	80
Thigh Meat--Fresh	138.00		138.00	40
Breast Trim Meat		W	169.50	80
Scapula Meat		W	190.00	80
Wing Meat with Skin		F	160.00	15
Tenderloins		F	215.00	10
Destrapped Tenders		R	220.00	40
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh				
Mechanically Separated 4/		W	34.00	80
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	35.50-36.00		35.88	160

**Export Trading**

Drumsticks, Toms	95.00-113.00		104.00	324
Wings Full-Cut - Toms	82.00		82.00	60
Wings, V-Type, Tom	116.00		116.00	282
Tails	49.00		49.00	108
Mechanically Separated 4/	39.00		39.00	120
Thigh Meat - Frozen		W	135.00	80

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.

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Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/		R	134.00	80	133.75	160
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/		R	169.40	25	169.40	25
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/		T	123.50	80	123.50	80
Drumsticks, Tom	88.00-90.00		89.30	62	87.80	200
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	82.00-84.00		82.83	240	81.50	720
Drumsticks, Hen	87.50		87.50	14	83.35	48
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	81.00		81.00	95	81.00	445
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	83.75		83.75	14	79.55	52
Wings, V-Type, Tom		R	114.00	40	103.91	132
Wings, V-Type, Hen		W	121.00	2	121.00	2
Necks, Tom	43.00-44.00		43.69	58	43.65	448
Necks, Hen	43.75		43.75	14	39.09	74
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/	254.00		254.00	5	254.00	26
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	267.00		267.00	40	267.00	160
Thigh Meat		R	135.00	80	135.00	92
Thigh Meat--Fresh	134.00-135.00		134.60	10	137.32	50
Breast Trim Meat		W	169.50	80	169.50	80
Scapula Meat		W	190.00	80	190.00	80
Wing Meat with Skin		F	160.00	15		
Tenderloins		F	215.00	10		
Destrapped Tenders						
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh						
Mechanically Separated 4/		W	34.00	80	34.00	80
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	35.50-37.00		36.31	130	35.96	450

**Export Trading**

Drumsticks, Toms		R	104.00	324	104.00	324
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		R	82.00	60	82.00	60
Wings, V-Type, Tom		R	116.00	282	116.00	282
Tails	47.00		47.00	40	48.36	188
Mechanically Separated 4/		R	39.00	120	39.00	120
Thigh Meat - Frozen		W	135.00	80	135.00	80

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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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