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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market on frozen hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady to weak. The market on fresh whole turkeys for post-Thanksgiving needs steady with early offerings at unchanged prices. Demand light with any interest for Thanksgiving for prompt close by shipments. Frozen processor offerings light to moderate at unchanged to lower prices. Frozen basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 110.00-116.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 109.00-116.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading light on frozen basted equivalent 16- 24 lb. toms (not a resale) at 109 cents shipping point for current deliveries. The market on breast trim and scapula is steady with a weak undertone. The market on fresh tom breast meat is steady at best with some unsettledness found on production from holiday week processing schedules, balance of white meat steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of breast trim and scapula moderate, fresh tom breast meat light to moderate, balance of white meat light with frozen destrapped tenderloins not as short as previous weeks. The market on consumer and institutional sized rib breasts is steady. Demand light to moderate, best on institutional sizes. Offerings light. The market on tom bulk parts is steady. Even though frozen tom drums may be trading at unchanged to lower prices, some are reluctant to call the market weak because they are content with the reported discounted prices due to the current high market levels. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on thigh meat is steady. Demand moderate to good. Offerings light. The market on fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) is steady to sometimes weak, frozen steady. Demand light. Offerings of fresh MST moderate and frozen light. Trading light.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

No trading reported. The market on frozen tom bulk parts is steady to sometimes weak. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light.

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 12-Nov-11 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	2,792	2,880	6	23	5,701
Avg Wt	17.50	37.73	26.37	27.96	27.77
Last week	2,581	2,978	102	5	5,666
Same wk yr ago	2,756	3,162	11	19	5,948
Avg Wt	17.26	36.30	31.62	25.69	27.87
To-date/2011*	84,785	117,015	1,023	344	203,167
To-date/2010*	83,869	117,891	965	322	203,047
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	6%	7%	0%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	39,086	86,923	121	492	126,622
Last week	35,983	90,301	1,988	137	128,409
Same wk yr ago	38,055	91,824	268	376	130,523
To-date/2011*	1,157,390	3,618,489	20,437	8,115	4,804,431
To-date/2010*	1,140,074	3,572,414	19,098	8,121	4,739,707
% Change YTD	2%	1%	7%	0%	1%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	W/E 12-Nov-11 (Preliminary)			Old Breeders -Thousand head-	Total Turkeys Avg Live wt
	-----Young turkeys-----				
	Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt		
North East	804	2	24.19	(A)	809 24.19
South Atlantic	656	-17	36.22	(A)	661 36.22
North Central	2,473	2	31.70	(A)	2,478 31.70
South Central	1,042	21	18.32	(A)	1,046 18.32
West	703	-11	24.15	(A)	707 24.15
U.S. total	5,678 (B)	0	27.77	23	5,701 27.77
To-date					
2011*	202,823 (B)			344	203,167
To-date					
2010*	202,725 (B)			322	203,047

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 6,000; for the current year to date\* 1,023,000; for last year to date\* 965,000.

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

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	168-169
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	154-169
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	154-169
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	154-169
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	155-169

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	118-140
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	125-140
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	119-125
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	116-122
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	120-122

**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 November 18, 2011

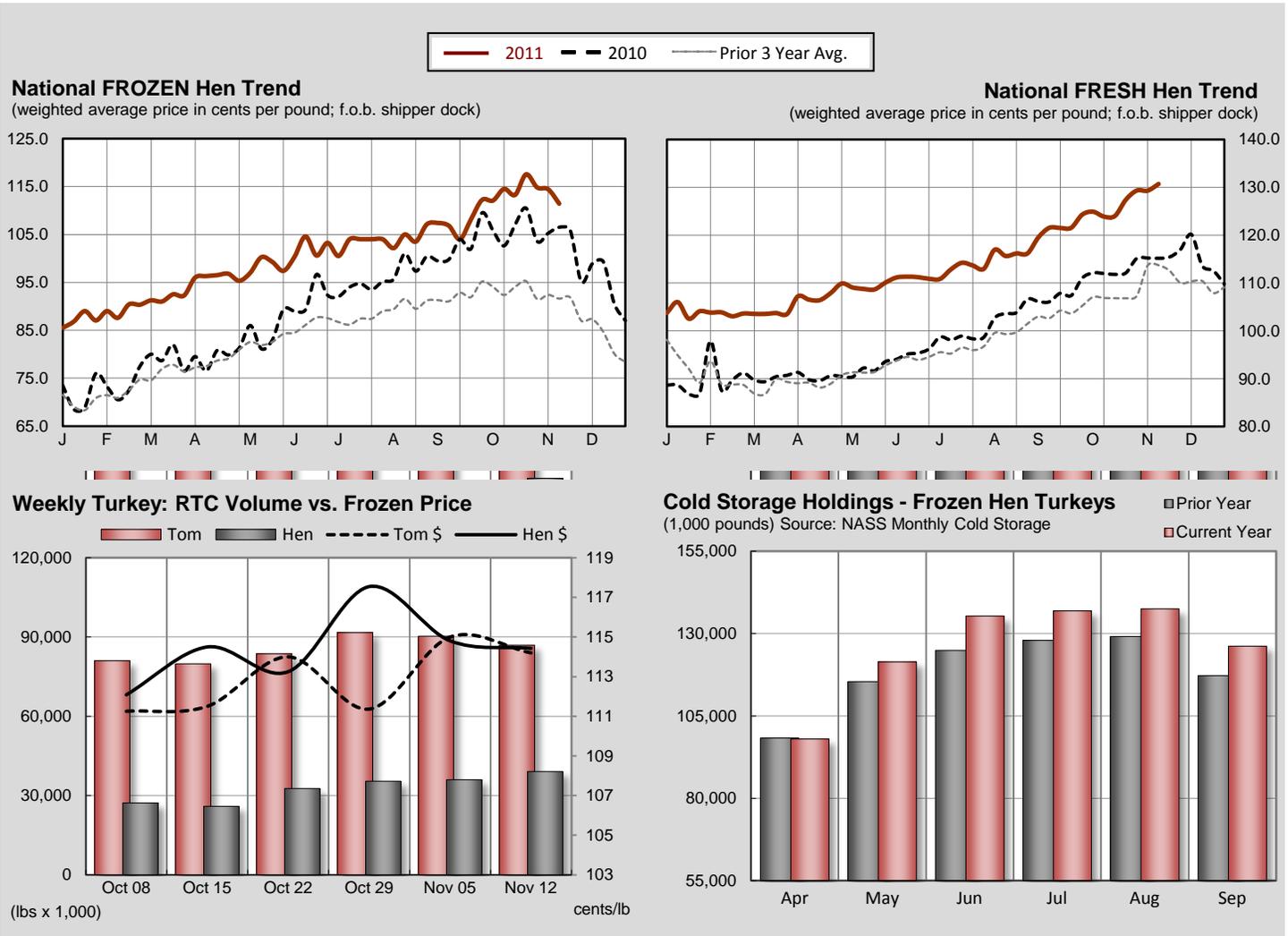
**FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		October Averages		
	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	This	Last	Last
	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	Month	Month	Year
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	111.42	260	114.43	125	106.50	1,120	114.83	109.79	107.22
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	112.30	100	114.20	50	106.26	760	111.95	108.87	105.01

<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		October Averages		
	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	This	Last	Last
	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	Month	Month	Year
<b>Priced At Time Of Sale:</b>									
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	130.70	336.2	129.29	11,212.0	115.42	8,152.0	125.33	122.27	114.87
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	130.50	451.6	129.47	18,158.0	115.29	9,648.0	125.74	122.67	115.07
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>									
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	--	50.0	--	500.0	--	500.0	--	--	--
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	--	50.0	--	500.0	--	620.0	--	--	--



**National Young Turkey Parts**

Including bulk meat and frozen (unless specified), cents per lb., delivered first receivers, part and full trucklots as of 17 Nov 2011.

The market on bulk parts is steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. The market on white meat is steady, except for scapula and breast trim weak. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on thigh meat is fully steady. Demand moderate to good. Offerings limited. Trading for all parts was slow. For domestic: frozen plant grade breast non-basted 16-20 lb. 185.

<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/		W	135.00	40
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/		W	181.46	65
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/	125.00		125.00	2
Drumsticks, Tom	98.00		98.00	14
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh		W	90.00	40
Drumsticks, Hen	90.00		90.00	2
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	94.00-96.00		95.48	108
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		T	89.00	40
Wings, V-Type, Tom	115.00		115.00	14
Wings, V-Type, Hen		R	123.00	2
Necks, Tom	56.00		56.00	17
Necks, Hen		R	43.00	10
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/		W	261.00	40
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/		M	268.20	50
Thigh Meat		W	146.00	40
Thigh Meat--Fresh		W	146.74	78
Breast Trim Meat				
Scapula Meat				
Wing Meat with Skin		M	162.00	40
Tenderloins	215.00		215.00	12
Destrapped Tenders	220.00		220.00	10
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh				
Mechanically Separated 4/	34.00		34.00	14
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/		W	30.30	89

**Export Trading**

Drumsticks, Toms		W	94.50	80
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		T	94.00	54
Wings, V-Type, Tom				
Tails		W	50.50	40
Mechanically Separated 4/		M	35.00	120
Thigh Meat - Frozen				

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 18 Nov 2011.

The market on bulk parts is steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light and increasing slightly due to slaughter schedules and the approaching Thanksgiving holiday. The market on white meat is steady, except for scapula and breast trim weak. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on thigh meat is fully steady. Demand moderate to good. Offerings limited. Trading for all parts was slow. For domestic: fresh breast trim 176 cents, fresh tom necks 50 cents, fresh tail 50 cents and frozen chopping skins 34 cents.

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/		W	135.00	40	135.00	40
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/		W	181.46	65	181.46	65
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/		R	125.00	2	125.00	2
Drumsticks, Tom	96.00-98.00		97.46	74	95.69	260
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	89.00		89.00	40	89.20	300
Drumsticks, Hen		R	90.00	2	90.00	2
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	92.00-94.00		92.73	110	93.80	521
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		T	89.00	40	89.00	40
Wings, V-Type, Tom	114.00-115.00		114.33	60	114.35	228
Wings, V-Type, Hen						
Necks, Tom	56.00		56.00	174	56.04	372
Necks, Hen						
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/		W	261.00	40	261.00	40
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	268.00		268.00	40	268.11	90
Thigh Meat	147.00		147.00	14	146.26	54
Thigh Meat--Fresh	146.00-150.00		147.40	107	147.10	225
Breast Trim Meat						
Scapula Meat	182.00		182.00	20	182.00	20
Wing Meat with Skin	162.00		162.00	6	162.00	46
Tenderloins		R	215.00	12	215.00	12
Destrapped Tenders		R	220.00	10	220.00	10
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh	240.00		240.00	30	240.00	30
Mechanically Separated 4/	34.00		34.00	20	34.00	34
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	31.00-33.00		32.31	391	32.16	800

**Export Trading**

Drumsticks, Toms		W	94.50	80	103.17	356
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		T	94.00	54	94.00	54
Wings, V-Type, Tom						
Tails	51.00		51.00	40	50.80	100
Mechanically Separated 4/		M	35.00	120	35.00	120

Thigh Meat - Frozen

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