



# TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

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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 with a steady to weak undertone. The market on fresh whole turkeys for post-Thanksgiving needs is steady at best. Demand light as industry members evaluate holiday clean-up and determine December holiday needs. Frozen offerings light to moderate. Frozen basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 108.00-116.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 108.00-116.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading very light on frozen basted equivalent consumer sized toms at 113.50 cents shipping point for current shipments.

The market on most items is steady in response to most taking a long holiday weekend and plants working shortened holiday processing schedules. Demand light. Offerings very light to moderate. Offerings very light to moderate. Trading light.

### Export Market Highlights

Trading light with activity reported on frozen scapula and defatted gizzards. The market is mostly steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate, mostly light.

## California Processed Turkey – cents per pound

### San Francisco - delivered to restaurants & 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 (Los Angeles area) - delivered to retailers

	Range
Fresh Turkeys Y Hens 8-16#	128-140
Fresh Turkeys Y Toms 14-24#	125-140
Frozen Turkeys Y Hens 8-16#	119-120
Frozen Turkeys Y Toms 14-24#	116-120
Frozen Turkeys Y Toms 24-28#	120-122

## Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 19-Nov-2011 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeder		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
-----Thousands-----					
Head	2,210	2,761	12	14	4,997
Avg Wt	16.66	38.66	29.41	32.46	28.89
Last week	2,792	2,880	6	23	5,701
Same wk yr ago	2,577	2,998	16	9	5,600
Avg Wt	17.03	37.28	26.15	30.66	28.13
To-date/2011*	86,995	119,776	1,035	358	208,164
To-date/2010*	86,446	120,889	981	331	208,647
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	6%	8%	0%
<i>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</i>					
Current week	29,454	85,393	270	348	115,465
Last week	39,086	86,923	121	492	126,622
Same wk yr ago	35,109	89,412	322	212	125,055
To-date/2011*	1,186,844	3,703,882	20,707	8,463	4,919,896
To-date/2010*	1,175,183	3,661,826	19,420	8,333	4,864,762
% Change YTD	1%	1%	7%	2%	1%

Dressing % 80.0% 80.0% 76.5% 76.5%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

## Turkeys Slaughtered In Federally Inspected Plants

Week ending 19-Nov -2011 (Preliminary)

	-----Young Turkeys-----			Old Breeder	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand Head	% PW	Avg Live wt		--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
North East	723	-10	24.94	(A)	726	24.94
South Atlantic	736	12	35.34	(A)	739	35.34
North Central	2,407	-3	31.46	(A)	2,410	31.46
South Central	682	-35	19.74	(A)	685	19.74
West	435	-38	24.57	(A)	437	24.57
U.S. total	4,983(B)	-12	28.89	14	4,997	28.89
To-date						
2011*	207,806(B)				358	208,164
To-date						
2010*	208,316(B)				331	208,647

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 12,000; for the current year to date\* 1,035,000; for last year to date\* 981,000.

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

**Weekly National Fresh and Frozen Whole Young Turkeys**

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending November 25 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 (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
8-16 lb. (Hens)	112.50	200	111.42	260	105.87	1,242	114.83	109.79	107.22
16-24 lb. (Toms)	114.46	218	112.30	100	106.00	414	111.95	108.87	105.01

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

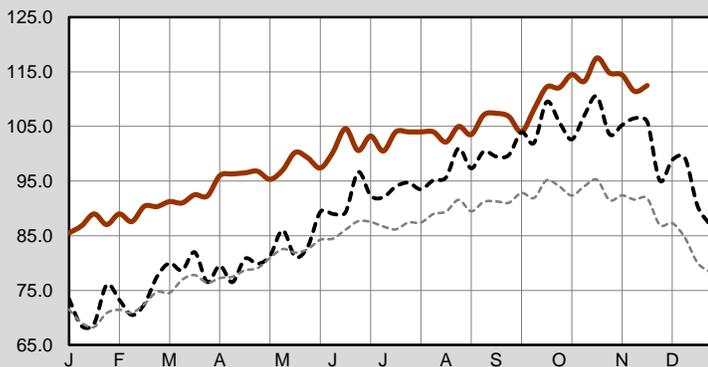
**FRESH Whole Body Turkeys** - with timers; for delivery within the next seven days.

U.S. Grade A - FRESH	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		October Averages		
	wtd avg (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>									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	134.72	28.4	130.70	336.2	115.42	8,152.0	125.33	122.27	114.87
16-24 lb. (Toms)	137.00	4.0	130.50	451.6	115.29	9,648.0	125.74	122.67	115.07
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	0.0	--	50.0	--	500.0	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	0.0	--	50.0	--	620.0	--	--	--

— 2011 — 2010 — Prior 3 Year Avg.

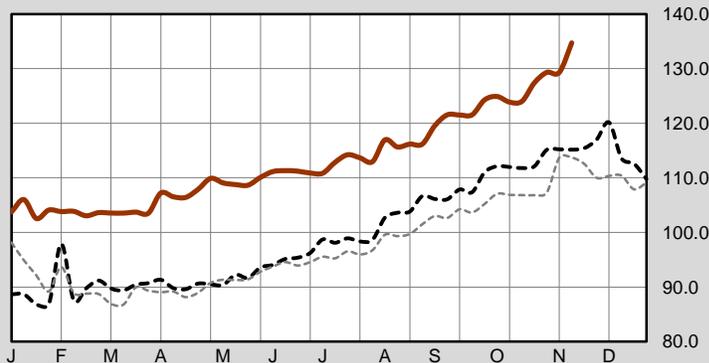
**National FROZEN Hen Trend**

(weighted average price in cents per pound; f.o.b. shipper dock)

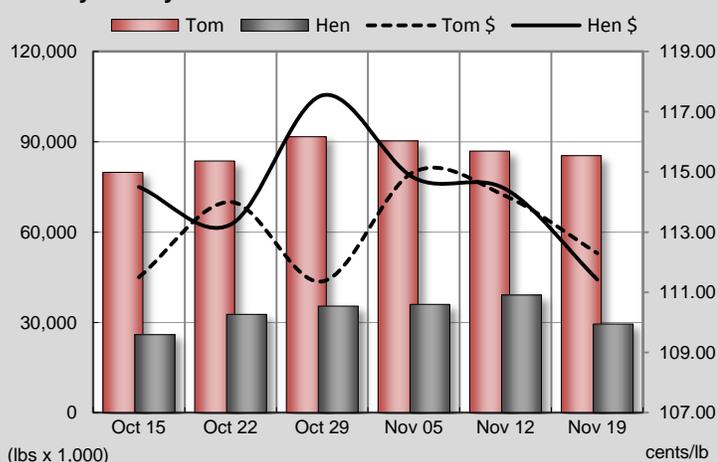


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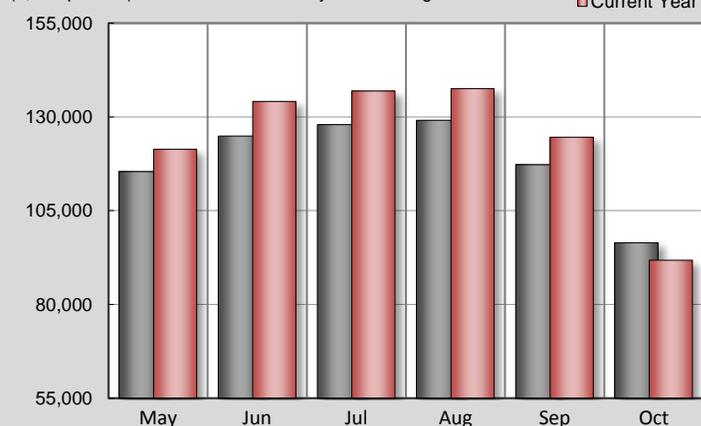


**Weekly Turkey: RTC Volume vs. Frozen Price**



**Cold Storage Holdings - Frozen Hen Turkeys**

(1,000 pounds) Source: NASS Monthly Cold Storage



**National Young Turkey Parts**

Including bulk meat and frozen (unless specified), cents per lb., delivered first receivers, part and full trucklots as of 25 Nov 2011.

The market is generally steady on most items in response to industry members working holiday schedules with quite a few taking a long holiday weekend. Demand seasonally light on all items for the very light to moderate offerings. Trading light. For domestic: fresh tom wings 89, fresh strap-in tenderloins 218 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 89, tom machine-cut gizzards 105, scapula 185 cents delivered.

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/		M	133.00	40	133.00	40
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/						
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/		M	131.00	60	131.00	60
Drumsticks, Tom		W	95.60	50	97.23	156
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh		T	89.00	40	89.00	80
Drumsticks, Hen		T	92.00	6	89.93	58
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	93.00		93.00	40	93.64	112
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		M	90.00	40	90.00	40
Wings, V-Type, Tom	115.00		115.00	40	115.00	40
Wings, V-Type, Hen		M	123.00	18	123.00	18
Necks, Tom	56.00-58.00		56.77	130	56.89	292
Necks, Hen		M	45.00	10	45.00	10
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/	263.00		263.00	40	263.00	80
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	268.00		268.00	40	268.00	40
Thigh Meat		T	147.00	28	147.00	32
Thigh Meat--Fresh		F	147.40	107		
Breast Trim Meat	167.00		167.00	120	166.29	280
Scapula Meat		T	179.00	28	179.00	28
Wing Meat with Skin		T	164.22	108	163.08	148
Tenderloins		M	215.00	22	215.00	22
De strapped Tenders		T	220.00	40	220.00	40
De strapped Tenders--Fresh		W	240.00	20	240.00	20
Mechanically Separated 4/		W	31.00	34	31.82	194
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	31.50-33.00		32.25	80	32.65	214

**Export Trading**

Drumsticks, Toms	95.00		95.00	94	95.90	134
Wings Full-Cut - Toms						
Wings, V-Type, Tom						
Tails		T	57.00	40	54.00	80
Mechanically Separated 4/		W	32.00	168	32.00	168
Thigh Meat - Frozen		M	156.36	134	156.36	134

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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