



# TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 96.00-104.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 96-104.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading light on frozen basted equivalent 16-24 lb. toms at 99.50-100.00 cents shipping point.



The white meat market is steady with a steady to weak undertone. Demand light. Offerings moderate to heavy with frozen the most available. The market on tom bulk parts is steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate. The market on 4-8 lb. bone-in breasts is mostly steady for current shipments. The institutional sized rib breast market is steady at best with spot weakness found on basted Grade A 16-18 lb. breasts. Demand light. Offerings light to moderate. The thigh meat market is steady. Demand moderate to good, mostly moderate. Offerings light to moderate. The mechanically separated turkey market is steady at best. Demand light. Offerings light to mostly moderate. Trading light to moderate, mostly light.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. Demand and offerings light to moderate.

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 21-Jan-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,690	2,467	23	2	4,182
Avg Wt	17.65	42.02	26.46	40.70	32.09
Last week	1,662	2,428	25	10	4,125
Same wk yr ago	1,649	2,465	21	4	4,139
Avg Wt	17.18	41.08	25.42	28.35	30.98
To-date/2012*	4,896	7,016	59	19	11,990
To-date/2011*	5,100	7,262	47	13	12,422
% Change YTD	-4%	-3%	26%	46%	-3%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	23,869	82,929	466	62	107,326
Last week	22,383	81,957	522	280	105,142
Same wk yr ago	22,664	81,010	414	88	104,176
To-date/2012*	67,336	236,728	1,210	485	305,759
To-date/2011*	68,895	238,082	946	323	308,246
% Change YTD	-2%	-1%	28%	50%	-1%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	

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

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	W/E 21-Jan-12 (Preliminary)			Old Breeders -Thousand head-	Total Turkeys Avg Live wt
	-----Young turkeys-----				
	Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt		
North East	599	11	27.21	(A)	600 27.21
South Atlantic	616	2	39.69	(A)	617 39.69
North Central	2,032	-1	35.30	(A)	2,032 35.30
South Central	752	2	20.63	(A)	752 20.63
West	181	-4	33.79	(A)	181 33.79
U.S. total	4,180 (B)	2	32.09	2	4,182 32.09
To-date 2012*	11,971 (B)			19	11,990
To-date 2011*	12,409 (B)			13	12,422

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 23,000; for the current year to date\* 59,000; for last year to date\* 47,000.

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

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	149-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	146-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	146-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	152-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	154-185

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	117-128
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	103-115
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	103-125
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	114-129

**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 January 27, 2012

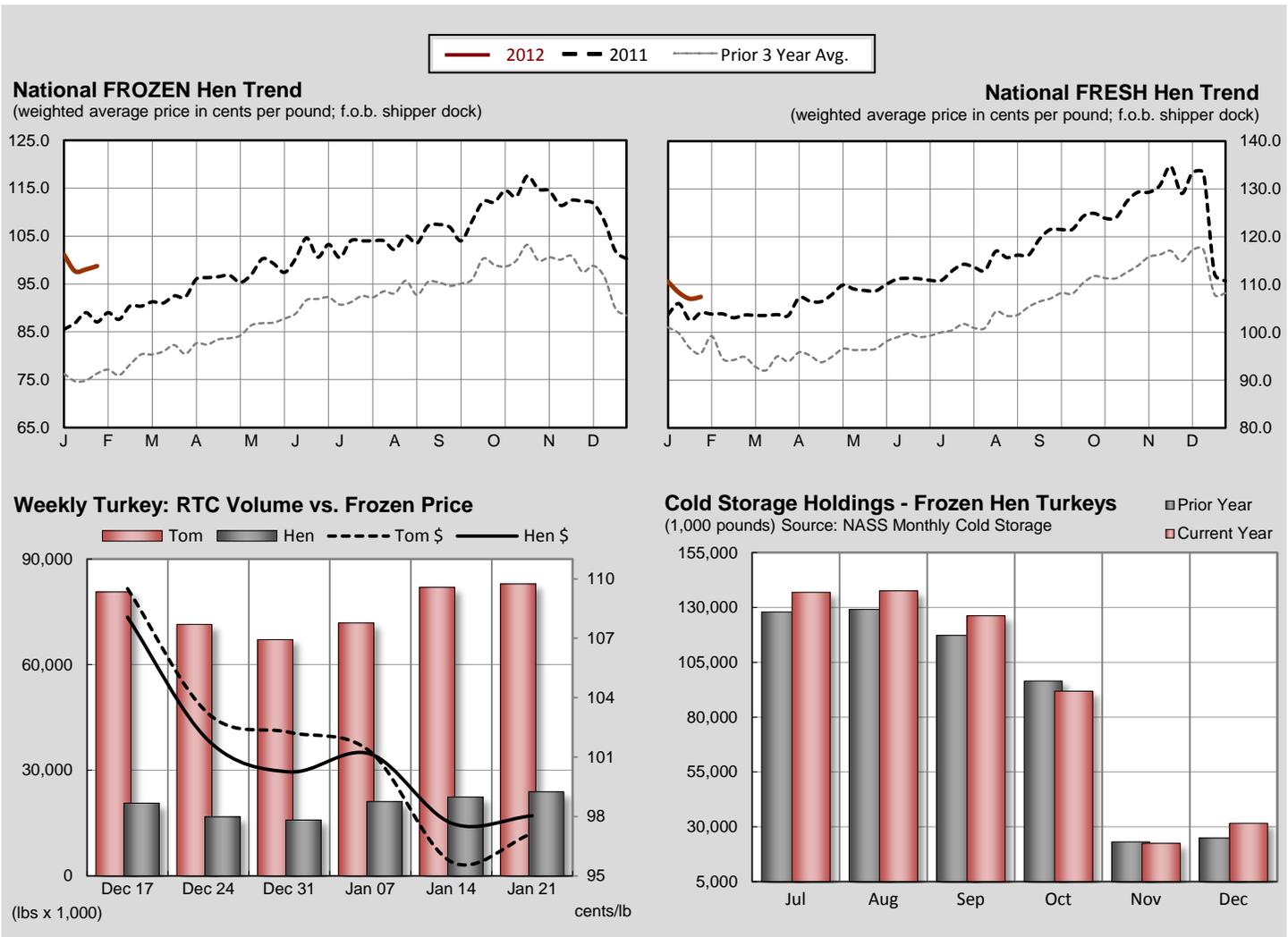
**FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		January 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>	98.73	1,990	98.04	1,120	87.04	2,015	98.35	106.54	88.14
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	97.29	487	97.14	586	87.08	885	98.76	107.01	88.14

<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		January 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>	107.41	116.9	107.03	131.4	104.09	80.0	108.39	132.59	104.09
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	106.67	67.5	106.11	78.5	103.83	47.0	108.34	133.22	104.25
<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 26 Jan 2012.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on white meat was steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings moderate to heavy. The market on thigh meat was steady. Demand was moderate. Offerings were light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate with many industry members at a International Poultry show this week. For domestic: frozen hen breast meat 202 cents and fresh whole tenders 197 cents delivered.

<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/	122.50-127.00		124.75	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	169.00	25
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	77.00	4
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	73.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	83.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	75.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	84.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	100.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	124.00	5
NECKS, TOM		W	51.35	68
NECKS, HEN		W	43.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	217.00		217.00	20
THIGH MEAT	148.00		148.00	120
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	147.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	125.00		125.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	130.00	5
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS	199.00		199.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	200.00	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		M	33.00	30
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	66.00	360
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	96.50	162
TAILS		R	58.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	33.33	324
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	147.00	40

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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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	124.75	80	124.90	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	169.00	25		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	77.00	4	77.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	73.00-75.00		74.14	140	73.60	300
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	83.00	2	83.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	75.00	6	74.17	48
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	84.00	2	84.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	102.00		102.00	17	100.91	37
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	123.00-125.00		123.77	13	123.77	13
NECKS, TOM	53.00		53.00	15	51.32	125
NECKS, HEN		W	43.00	20	43.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	217.00	20	217.75	32
THIGH MEAT	147.00		147.00	21	147.80	151
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	147.00	40	147.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	125.00	40	125.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	128.00		128.00	10	128.67	15
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS		R	199.00	4	199.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	197.00		197.00	20	198.91	55
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00-33.00		31.00	60	31.67	90

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