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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady for current shipments, steady to firm for deferred. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 98.00-104.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 98.00-104.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading very light on frozen basted equivalent toms 100.50 cents shipping point.



The market on destrapped tenderloins and tom breast meat is mostly steady with destrapped tenderloins strongest. The breast trim, scapula and wing meat market is steady with steady to weak undertones. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to heavy, mostly moderate. The market on tom bulk parts is steady to weak with tom drums and wings held with varied degrees of confidence. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate. The market on 4-8 lb. bone-in breasts is steady for current shipments and firm for deferred. Demand light to moderate. The institutional sized rib breast market is steady to weak, mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings moderate to instances moderately heavy. The thigh meat market is steady. Demand moderate. Offerings light to moderate. The mechanically separated turkey market is steady. Demand light. Offerings moderate. Trading moderately heavy on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light with activity reported on tom necks, frozen scapula and tom machine defatted gizzards. The market is steady to weak, mostly steady. Demand light to mostly moderate. Offerings of tails light, balance of items moderate.

## CALIFORNIA PROCESSED TURKEY

### SAN FRANCISCO

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions (cents per pound)

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	144-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	141-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	141-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	150-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	152-185

### SOUTHERN (LA. AREA)

Delivered to Retailers (cents per pound)

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	117-128
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	104-116
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104-126
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	114-130

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**

Including bulk meat and frozen (unless specified), cents per lb., delivered first receivers, part and full trucklots as of 14 February 2012.

The market on destrapped tenderloins is steady with some finding frozen stronger than tom breast meat. Offerings of destrapped tenderloins uneven ranging light to moderate for the light demand. The tom breast meat market is steady at best while breast trim, scapula and wing meat is steady to weak. Demand light to moderate. Offerings on the balance of white meat moderate to moderately heavy with breast trim, scapula and wing meat held with the least amount of confidence. The market on tom bulk parts is steady at best with product destined for export channels in the weakest position. Demand light to moderate with interest most active into export channels. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly moderate. Trading very light.

<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/		F	127.80	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	150.00	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	111.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	76.00		76.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	73.18	170
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	80.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	72.00		72.00	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	79.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	99.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	123.00	19
NECKS, TOM	52.00		52.00	10
NECKS, HEN		M	43.00	35
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	208.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		M	209.00	40
THIGH MEAT		M	149.00	2
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	147.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	118.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	118.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	137.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	181.00	21
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	186.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	188.00	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	31.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	33.00	60

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	71.09	404
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	69.00	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	95.00	162
TAILS		R	50.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	31.11	364
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/

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 15 February 2012.

The market on white meat is steady to weak and only lightly tested. Demand was light. Offerings moderate. The market on bulk parts is steady, with full cut wings and tom drums weak. Demand was light to moderate with interest noted for export channels. Offerings light to moderate. Trading was slow. For domestic: fresh tom necks 48 cents, fresh tails 51 cents, fresh breast trim 112 cents, frozen tails 51 cents, grade A breast non basted 8-10 lb. 165 cents, 10-12 lbs. 173-175 cents, 12-14 lbs. 173-175 cents, 14-16 lbs. 173 cents, 16-18 lbs. 177 cents, and 18-20 lbs. 182 cents. For export: frozen scapula 122 cents, frozen tom necks 53-54 cents and machine defatted gizzards 104 cents delivered to the border or port.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	127.80	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	150.00	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	110.00		110.00	800
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	72.00-74.00		73.00	8
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	73.18	170
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	77.00		77.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	70.00-74.00		70.19	84
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	77.00		77.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	99.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	123.00	19
NECKS, TOM	50.00-52.00		50.29	164
NECKS, HEN		M	43.00	35
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	209.00		209.00	2
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	209.00		209.00	20
THIGH MEAT	147.00		147.00	10
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	147.00		147.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT	112.00		112.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		M	118.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	137.00	40
TENDERLOINS	185.00		185.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	186.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	188.00	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	32.00-33.00		32.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	33.00		33.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	74.00		74.00	54
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	69.00	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	95.00-96.00		95.33	324
TAILS		R	50.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	31.00-32.50		32.20	270
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	150.00		150.00	20

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