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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady with a steady to firm undertone. Demand light to moderate with some. Some industry members are pondering the ramifications of the higher trending transportation costs. Offerings light. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 104.00-106.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 104.00-106.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. No trading reported for current shipments.



The market on white meat is steady with some mixed undertones reported. Some spot premiums were paid on -45 day age frozen tom breast meat and frozen wing meat with skin while others continue to find frozen tom breast meat at lower prices. Demand light to moderate with some finding inquiry focused on new production. Offerings mixed ranging light to heavy, mostly moderate. Some industry members are finding offers of frozen breast trim from -45 day old production less available than older production. The market on Grade A 4-8 lb. rib breast is steady with a steady to firm undertone. The market on institutional sized breasts is steady at best with basted product held with the least confidence. Demand light to moderate.

Offerings mixed ranging light to moderately heavy, mostly moderate. The market on tom bulk parts is steady to weak on tom drums and tom full-cut wings, balance about steady. Demand and offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate with tom drums and tom full-cut wings the most available. The market on thigh meat is steady with a steady to instances weak undertone. Demand light to moderate. Offerings moderate. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady with a strengthening undertone. Demand light to moderate with fresh the most active. Offerings light to moderate, mostly light. Trading light to moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light to moderate with activity reported on fresh tom drums, hen wings and drums, and tom hand defatted gizzards. The market is mostly steady. Demand light to moderate with inquiry reported from Africa, Asia, and Mexico. Offerings moderate.

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 17-Mar-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,828	2,610	10	2	4,450
Avg Wt	16.94	40.73	25.89	68.00	30.94
Last week	1,734	2,559	39	9	4,341
Same wk yr ago	1,789	2,516	22	12	4,339
Avg Wt	16.63	39.13	24.63	27.66	29.60
To-date/2012*	18,876	27,147	237	84	46,344
To-date/2011*	19,140	27,724	214	73	47,151
% Change YTD	-1%	-2%	11%	15%	-2%

### Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

	Young	Old	Total
Current week	24,769	85,044	110,115
Last week	23,801	83,757	108,598
Same wk yr ago	23,801	78,761	103,239
To-date/2012*	256,890	900,531	1,164,421
To-date/2011*	262,338	881,017	1,151,495
% Change YTD	-2%	2%	1%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%

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

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	W/E 17-Mar-12 (Preliminary)			Old Breeders -Thousand head-	Total Turkeys Avg Live wt
	-----Young turkeys-----				
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		
North East	622	3	26.70	(A)	623 26.70
South Atlantic	629	8	38.49	(A)	630 38.49
North Central	2,142	0	34.55	(A)	2,142 34.55
South Central	799	3	19.50	(A)	799 19.50
West	256	17	27.86	(A)	256 27.86
U.S. total	4,448 (B)	3	30.94	2	4,450 30.94

To-date  
2012\* 46,260 (B) 84 46,344  
To-date  
2011\* 47,078 (B) 73 47,151  
(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 10,000; for the current year to date\* 237,000; for last year to date\* 214,000.

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

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	147-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	147-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	145-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	149-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	152-185

### 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#	108-116
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	108-126
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	114-130

**Weekly National Fresh and Frozen Whole Young Turkeys**  
**USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service, Poultry Market News & Analysis**  
 Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending March 23, 2012

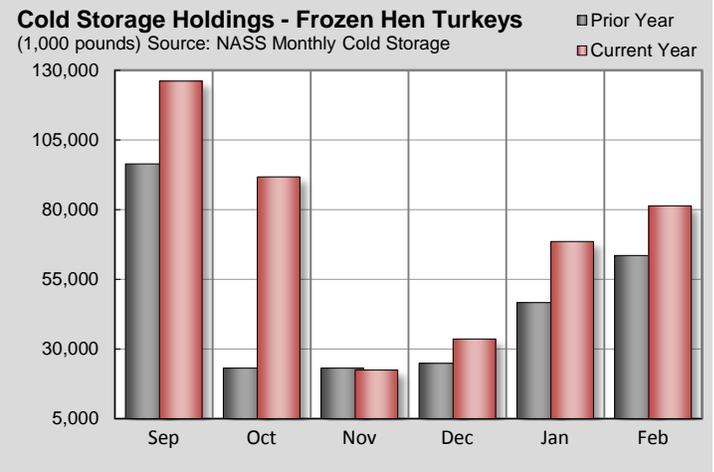
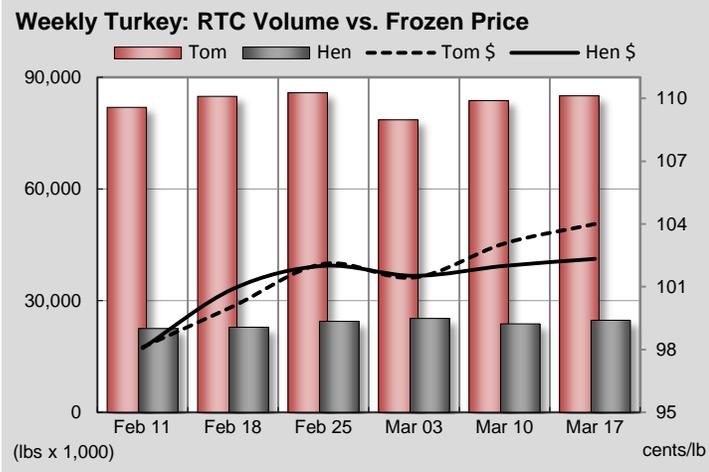
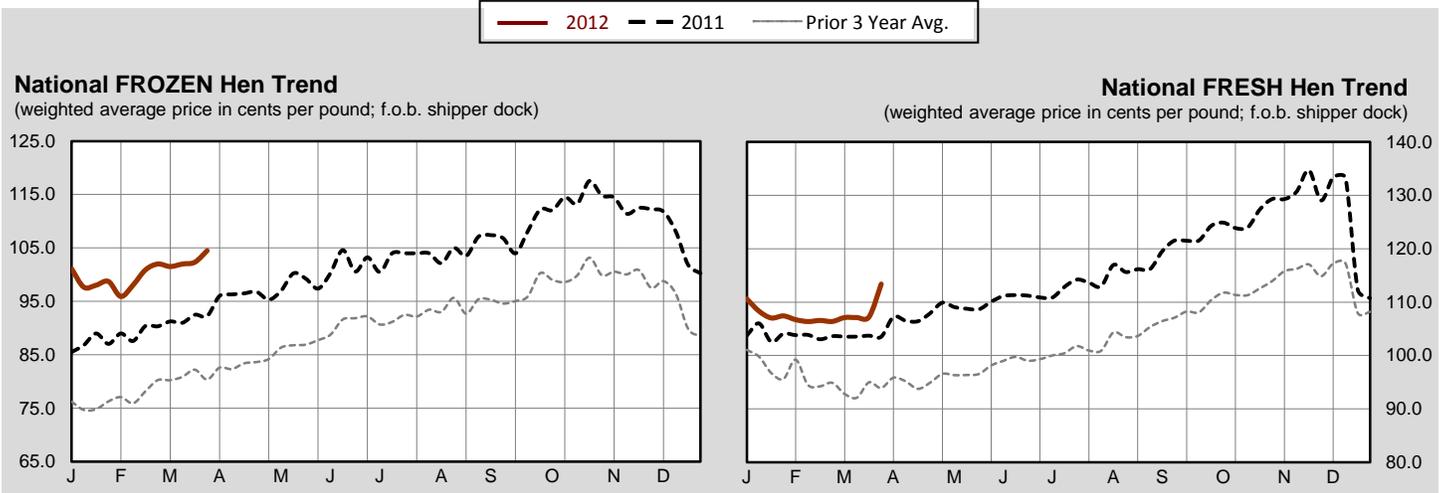
**FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		February 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>	104.50	40	102.33	60	92.25	40	100.15	98.35	89.97
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	104.50	30	104.00	172	92.80 <sup>1</sup>		100.17	98.76	90.08

<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		February 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>	113.38	1,023.2	107.20	140.7	103.51	148.8	106.50	108.39	103.59
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	113.79	630.0	106.04	65.0	102.57	89.0	105.62	108.34	102.24
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>									
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	--	10.0	--	2.5	--	2.0	--	--	--
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	--	10.0	--	2.5	--	2.0	--	--	--



**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**

INCLUDING BULK MEAT AND FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 MAR 2012.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on white meat is steady to weak and not fully tested. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Thigh meat market was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh ground drum 100 cents and fresh whole tenders 190 cents. For export: frozen tom breast meat 196 cents and hen full cut wings 64 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	133.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	136.50-189.00		159.98	41
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	73.00-74.00		73.09	44
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	69.00		69.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	76.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	61.00		61.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	65.00		65.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	121.00	2
NECKS, TOM	52.00		52.00	40
NECKS, HEN	46.00		46.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	196.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	195.00-209.00		198.69	163
THIGH MEAT	143.00		143.00	11
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	144.16	74
BREAST TRIM MEAT	94.00-96.00		94.57	7
SCAPULA MEAT		T	109.00	122
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	105.00		105.00	40
TENDERLOINS	182.00		182.00	76
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	185.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	188.00	8
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	31.27	44
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	34.00		34.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	70.00-73.00		70.60	270
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	56.00		56.00	360
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	97.00-100.00		98.50	216
TAILS		F	52.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	34.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	142.00	22

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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The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on white meat is steady to weak. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. High meat market was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: frozen tails 50 cents, frozen grade A breast non basted 14-18 lbs 176 cents. For export: fresh tom drums 68 cents, frozen hen full cut wings 64 cents, hen drums 72 cents and hand defatted tom gizzards 105 cents delivered to border or port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T CODE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	133.00	2	133.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	159.98	41	159.98	41
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	69.50		69.50	40	72.31	178
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	68.00-70.00		69.00	280	68.83	480
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	73.00		73.00	20	73.50	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	60.00		60.00	12	60.73	157
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	64.00-67.00		66.00	60	65.94	64
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	94.00-98.00		95.75	160	95.75	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	123.00		123.00	2	123.00	2
NECKS, TOM	49.00-50.00		49.44	71	51.07	176
NECKS, HEN		R	46.00	6	46.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	195.00-205.00		200.45	110	200.45	110
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	198.69	163	202.09	243
THIGH MEAT	141.00		141.00	40	141.92	140
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	142.00-144.00		143.33	120	143.33	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	95.00		95.00	40	94.74	113
SCAPULA MEAT	105.00		105.00	30	108.21	152
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	118.00		118.00	40	110.67	120
TENDERLOINS		R	182.00	76	182.00	76
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	185.00	4		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	188.00	8	188.00	8
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	31.27	44		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	32.00-35.00		33.09	302	33.10	432
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	70.60	270	71.38	432
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	56.00	360	56.00	360
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	93.00-100.00		96.86	378	97.45	594
TAILS		F	52.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	34.00	40	34.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	142.00	22	142.00	22

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