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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady to firm with some finding 16-24 lb. toms stronger than hens. Demand and offerings light. Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 105.00-112.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 105.00-114.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading light on frozen basted equivalent hens at 105 cents shipping point and on 16-24 lb. toms at 107.00 cents shipping point.



The market on strap-in tenderloins is steady with a steady to firm undertone, destrapped tenderloins are steady, balance of white meat is steady with a steady to weak undertone. Demand light to moderate with the best interest on tenderloins. Offerings mixed ranging light to heavy, mostly moderate with tenderloins the least available. The market on Grade A 4-8 lb. rib breasts is steady with a steady to firm undertone. The market on institutional sized breasts is generally steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts very light to light and held with confidence. Institutional sized rib breast offerings mostly moderate. The market on tom bulk parts is steady to firm on tom 2-joint wings, tom drums and tom full-cut wings steady with a softening undertone, tom necks are steady with a steady to weak undertone. Demand light to moderate.

Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate. The market on thigh meat is steady to weak with trading reported at unchanged to lower prices. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to heavy, mostly moderate to heavy. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady with a steady to firm undertone. Demand moderate. Offerings light. Trading light to moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. The market on tom 2-joint wings is firm into select export channels, tom drums and tom full-cut wings steady with a steady to instances weak undertone, thigh meat weak with trading reported at lower trending prices and tails steady Demand light to moderate with some finding export inquiry on frozen tom breast meat. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly moderate.

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

	Young		Young	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,992	2,610	28	2	4,632
Avg Wt	16.19	40.62	25.10	39.68	30.02
Last week	1,926	2,516	20	6	4,468
Same wk yr ago	1,592	2,475	13	4	4,084
Avg Wt	17.16	38.71	22.50	42.24	28.58
To-date/2012*	28,393	39,701	337	108	68,539
To-date/2011*	27,875	40,402	343	115	68,735
% Change YTD	2%	-2%	-2%	-6%	0%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	25,798	84,809	531	60	111,198
Last week	24,145	80,868	383	138	105,534
Same wk yr ago	21,718	76,167	227	131	98,243
To-date/2012*	382,899	1,306,904	6,805	2,780	1,699,388
To-date/2011*	381,799	1,277,240	8,888	2,821	1,670,748
% Change YTD	0%	2%	-23%	-1%	2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	75.5%	75.5%	

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

### NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	W/E 21-Apr-12 (Preliminary)			Old Breeders -Thousand head-	Total Turkeys Avg Live wt
	-----Young turkeys-----				
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		
North East	548	-7	27.73	(A)	549 27.73
South Atlantic	787	41	35.31	(A)	788 35.31
North Central	2,109	-2	34.38	(A)	2,109 34.38
South Central	916	3	17.16	(A)	916 17.16
West	270	0	28.7	(A)	270 28.70
U.S. total	4,630 (B)	4	30.02	2	4,632 30.02
To-date					
2012*	68,431 (B)			108	68,539
To-date					
2011*	68,620 (B)			115	68,735

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date\* 337,000; for last year to date\* 343,000.

\*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#	145-185
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#	117-129
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	110-116
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	110-126
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 April 27, 2012

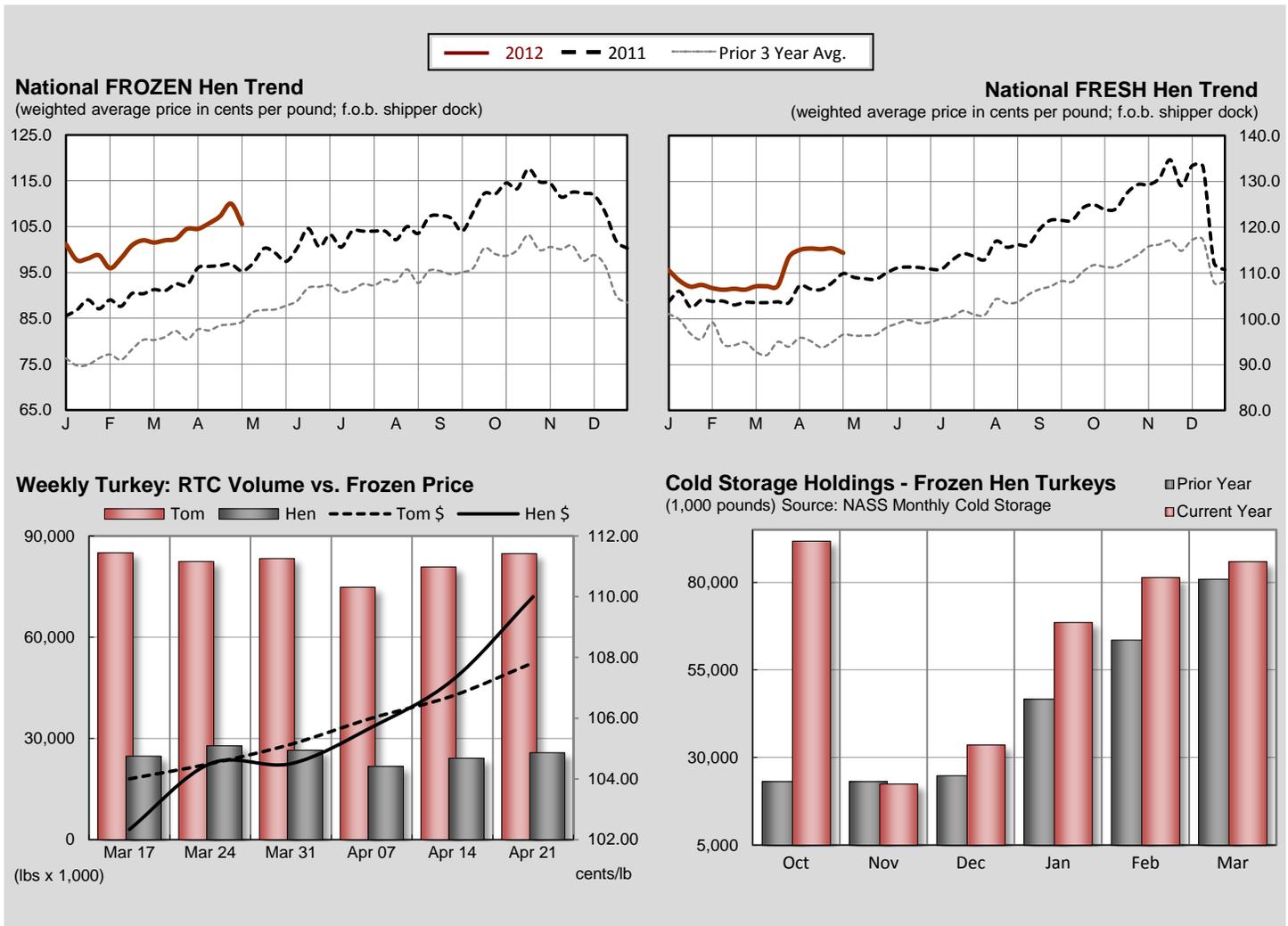
**FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		April 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)	105.51	122	110.00	480	95.32	31	106.89	103.70	96.68
16-24 lb. (Toms)	108.43	516	107.83	436	95.59	17	107.69	104.45	99.33

<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		April 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)	114.39	58.8	115.39	118.5	109.89	79.0	115.21	113.55	106.79
16-24 lb. (Toms)	113.38	40.0	114.08	60.0	108.40	53.0	115.33	114.54	106.86
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	5.0	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	5.0	--	--	--



**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**

INCLUDING BULK MEAT AND FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 APR 2012.

The market on bulk parts was steady, instances weak. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The white meat market is steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings light to heavy. The market on thigh meat was barely steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings light to heavy. Mechanically separated turkey was steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading was slow. For domestic: fresh whole tenders 190 cents and fresh scapula 104 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	131.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	169.57	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	119.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	68.00		68.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	68.00		68.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	73.92	53
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	63.44	29
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	64.21	51
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	98.00	48
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	124.82	45
NECKS, TOM	50.00		50.00	80
NECKS, HEN		F	46.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		T	198.00	40
THIGH MEAT		W	121.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	119.00		119.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	80.33	120
SCAPULA MEAT		M	97.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	108.00	40
TENDERLOINS	188.00		188.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	187.00-189.50		187.23	22
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	32.00		32.00	20

## EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	69.00-72.00		69.75	216
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	55.00	324
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	107.25		107.25	108
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
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.

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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/	130.00		130.00	80	130.02	82
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	140.00-191.00		168.73	36	168.73	36
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	119.00	40	119.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	70.00-72.00		70.57	49	69.75	444
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	66.00-69.00		66.66	256	66.90	502
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	71.00		71.00	20	72.72	113
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	57.00-59.00		57.81	226	58.93	398
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	63.00		63.00	20	63.87	73
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	98.00		98.00	20	98.18	194
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	123.00		123.00	20	124.19	67
NECKS, TOM	48.00-50.00		48.65	63	49.54	426
NECKS, HEN	44.00		44.00	20	44.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		T	198.00	40	198.00	40
THIGH MEAT	118.00		118.00	20	127.07	280
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	123.00-124.50		123.29	52	122.62	154
BREAST TRIM MEAT	62.50		62.50	80	73.20	200
SCAPULA MEAT	99.50		99.50	30	97.68	110
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	108.00	40	108.00	40
TENDERLOINS	184.00		184.00	2	191.09	22
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00		188.00	2	187.35	26
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	34.00	40	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	32.25-36.00		33.15	158	32.97	459

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	68.00-71.00		70.07	174	69.92	552
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	55.00		55.00	120	55.00	444
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	107.25	108	107.25	108
TAILS	52.00		52.00	40	52.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	117.00		117.00	40	117.00	40

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