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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 light. Offerings light on hens and very light to light on 16-24 lb. toms. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 105.00-110.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 105.00-115.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. Trading light to moderate on frozen basted equivalent 16-24 lb. toms at 107-115 cents shipping point for current deliveries and light on frozen basted equivalent hens at 115 cents shipping point for October.



The market on white meat is steady to weak with trading reported at unchanged to lower prices. Demand light to moderate with some buyers taking fresh tom breast meat contract add-on volumes. Demand light to moderate. Offerings mixed ranging light to moderately heavy, mostly moderate to moderately heavy. The market on 4-8 lb. breasts is steady with a steady to firm undertone. Demand light to moderate for the light at best offerings. The institutional sized breast market is steady to weak, mostly steady with prices reported at unchanged to instances lower. Demand light to moderate. Offerings uneven and varying by processor ranging from light to moderately heavy, mostly moderate. The market on tails is steady with a steady to firm undertone with the balance of tom bulk parts is mostly steady with a steady to sometimes weak undertone.

Offerings of tails are very light to light and the balance of tom bulk parts light to heavy, mostly moderate. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher. Offerings range from short of needs to light for prompt shipments. Trading light to moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light to moderate with some frozen basted equivalent hens traded at 105.50 cents shipping point. The market is mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings very light to mostly moderate.

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

	Young		Young	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,948	2,733	29	18	4,728
Avg Wt	17.02	40.05	27.35	38.90	30.48
Last week	1,658	2,837	31	1	4,527
Same wk yr ago	1,812	2,740	34	3	4,589
Avg Wt	16.80	39.61	27.00	51.41	28.88
To-date/2012*	33,882	47,955	411	134	82,382
To-date/2011*	33,319	48,405	414	129	82,267
% Change YTD	2%	-1%	-1%	4%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	26,531	87,559	599	529	115,218
Last week	22,417	90,269	599	40	113,325
Same wk yr ago	24,201	86,282	711	120	111,314
To-date/2012*	457,091	1,570,970	8,259	3,526	2,039,846
To-date/2011*	455,209	1,528,710	10,339	3,215	1,997,473
% Change YTD	0%	3%	-20%	10%	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 12-May-12 (Preliminary)			Old Breeders -Thousand head-	Total Turkeys Avg Live wt
	-----Young turkeys-----				
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		
North East	590	-7	27.40	(A)	594 27.40
South Atlantic	837	24	34.90	(A)	841 34.90
North Central	2,257	4	33.33	(A)	2,261 33.33
South Central	796	-1	19.79	(A)	799 19.79
West	230	-8	30.6	(A)	233 30.60
U.S. total	4,710 (B)	4	30.48	18	4,728 30.48
To-date					
2012*	82,248 (B)			134	82,382
To-date					
2011*	82,138 (B)			129	82,267

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 29,000; for the current year to date\* 411,000; for last year to date\* 414,000.

\*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#	111-126
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 May 18, 2012

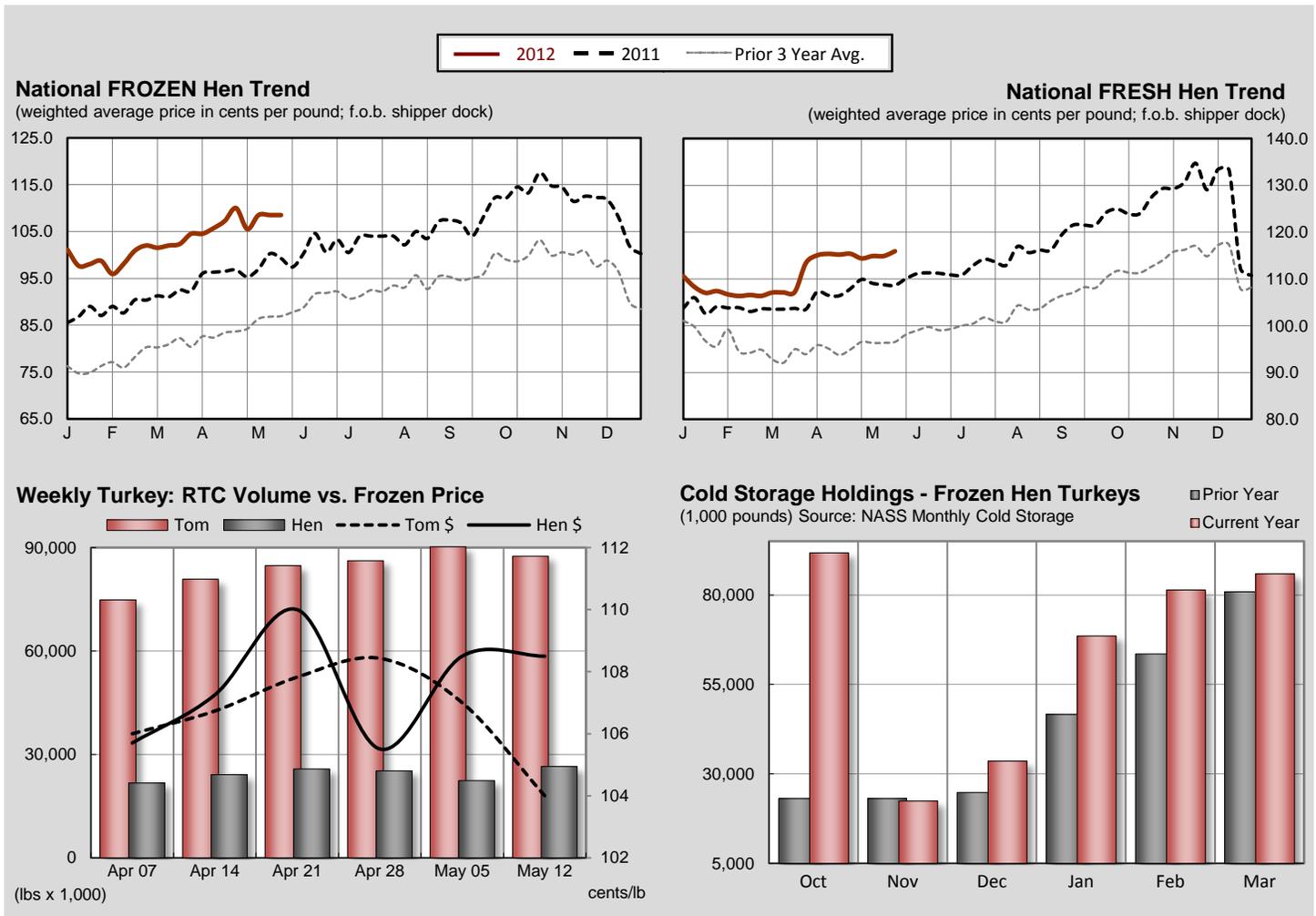
**FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

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)	108.50 <sup>1</sup>		108.50 <sup>1</sup>		99.25	80	106.89	103.70	96.68
16-24 lb. (Toms)	108.33	722	104.00	40	103.60 <sup>1</sup>		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)	115.94	130.3	114.90	112.6	108.65	104.0	115.21	113.55	106.79
16-24 lb. (Toms)	116.00	30.0	114.08	60.0	108.39	61.0	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	--	--	--



Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis  
 website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm>

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**

INCLUDING BULK MEAT AND FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 MAY 2012.

The market on young tom tenderloins is steady, tom breast meat and wing meat with skin steady with a steady to weak undertone, breast trim and scapula steady at best. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tenderloins light; tom breast meat and wing meat with skin mixed ranging light to moderately heavy, mostly moderate; breast trim and scapula moderate. The market on tom bulk parts is steady at best with some not seeing the strength on tom drums and necks. Demand light to moderate. Offerings uneven ranging light to heavy, mostly moderate. For domestic: Grade A non-basted 14-16 lb. and 16-18 breasts 168, frozen breeder destrapped tenderloins 160, tails 49-52 cents delivered. Trading heavy on 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. For export: tom necks 48, frozen scapula 97, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 157 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	135.00		135.00	1,000
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	174.00-189.00		175.36	22
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	68.00-69.00		68.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	67.90	800
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	57.00	30
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	97.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		W	49.21	71
NECKS, HEN		F	44.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	193.27	185
THIGH MEAT		W	106.13	32
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	107.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	79.00	34
SCAPULA MEAT		R	103.00	28
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	100.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	189.00	24
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	38.00		38.00	14
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	36.00		36.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	70.00	324
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	58.00		58.00	108
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	51.00		51.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	101.00		101.00	54

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/	134.00		134.00	2	135.00	1,002
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	175.36	22	175.36	22
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	71.00-73.00		71.80	100	71.14	276
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	67.00-68.00		67.86	280	67.87	1,240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	54.00-57.00		55.38	210	55.54	260
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	97.00	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	123.00-125.00		123.95	42	123.95	42
NECKS, TOM	49.00-50.00		49.89	36	49.44	107
NECKS, HEN	46.00		46.00	10	46.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	190.00-193.00		191.50	80	192.74	265
THIGH MEAT	104.00		104.00	2	105.63	54
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	107.00-109.00		107.53	76	107.34	116
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	79.00	34		
SCAPULA MEAT	98.00-100.00		98.67	120	98.67	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	100.00	40	100.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	181.50		181.50	200	181.50	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00		188.00	20	188.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	37.00		37.00	40	37.26	54
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	35.00-43.00		37.47	327	36.94	767

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	69.00		69.00	164	69.66	488
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	54.00		54.00	218	55.33	326
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	51.00	108	51.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	99.00-104.0		102.25	336	102.08	390

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