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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. Frozen demand light to instances moderate. Fresh demand for the fall light to good, mostly light to moderate. Frozen offerings light to moderate. Fresh November whole turkey offerings very light to moderate. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 105.00-110.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 105.00-110.00 cents fob for current shipments. Trading very light on frozen basted equivalent hens and 16-24 lb. toms at 109.00 cents fob for current deliveries.



The market on fresh tom breast meat is steady to firm with offering prices trending higher, balance of white meat mostly steady. Demand on fresh tom breast meat moderate to good with the balance of white meat light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light at best, balance of white meat light to moderate. Frozen white meat offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate. The tom bulk parts market is steady with some finding tom necks instances firm. Demand light to mostly moderate. Offerings light to moderate. The market on thigh meat is steady with a steady to firm undertone. Demand light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings very light to light. The mechanically separated turkey market is steady with a steady to sometimes weak undertone. Demand light to moderate. Offerings moderate. Trading light to moderate, mostly light.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light with activity also found on frozen thigh trim. The market on thigh meat is steady with a steady to firm undertone. Demand is light to good, mostly moderate with some finding active interest on whole turkeys. Offerings light to moderate.

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 28-Jul-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old	Total	
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,752	2,629	26	11	4,418
Avg Wt	16.56	38.48	28.11	30.55	29.71
Last week	1,792	2,908	27	8	4,735
Same wk yr ago	1,800	2,513	25	7	4,345
Avg Wt	16.30	39.07	25.14	27.03	29.54
To-date/2012*	54,014	76,192	657	209	131,072
To-date/2011*	53,752	76,995	629	211	131,587
% Change YTD	0%	-1%	4%	-1%	0%
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Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,212	80,927	552	254	104,945
Last week	23,293	90,143	555	213	114,204
Same wk yr ago	23,472	78,546	484	147	102,649
To-date/2012*	727,361	2,468,526	13,177	5,381	3,214,445
To-date/2011*	733,449	2,405,167	14,717	5,099	3,158,432
% Change YTD	-1%	3%	-10%	6%	2%
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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 28-Jul-12 (Preliminary)			Old	Total	
	Young	Pct chg	Avg			
-----Young turkeys-----						
	Head	PW	Live wt	Breeders	Total	Avg
North East	542	-11	26.05	(A)	545	26.05
South Atlantic	632	-8	39.42	(A)	634	39.42
North Central	2,249	-5	31.67	(A)	2,251	31.67
South Central	776	-4	18.28	(A)	778	18.28
West	208	-17	31.12	(A)	210	31.12
U.S. total	4,407 (B)	-7	29.71	11	4,418	29.71
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To-date						
2012*	130,863 (B)			209	131,072	
To-date						
2011*	131,376 (B)			211	131,587	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 26,000; for the current year to date\* 657,000; for last year to date\* 629,000.

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

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

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	150-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	149-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	149-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	149-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	150-185

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	117-136
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#	116-130

**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 August 03, 2012

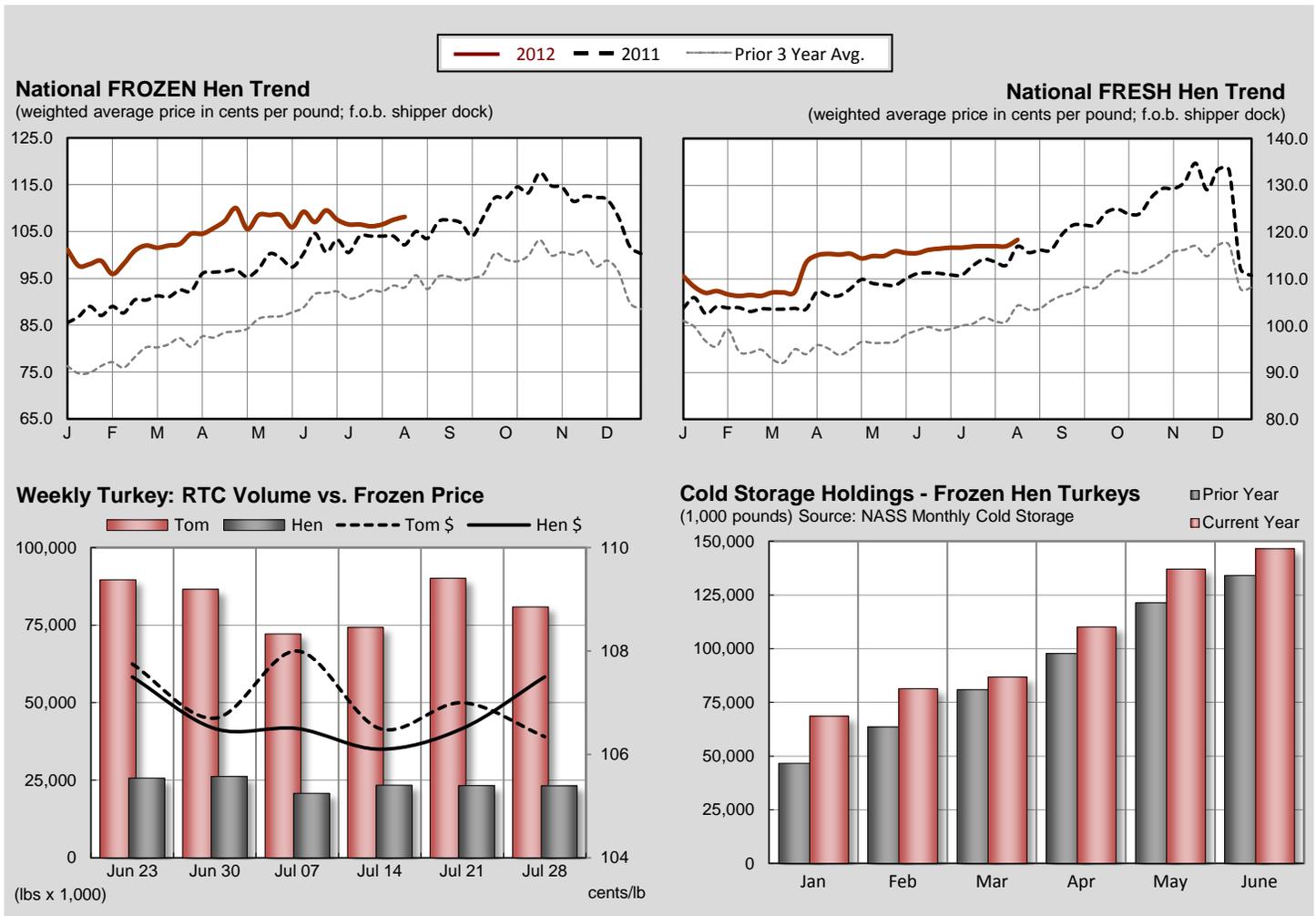
**FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		July 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)	108.12	580	107.50	80	102.15	200	106.43	106.00	104.00
16-24 lb. (Toms)	106.70	135	106.34	19	106.40	<sup>1</sup>	106.96	106.51	105.08

<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		July 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)	118.37	105.5	117.00	116.5	116.95	85.0	116.99	116.52	113.45
16-24 lb. (Toms)	121.00	20.0	115.32	56.0	115.80	50.0	115.33	115.29	111.60
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	--	--



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 02 AUGUST 2012.

The market on fresh tom breast meat is steady to firm with trading reported at higher prices, balance of white meat is mostly steady with some finding increased confidence on frozen tom breast meat. The demand on fresh tom breast meat is moderate to good and light to moderate on the balance of white meat. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to moderate, mostly light with the balance of white meat mostly light to moderate. The market on 4-8 lb. breasts is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on tom bulk parts is steady. Trading light to moderate. For export: frozen scapula 93 cents fob.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	170.43	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	58.00		58.00	44
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	54.00		54.00	41
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	58.00-59.50		59.21	21
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00-46.00		45.38	260
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	50.00-51.50		50.50	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	90.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	121.00		121.00	4
NECKS, TOM	35.00-38.50		36.17	204
NECKS, HEN		M	37.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	190.00		190.00	120
THIGH MEAT	96.00-99.00		97.20	100
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	93.98	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	72.00		72.00	2
SCAPULA MEAT	95.00		95.00	2
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS		R	185.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	183.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	38.00		38.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	38.00		38.00	362
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	55.00	270
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	42.00	378
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	95.00	162
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	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	174.00-189.00		175.36	44	175.36	44
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	56.00		56.00	40	57.68	248
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	54.00	41	53.75	161
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	59.21	21	59.21	21
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.67	60	45.15	568
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	50.50	6	50.12	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	85.00		85.00	7	85.00	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	121.00	4	121.00	4
NECKS, TOM	36.00		36.00	40	36.58	503
NECKS, HEN		M	37.00	9	37.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	190.00	120	186.17	410
THIGH MEAT	96.00		96.00	7	96.27	147
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	93.98	80		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	72.00	2	72.00	2
SCAPULA MEAT	92.00		92.00	80	92.07	82
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	183.00	40	183.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	36.00-39.00		37.20	200	37.33	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	36.00-38.00		37.00	80	37.77	682
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	57.00		57.00	40	57.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	44.00		44.00	80	44.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	95.00	162		
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN						

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