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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady with a steady to firm undertone. Frozen demand was light to moderate. Frozen offerings light to moderate. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for 8-16 lb. hens 105.00-110.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 105.00-112.00 cents fob for current shipments. No trading was reported.



The market on bulk parts was mixed, but mostly steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on fresh tom breast meat was steady to firm. Frozen tom breast meat mixed, balance of fresh and frozen white meat steady. The demand on fresh tom breast meat was in a full range, light to good, balance of white meat light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat was light and the balance of white meat light to moderate. The market on thigh meat was steady to firm. Demand was light to good. Offerings light. Trading was slow.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, balance light. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate.

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 11-Aug-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		Turkeys
Head	1,893	2,643	38	7	4,581
Avg Wt	16.53	38.13	26.22	29.49	29.10
Last week	1,878	2,729	43	20	4,670
Same wk yr ago	1,980	2,731	19	4	4,734
Avg Wt	16.43	37.43	24.69	31.75	28.59
To-date/2012*	57,785	81,564	738	236	140,323
To-date/2011*	57,499	82,419	663	227	140,808
% Change YTD	0%	-1%	11%	4%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,041	80,628	752	156	106,577
Last week	24,487	81,696	858	488	107,529
Same wk yr ago	26,025	81,777	361	98	108,261
To-date/2012*	776,889	2,630,850	14,787	6,025	3,428,551
To-date/2011*	782,911	2,566,463	15,375	5,433	3,370,182
% Change YTD	-1%	3%	-4%	11%	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

	Young turkeys			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		-Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
North East	503	-21	26.46	(A)	505	26.46
South Atlantic	800	16	35.34	(A)	802	35.34
North Central	2,209	-6	31.42	(A)	2,210	31.42
South Central	848	13	18.50	(A)	849	18.50
West	214	-5	29.88	(A)	215	29.88
U.S. total	4,574 (B)	-2	29.10	7	4,581	29.10
To-date						
2012*	140,087 (B)			236	140,323	
To-date						
2011*	140,581 (B)			227	140,808	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of youngbanded breeder turkeys included: this week 38,000; for the current year to date\* 738,000; for last year to date\* 663,000.

\*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#	148-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	148-185
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	148-185
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#	117-150
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	111-116
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	111-126
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	117-130

**Weekly National Fresh and Frozen Whole Young Turkeys**

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Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending August 17, 2012

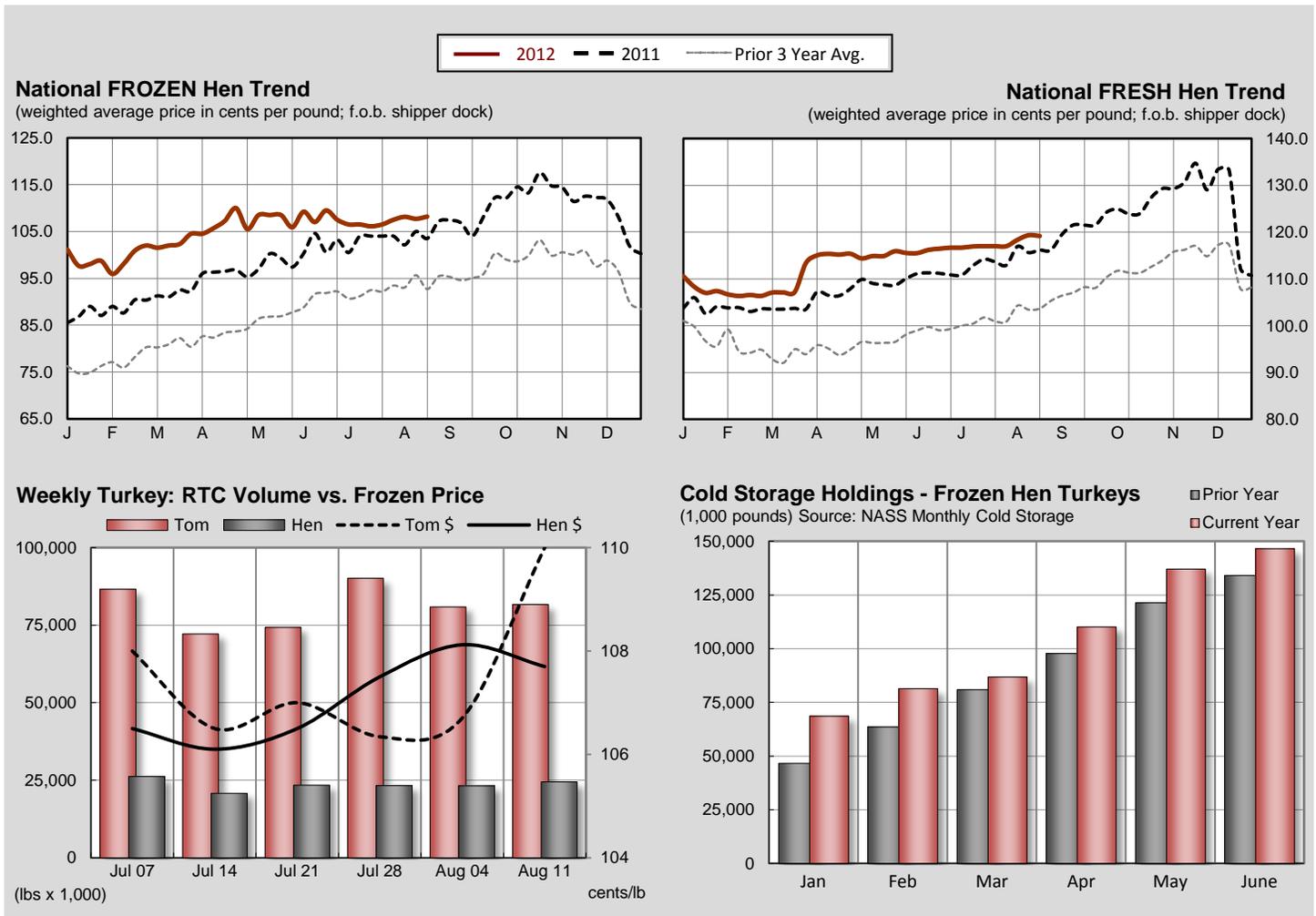
**FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

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)	108.18	258	107.70 <sup>1</sup>		103.50	80	106.43	106.00	104.00
16-24 lb. (Toms)	108.72	385	110.00	10	103.50	80	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)	119.17	112.5	119.35	112.5	116.17	94.7	116.99	116.52	113.45
16-24 lb. (Toms)	118.61	56.0	118.25	56.0	115.30	60.5	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 16 August, 2012.

The market on bulk parts was steady, instances firm. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on fresh tom breast meat is firm. The market on the balance of white meat was steady. Demand was in a full range, light to good on fresh tom breast meat with the balance of white meat light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light with the balance of white meat light to moderate. Demand was light to moderate. Thigh meat market was steady to firm. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light. For domestic: fresh scapula 95 cents and fresh breast trim 73 cents delivered.

<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/	138.00		138.00	8
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	159.00-189.00		174.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	128.00		128.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	61.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	54.00		54.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	57.00	10
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	46.15	26
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	50.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	83.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	121.00	2
NECKS, TOM		W	37.43	14
NECKS, HEN		W	37.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	175.00		175.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	202.00-205.00		203.74	92
THIGH MEAT		W	99.00	8
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	106.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	95.00	8
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	90.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	185.00	6
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	185.00-190.75		186.37	106
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	37.00-38.00		37.80	732
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	52.00-53.00		52.68	1,428
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	42.00		42.00	108
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	96.00	54
TAILS		F	50.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	98.00	120

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/		R	138.00	8	137.10	1,328
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	174.00	20	174.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	128.00	2	128.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	56.00		56.00	40	57.45	217
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	53.00-59.00		54.71	56	54.42	96
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	57.00	10	57.00	90
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00-45.00		44.63	206	45.12	514
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	50.00	18	50.00	38
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	83.00	8	83.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	121.00	2	121.00	2
NECKS, TOM		W	37.43	14	36.63	181
NECKS, HEN		W	37.00	6	37.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	169.00-180.00		169.32	412	169.23	572
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	205.00-209.00		207.00	120	203.42	402
THIGH MEAT		W	99.00	8	99.00	8
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	95.00-109.00		100.87	167	99.98	252
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		F	95.00	8		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS		W	185.00	6	185.00	6
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	163.00-185.00		168.41	410	168.41	410
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	187.00		187.00	16	186.45	122
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	36.00-40.00		37.44	270	37.28	1,550
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	53.00-55.00		54.00	1,134	53.26	2,562
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	42.00	108	42.00	108
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	50.00	40		
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