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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 are light to moderate. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens is 107.00-114.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 107.00-114.00 cents fob for current shipments. No sales was reported.



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### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums and two joint wings, balance was slow. Demand and offerings was light to moderate.

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 08-Sep-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,493	2,430	16	5	3,944
Avg Wt	16.75	37.79	25.43	35.06	29.77
Last week	1,708	2,602	55	16	4,381
Same wk yr ago	1,725	2,161	25	2	3,913
Avg Wt	16.90	37.99	25.48	53.42	28.62
To-date/2012*	64,675	91,990	854	273	157,792
To-date/2011*	64,828	92,361	757	255	158,201
% Change YTD	0%	0%	13%	7%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	20,008	73,471	307	132	93,918
Last week	23,139	82,996	1,138	362	107,635
Same wk yr ago	23,322	65,677	490	82	89,571
To-date/2012*	869,395	2,951,370	17,058	6,924	3,844,747
To-date/2011*	880,582	2,864,231	17,234	6,116	3,768,163
% Change YTD	-1%	3%	-1%	13%	2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	75.5%	75.5%	

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

### TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	Young turkeys			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand Head	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		-Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
North East	533	-14	25.65	(A)	534	25.65
South Atlantic	626	-3	35.32	(A)	627	35.32
North Central	1,922	-12	32.58	(A)	1,923	32.58
South Central	664	-3	19.25	(A)	665	19.25
West	194	-17	31.36	(A)	195	31.36
U.S. total	3,939 (B)	-10	29.77	5	3,944	29.77
To-date						
2012*	157,519 (B)			273	157,792	
To-date						
2011*	157,946 (B)			255	158,201	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 16,000; for the current year to date\* 854,000; for last year to date\* 757,000.

\*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#	113-116
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	113-130
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	118-130

**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 September 14, 2012

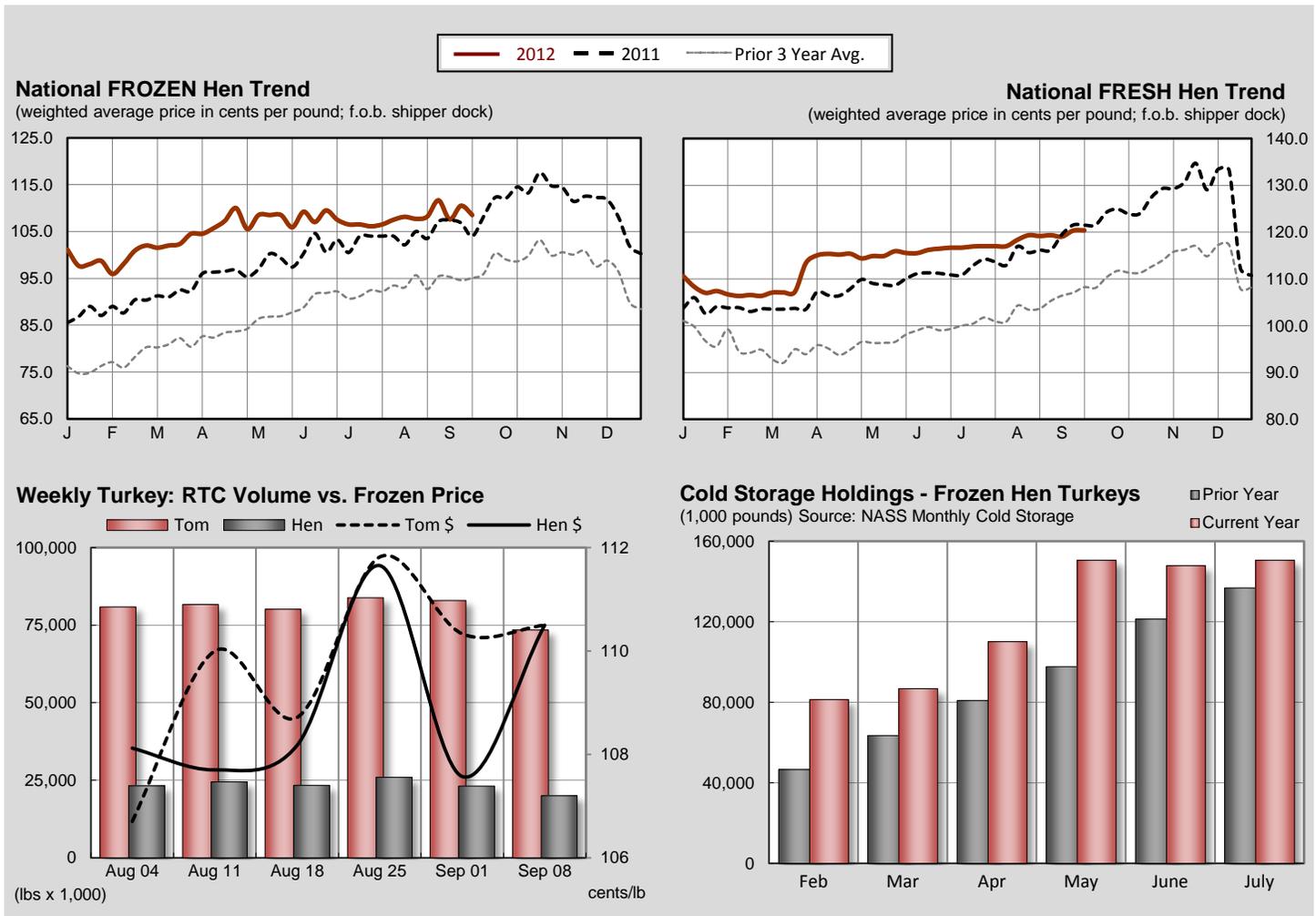
**FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		August 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	80	110.50 <sup>1</sup>		104.00	40	108.53	106.43	105.39
16-24 lb. (Toms)	110.50 <sup>1</sup>		110.50 <sup>1</sup>		108.70 <sup>1</sup>		109.04	106.96	106.91

<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		August 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)	120.34	109.0	120.38	108.0	121.50	104.8	119.07	116.99	116.91
16-24 lb. (Toms)	119.45	55.0	119.09	55.0	122.18	55.0	118.56	115.33	115.92
<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 13 SEPTEMBER 2012.

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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	185.00	6
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	57.05	38
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	53.00		53.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	57.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	46.00-47.00		46.50	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	48.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	82.00		82.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	119.00	4
NECKS, TOM	34.00-39.00		36.62	210
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	185.00	26
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	226.00-228.00		227.33	120
THIGH MEAT	110.00		110.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	119.00		119.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	84.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	185.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		R	191.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	31.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	37.00-38.00		37.67	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	61.00-64.00		61.64	762
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	46.00		46.00	324
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	88.00	216
TAILS	52.50		52.50	54
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	31.00		31.00	54
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	112.00		112.00	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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	151.00-189.00		166.71	35	166.71	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	58.00		58.00	120	58.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	52.00-58.00		54.20	200	53.56	360
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	54.00		54.00	20	56.80	100
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	45.00-48.00		46.63	221	46.52	421
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	50.00		50.00	20	50.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	82.00		82.00	40	82.00	70
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	119.00	4		
NECKS, TOM	36.00		36.00	8	36.98	338
NECKS, HEN	37.00		37.00	10	37.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	185.00	26		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	226.00		226.00	120	226.57	280
THIGH MEAT		R	110.00	40	111.07	150
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	112.00-117.00		113.71	137	113.30	288
BREAST TRIM MEAT	69.00		69.00	40	69.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	92.00		92.00	32	92.00	32
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS	190.00		190.00	12	190.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	185.00	120		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	195.00		195.00	20	195.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	31.00	20	31.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	36.00-39.75		37.08	324	36.95	898
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	58.00-74.00		68.67	120	62.59	882
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	46.00	324	46.00	324
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	99.00		99.00	162	99.00	162
TAILS		R	52.50	54	52.50	54
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	31.00	54	31.00	54
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	112.00	54	110.81	134

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