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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady. Frozen demand is light to moderate. Fresh whole turkey demand is moderate to good for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Frozen hen offerings was mixed and ranged from light to moderate. Offerings of frozen 16-24 lb. toms was light to moderate. Fresh offerings was light to moderate. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offerings prices on a national basis for hens was 105.00-114.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 110.00-114.00 cents fob for current shipments. No current trading was reported.



The market on bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings nlight. Fresh tom breast meat steady to instances weak. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings moderate. Thigh meat market is steady to firm. Demand light to good. Offerings light. The market on mechanically separate turkey is steady. Demand was light. Offerings light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums and full cut wings, balance was slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 13-Oct-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,669	2,747	42	0	4,458
Avg Wt	16.69	38.93	26.12	0.00	30.48
Last week	1,760	2,863	69	8	4,700
Same wk yr ago	1,970	2,597	24	5	4,596
Avg Wt	16.44	38.43	25.39	31.17	28.93
To-date/2012*	73,418	105,726	1,074	320	180,538
To-date/2011*	74,566	105,472	868	282	181,188
% Change YTD	-2%	0%	24%	13%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,288	85,551	834	0	108,673
Last week	23,705	87,192	1,416	223	112,536
Same wk yr ago	25,909	79,842	466	119	106,336
To-date/2012*	989,464	3,372,492	21,492	8,059	4,391,507
To-date/2011*	1,014,077	3,265,953	19,479	6,728	4,306,237
% Change YTD	-2%	3%	10%	20%	2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.0%	76.0%	

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	W/E 13-Oct-12 (Preliminary)			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt		-Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
	-----Young turkeys-----					
North East	639	4	25.79	(A)	639	25.79
South Atlantic	671	-15	37.52	(A)	671	37.52
North Central	2,148	-2	31.16	(A)	2,148	31.16
South Central	676	-14	18.40	(A)	676	18.40
West	282	-13	26.21	(A)	282	26.21
U.S. total	4,416 (B)	-6	30.48	0	4,416	30.48
To-date						
2012*	180,176 (B)			320	180,496	
To-date						
2011*	180,822 (B)			282	181,104	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 42,000; for the current year to date* 1,074,000; for last year to date* 868,000.

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

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	152-189
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	148-189
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	148-189
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	148-189
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	150-189

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 October 19, 2012

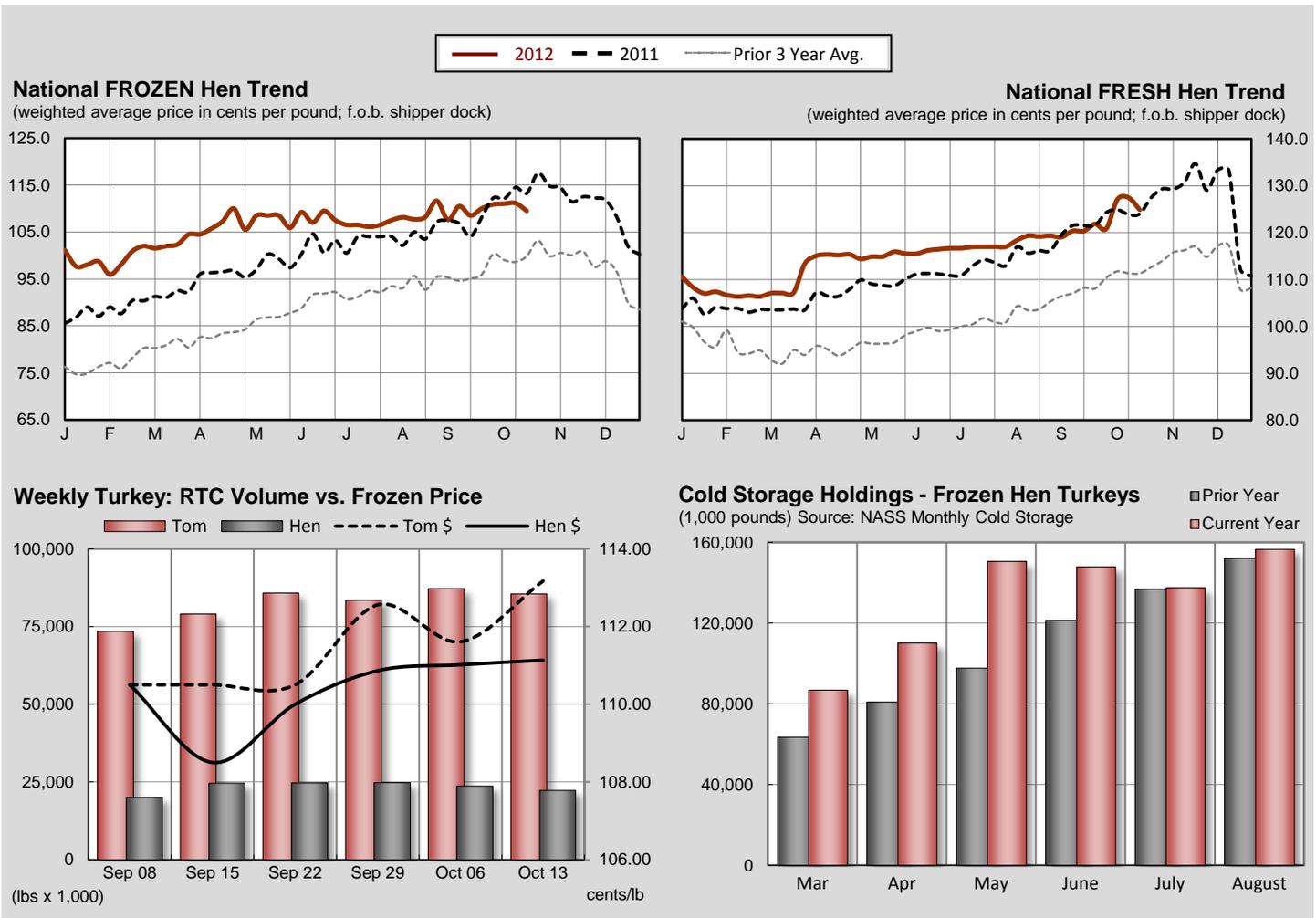
FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		September 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)	109.48	164	111.13	1,725	113.25	80	110.54	108.53	109.79
16-24 lb. (Toms)	112.15	164	113.17	1,481	114.00	240	110.70	109.04	108.87

¹ 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		September 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
Priced At Time Of Sale:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	124.88	114.0	127.48	184.5	124.00	135.7	120.85	119.07	122.27
16-24 lb. (Toms)	122.43	61.0	124.72	61.0	123.78	83.5	120.18	118.56	122.67
Price To Be Determined:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	3.5	--	2.5	--	5.0	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	3.5	--	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 18 OCTOBER 2012.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. The market on breast trim is steady to firm with offering prices unchanged to higher. The market on tom breast meat is steady, instances weak. The market on thigh meat is steady to firm. Demand moderate. Offerings light. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: frozen tails 50-51 cents, fresh tails 49 cents, mixed hen and tom machine defatted gizzards 89 cents. frozen Grade A non-basted breasts 10-12 lb. 150-158 cents, 14-16 lb. 168 cents, 18-20 lbs. 173 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 55 delivered to border.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	143.00	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	186.27	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	60.00		60.00	33
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	53.00		53.00	32
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	54.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	45.00-46.00		45.79	189
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	50.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	65.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	121.00	4
NECKS, TOM	45.00		45.00	33
NECKS, HEN		W	35.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	192.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	223.00		223.00	40
THIGH MEAT	123.00		123.00	4
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	127.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	83.00	2
SCAPULA MEAT		W	103.00	2
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	80.00	80
TENDERLOINS	190.00		190.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	192.00		192.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	32.00		32.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	32.00-35.00		34.50	320
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	74.45	594
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	45.00-47.00		45.95	228
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	93.36	418
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	39.00	54
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	122.00	40

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/		W	143.00	5	140.33	45
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	149.00-189.00		164.29	35	164.29	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	59.00-60.00		59.31	29	59.91	222
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	53.00-54.00		53.68	224	53.51	296
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	54.00	2	54.26	46
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00-47.00		45.05	215	45.52	520
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	50.00	6	50.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	82.00		82.00	6	66.19	86
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	43.00-48.00		46.18	176	45.46	383
NECKS, HEN		W	35.00	8	35.83	48
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	190.00		190.00	240	190.00	240
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	226.00-228.00		227.60	200	227.10	400
THIGH MEAT	128.00		128.00	35	124.37	107
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	123.00-128.00		126.10	71	125.48	121
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	83.00	2	83.00	2
SCAPULA MEAT	102.00-105.00		102.60	50	102.62	52
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	80.00	80	80.00	80
TENDERLOINS		R	190.00	5	190.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	192.00		192.00	20	192.00	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	28.00		28.00	240	29.20	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	32.00-35.00		33.80	120	34.92	800

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	69.00		69.00	540	69.00	540
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	46.00		46.00	108	45.96	336
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	93.36	418		
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	39.00	54		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	122.00	40	122.00	40

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