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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on frozen hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady with steady to weak undertone. The fresh whole turkey market is steady at best. Fresh demand light to moderate. Frozen domestic demand light at best. Frozen whole turkey offerings moderate to moderately heavy. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 99.00-102.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 99.00-102.00 cents fob for current shipments. No frozen domestic whole turkey trading reported. Fresh trading heavy on hens and 16-24 lb. toms at 125-141 cents fob, mostly 130-135 cents fob for current shipments.



The market on breast meat and tenderloins is steady with a steady to weak undertone, balance of white meat steady. The market on 4-8 lb. and institutional sized breasts is steady with a steady to weak undertone. Demand light to moderate for the moderate offerings. The market on tom bulk parts is steady with tom wings and necks finding a steady to weak undertone. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading moderately heavy on frozen whole turkeys at lower prices and on tom full-cut wings, balance light to moderate. The market on whole turkeys is steady to weak, balance of items mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate, instances moderately heavy.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 01-Dec-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,806	2,712	58	6	4,582
Avg Wt	16.69	40.68	26.02	37.99	31.04
Last week	933	1,648	35	0	2,616
Same wk yr ago	1,977	2,603	20	33	4,633
Avg Wt	16.60	38.21	29.42	30.62	28.90
To-date/2012*	88,369	124,815	1,352	344	214,880
To-date/2011*	90,024	123,873	1,063	396	215,356
% Change YTD	-2%	1%	27%	-13%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	24,114	88,259	1,147	173	113,693
Last week	11,920	53,448	668	0	66,036
Same wk yr ago	26,247	79,571	450	773	107,041
To-date/2012*	1,196,938	3,967,370	26,752	8,611	5,199,971
To-date/2011*	1,226,405	3,831,679	23,444	9,381	5,090,909
% Change YTD	-2%	4%	14%	-8%	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 01-Dec-12 (Preliminary)			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		-Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
	-----Young turkeys-----					
North East	661	100	26.24	(A)	661	26.24
South Atlantic	546	28	41.73	(A)	546	41.73
North Central	2,177	62	33.12	(A)	2,182	33.12
South Central	777	119	18.52	(A)	779	18.52
West	357	181	25.92	(A)	357	25.92
U.S. total	4,518 (B)	75	31.04	6	4,524	31.04
To-date						
2012*	213,184 (B)			344	213,528	
To-date						
2011*	214,960 (B)			396	215,356	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 58,000; for the current year to date* 1,352,000; for last year to date* 1,063,000.

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CALIFORNIA PROCESSED TURKEY

Effective January 4, 2013, the reports that this information is on will be discontinued. This information will be used on the Weekly National Whole Broiler/Fryer Report.

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	154-189
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	151-189
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	151-189
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	152-189
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	154-189

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	125-150
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	129-150
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	109-116
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	109-130
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 December 07, 2012

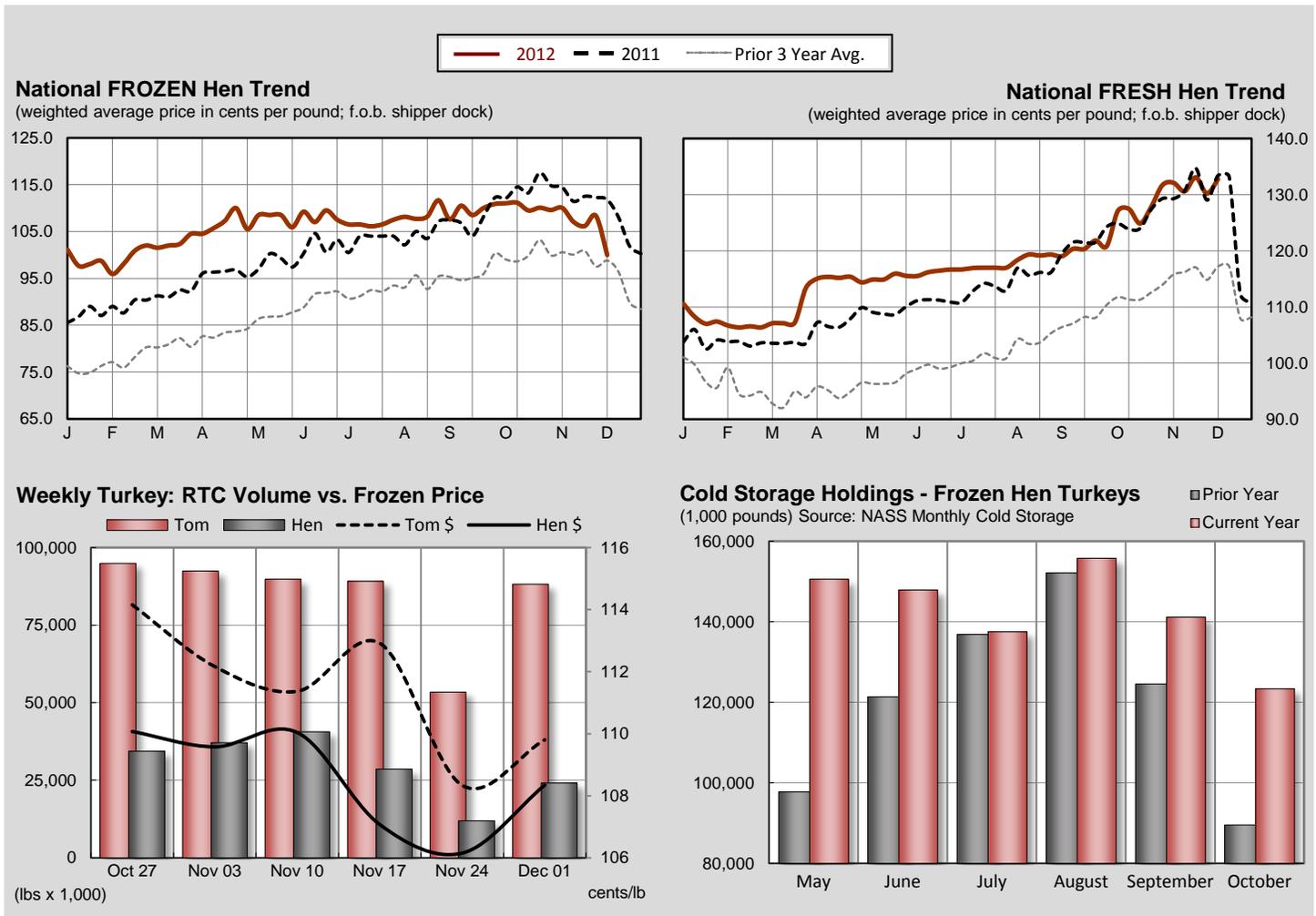
FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		November 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)	99.97	3,840	108.34	502	111.79	197	108.86	110.27	113.57
16-24 lb. (Toms)	99.98	2,580	109.80	747	108.17	15	110.46	112.18	113.08

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		November 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)	132.78	4,468.0	130.21	130.2	133.43	3,555.0	131.98	131.53	129.32
16-24 lb. (Toms)	132.48	2,125.0	131.05	95.0	133.76	3,486.0	132.27	131.52	129.48
Price To Be Determined:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	325.0	--	5.0	--	370.0	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	325.0	--	5.0	--	370.0	--	--	--



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 06 DECEMBER 2012.

The market on tom bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on breast meat and tenderloins is steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings moderate to heavy. Thigh meat market was steady. Demand was moderate. Offerings light. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: frozen tails 53 cents, fresh whole tenders 165 cents and fresh wing meat 96 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	133.44	640
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	149.00-189.00		164.29	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	130.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	61.00		61.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	57.00-58.00		57.33	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	52.00		52.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	42.00-46.00		44.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	50.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	77.00-79.00		78.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00		117.00	20
NECKS, TOM	47.00-49.00		47.67	120
NECKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	205.00	48
THIGH MEAT		W	142.00	5
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	144.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	90.43	204
SCAPULA MEAT		W	112.00	4
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	85.57	280
TENDERLOINS		R	173.56	9
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	170.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	168.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	30.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	30.50	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	66.50		66.50	216
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	41.50-42.00		41.67	324
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	89.63	432
TAILS	53.00		53.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	31.74	254
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	145.00	27

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	
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	133.44	640	133.00	720
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	189.00		189.00	80	181.88	117
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	130.00	40	130.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	61.00		61.00	40	61.00	125
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	57.00-59.00		57.88	320	57.65	920
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	52.00	20	54.34	116
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00		44.00	20	44.83	205
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	50.00	4	50.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	78.00	40	78.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	117.00	20	117.00	20
NECKS, TOM	47.00-49.00		48.57	102	47.71	467
NECKS, HEN		R	31.00	20	32.38	64
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	180.00		180.00	160	180.00	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	205.00-206.00		205.48	42	199.61	330
THIGH MEAT	141.00		141.00	20	141.76	85
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	141.00-142.00		141.17	36	142.66	76
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	90.43	204	90.43	204
SCAPULA MEAT		W	112.00	4	110.06	124
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	85.57	280	85.57	280
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	168.00	160	168.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	34.00		34.00	40	31.40	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00-33.00		31.42	710	31.23	1,110
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	62.00-63.50		62.39	348	63.88	618
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	39.00-43.00		41.21	618	41.51	996
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	90.00		90.00	324	89.79	756
TAILS	52.00		52.00	120	52.43	212
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	30.00-31.00		30.50	108	30.50	108
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	144.00-145.0		144.50	108	144.60	135

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