



# TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

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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 weak undertone. Frozen whole turkey offerings moderate to moderately heavy for the very light demand. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 93.00-102.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 99.00-102.00 cents fob for current shipments. No trading reported.



The market is steady and demand light to moderate on most items as interest turns to January, 2013 for after the holidays. Offerings of breast meat moderate to heavy, balance of white meat and tom bulk parts light to moderate. The market on thigh meat is generally steady. Demand light to moderate, mostly light. Offerings light to moderate. Trading light. Processors are working reduced schedules in response to the up-coming holidays and a recent major winter storm.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. Demand light to moderate, mostly light. Offering light to moderate.

**\*\*\*Effective January 4, 2013, the reports that this information is on will be discontinued. The information on these reports will be moved to a more appropriate report. \*\***

### CALIFORNIA PROCESSED TURKEY – cents per pound

#### IN SAN FRANCISCO DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS & INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
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

#### IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (LOS ANGELES AREA) DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	125-140
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	129-116
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	105-116
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	105-130
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	116-130

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week ending 15-Dec-2012 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeder		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	2,046	2,629	19	29	4,723
Avg Wt	16.65	40.98	26.44	27.63	30.30
Last week	1,967	2,597	38	8	4,610
Same wk yr ago	1,569	2,454	20	25	4,068
Avg Wt	16.45	41.08	26.20	31.20	31.45
To-date/2012*	92,382	130,041	1,409	381	224,213
To-date/2011*	93,389	129,116	1,096	430	224,031
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	29%	-11%	0%

#### Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	27,253	86,189	382	609	114,433
Last week	25,886	86,096	809	149	112,940
Same wk yr ago	20,648	80,654	401	597	102,300
To-date/2012*	1,250,077	4,139,655	27,943	9,369	5,427,344
To-date/2011*	1,270,266	4,001,644	24,127	10,150	5,306,187
% Change YTD	-2%	3%	16%	-8%	2%

Dressing % 80.0% 80.0% 76.0% 76.0%  
(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

### TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week ending 15-Dec-2012 (Preliminary)

	-----Young Turkeys-----			Old Breeder	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand Head	% PW	Avg Live wt		--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
North East	681	16	24.91	(A)	681	24.91
South Atlantic	688	14	38.76	(A)	688	38.76
North Central	2,142	2	32.20	(A)	2,164	32.20
South Central	767	-12	19.40	(A)	774	19.40
West	397	-2	25.25	(A)	397	25.25
U.S. total	4,675(B)	2	30.30	29	4,704	30.30
To-date 2012*	222,423(B)			381	222,804	
To-date 2011*	223,601(B)			430	224,031	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 19,000; for the current year to date\* 1,409,000; for last year to date\* 1,096,000.

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

**WEEKLY NATIONAL FRESH AND FROZEN WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending December 21 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	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	This	Last	Last
	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	Month	Month	Year
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	99.50	120	95.50	80	101.83	960	108.86	110.27	113.57
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	99.81	146	97.33	60	103.19	846	110.46	112.18	113.08

<sup>1</sup> based on offers.

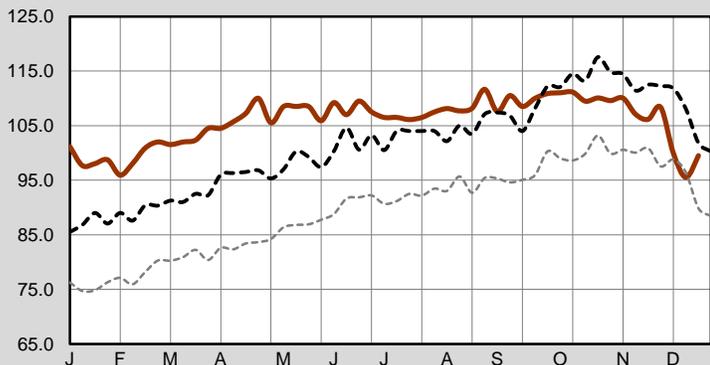
**FRESH Whole Body Turkeys** - with timers; for delivery within the next seven days.

U.S. Grade A - FRESH	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		November Averages		
	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	This	Last	Last
	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	Month	Month	Year
<b>Priced At Time Of Sale:</b>									
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	127.46	37.0	132.10	4,107.0	112.33	60.0	131.98	131.53	129.32
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	127.86	35.0	131.06	1,925.0	113.50	40.0	132.27	131.52	129.48
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>									
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	--	2.0	--	375.0	--	5.0	--	--	--
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	--	2.0	--	375.0	--	5.0	--	--	--

— 2012    - - 2011    - - - Prior 3 Year Avg.

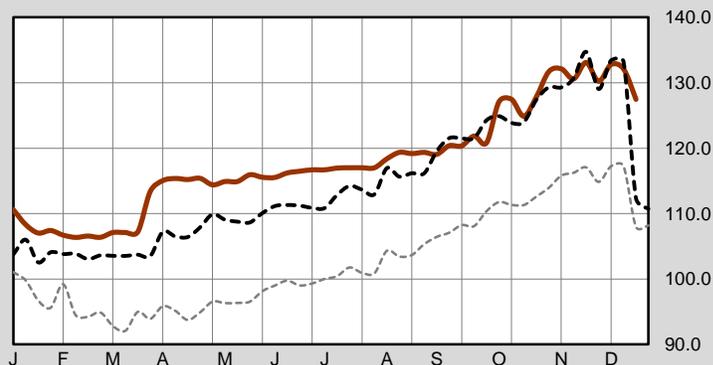
**National FROZEN Hen Trend**

(weighted average price in cents per pound; f.o.b. shipper dock)

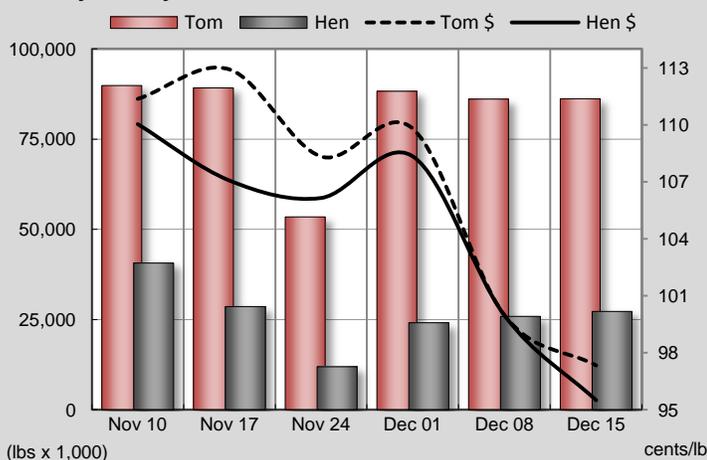


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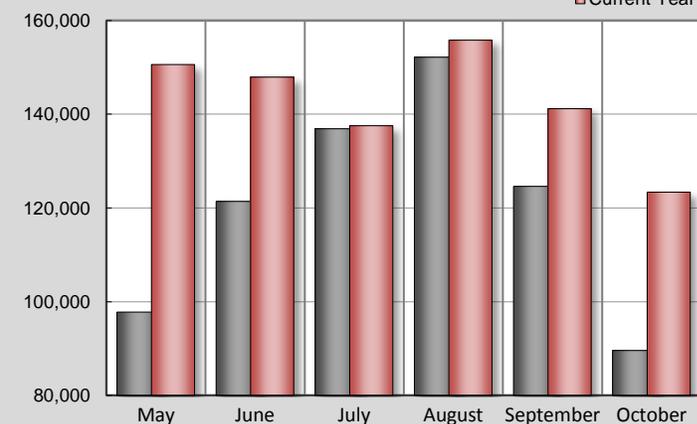


**Weekly Turkey: RTC Volume vs. Frozen Price**



**Cold Storage Holdings - Frozen Hen Turkeys**

(1,000 pounds) Source: NASS Monthly Cold Storage



**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**

INCLUDING BULK MEAT AND FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 DECEMBER 2012.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on tom breast meat is steady with a weak undertone. Demand light. Offerings moderate, instances heavy. The market on breast trim, scapula and wing meat is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Thigh meat market was steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. Trading was slow.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	130.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	166.00	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	61.00		61.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	57.00-59.00		58.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	54.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	46.00		46.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	50.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	79.00		79.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00		117.00	5
NECKS, TOM	48.00		48.00	5
NECKS, HEN		W	33.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	205.00	3
THIGH MEAT		W	142.00	4
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	141.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	91.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	110.41	23
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	83.50	80
TENDERLOINS		W	165.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	165.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	165.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	29.98	82
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	31.17	240
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	59.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	39.00-44.00		40.35	148
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	78.00	162
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	31.33	162
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	145.00		145.00	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	WEEKLY
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	130.00	160	130.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	149.00-189.00		169.00	10	169.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	120.00		120.00	2	120.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	58.00-61.00		59.79	252	60.48	398
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	57.00-58.00		57.50	240	57.78	812
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	54.00	4	50.54	13
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	42.00-46.00		43.25	128	43.55	269
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	50.00	4	49.67	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	79.00	5	76.36	69
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	117.00	5	117.89	9
NECKS, TOM	45.00-48.00		46.33	180	46.68	457
NECKS, HEN		W	33.00	4	33.00	44
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	165.00	40	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	205.00		205.00	40	205.00	83
THIGH MEAT	139.00-142.00		140.50	80	140.68	87
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	141.00-143.00		141.72	92	141.50	132
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	91.00	40	91.80	200
SCAPULA MEAT		M	110.41	23	110.41	23
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	83.50	80		
TENDERLOINS	164.00		164.00	2	164.67	6
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	165.00	40	165.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	165.00		165.00	20	165.00	82
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	29.98	82	29.98	82
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-32.00		30.51	285	30.97	616
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	64.50		64.50	120	63.13	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	43.00		43.00	40	41.65	468
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	90.00		90.00	54	81.00	216
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	31.33	162		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	137.00		137.00	40	141.60	94

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