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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 at least moderate 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 96.00-102.00 cents fob for current shipments. No trading reported.



The market on most items is steady. The undertone on tom breast meat is steady to weak. The thigh meat undertone is mixed with some not seeing the weakness others are. Demand very light to light with some industry members waiting until the new year before they start looking. Offerings light to moderate, instances moderately heavy with the holiday processing and vacation schedules continuing to affect availability of product. Trading light on all items as deliveries turns toward 2013 shipments.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market is steady at best with some weakness continuing to be found on frozen whole turkeys. Trading light for 2012 and 2013 shipments. Demand light. Offering light to moderate.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 22-Dec-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old	Total
	Hens	Toms		
Head	1,386	2,405	13	27
Avg Wt	15.67	40.97	25.69	25.52
Last week	2,046	2,629	19	29
Same wk yr ago	1,314	2,205	20	15
Avg Wt	15.93	40.50	25.81	28.22
To-date/2012*	93,768	132,446	1,422	408
To-date/2011*	94,703	131,321	1,116	445
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	27%	-8%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage				
Current week	17,375	78,826	254	524
Last week	27,253	86,189	382	609
Same wk yr ago	16,750	71,445	395	324
To-date/2012*	1,267,452	4,218,481	28,197	9,893
To-date/2011*	1,287,016	4,073,089	24,522	10,474
% Change YTD	-2%	4%	15%	-6%
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 22-Dec-12 (Preliminary)			Old	Total
	-----Young turkeys-----				
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
North East	677	-1	24.72	(A)	677 24.72
South Atlantic	557	-19	40.81	(A)	557 40.81
North Central	1,861	-13	34.23	(A)	1,881 34.23
South Central	447	-42	19.08	(A)	454 19.08
West	249	-37	23.44	(A)	249 23.44
U.S. total	3,791 (B)	-19	31.65	27	3,818 31.65
To-date					
2012*	226,214 (B)			408	226,622
To-date					
2011*	227,140 (B)			445	227,585

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date* 1,422,000; for last year to date* 1,116,000.

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

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#	125-140
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	129-140
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	105-116
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	105-130
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 28, 2012

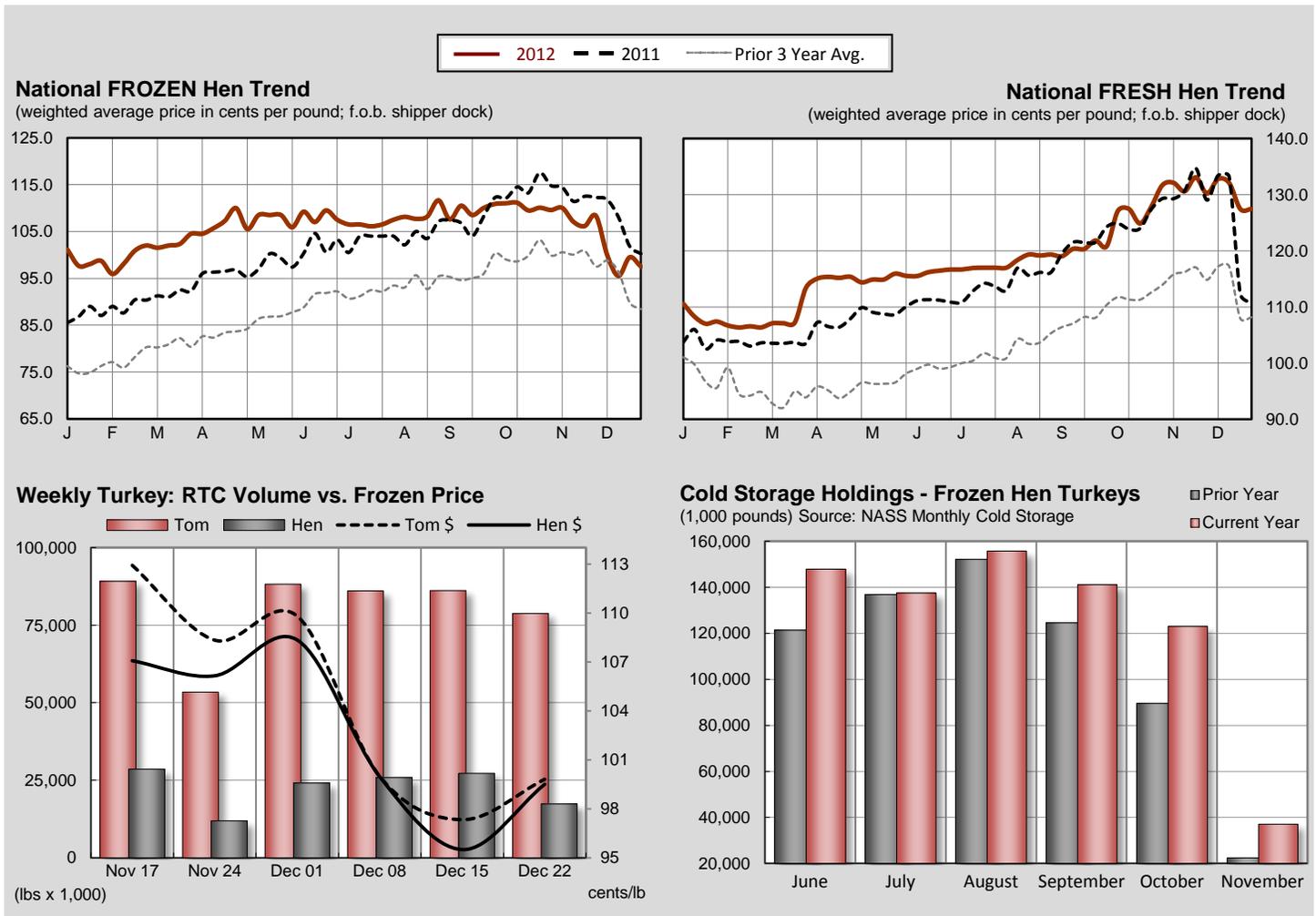
FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		December 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)	97.50 ¹		99.50	120	100.25 ¹		99.08	108.86	106.54
16-24 lb. (Toms)	99.50	20	99.81	146	102.25 ¹		100.36	110.46	107.01

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		December 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)	127.46	37.0	127.46	37.0	110.74	109.3	132.42	131.98	132.59
16-24 lb. (Toms)	127.46	35.0	127.86	35.0	107.00	20.0	131.74	132.27	133.22
Price To Be Determined:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--		--	2.0	--	--	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--		--	2.0	--	--	--	--	--



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 27 December, 2012.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on white meat was steady, fresh tom breast meat not full tested with a weak undertone. Demand light. Offerings moderate to heavy. Thigh meat market was steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings light to moderate. Trading was seasonally slow. For domestic: frozen Grade A breast non basted 18-20 lbs. 173 cents, fresh mechanically separated turkey 17 cents pet food, frozen tails 53 cents, frozen hearts 38 cents, frozen livers 25 cents and machine defatted tom qizzards 90 cents delivered. For export: frozen destrapped tenderloins 163 delivered to port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	125.00		125.00	640
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	169.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	115.00		115.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	60.00-61.00		60.18	49
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	57.50	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	46.00		46.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	77.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	117.00	5
NECKS, TOM	46.00-48.00		47.50	8
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	205.00	40
THIGH MEAT	139.00-142.00		140.15	13
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	141.72	92
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS		F	164.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	165.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00-32.00		31.33	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	58.00		58.00	54
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	43.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	77.00		77.00	54
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	137.00	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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS

Including bulk meat and frozen (unless specified), cents per lb., delivered first receivers, part and full trucklots as of 09 November, 2012.

The market on most items is steady. Demand light to moderate, mostly light. Offerings uneven and held with varied degrees of confidence. Trading light on all items. For domestic: tails 54, fresh wing meat with skin 93.75, fresh scapula 113-118 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 56-58, fresh thigh meat 138-138.25 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	125.00	640	125.00	640
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	169.00	10		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	115.00	80	115.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	60.00		60.00	160	60.31	289
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	57.50	240		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00		43.00	40	44.14	86
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	77.00	80	77.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	80	43.41	88
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	205.00	40		
THIGH MEAT		R	140.15	13	140.15	13
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	141.00-143.75		141.25	33	141.25	33
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00		111.00	40	111.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS		F	164.00	2		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	165.00	20		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-32.00		30.01	178	30.54	298

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	58.00	54	58.00	54
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	43.00	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	77.00	54	77.00	54
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	137.00		137.00	40	137.00	40

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