



# 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 generally steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of frozen hens and 16-24 lb. toms moderate. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 93.00-98.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 93.00-98.00 cents fob for current shipments. No trading reported.

The market on breast meat is steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower. Demand light for the moderate to heavy offerings. The market on the balance of white meat is generally steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings light to moderate. The market on consumer sized breasts is steady. Demand light to mostly moderate. Offerings moderate. The market on tom bulk parts is steady with tom wings and necks having a steady to weak undertone. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to generally moderate. The market on thigh meat is steady to weak. Demand light to moderate. Offerings mixed, mostly moderate. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady. Demand moderate. Trading light to moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light to moderate. The market on thigh meat is steady to weak with trading mostly at lower trending prices, balance of items mostly steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate.

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week ending 12-Jan-2013 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,686	2,547	50	24	4,307
Avg Wt	16.54	41.58	27.39	26.87	31.53
Last week	1,288	2,076	29	10	3,403
Same wk yr ago	1,662	2,428	25	10	4,125
Avg Wt	16.83	42.19	27.29	36.66	31.87
To-date/2013*	2,974	4,623	79	34	7,710
To-date/2012*	3,206	4,549	36	17	7,808
% Change YTD	-7%	2%	119%	100%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,309	84,723	1,055	497	108,584
Last week	18,805	69,039	517	233	88,594
Same wk yr ago	22,383	81,957	522	280	105,142
To-date/2013*	41,114	153,762	1,572	730	197,178
To-date/2012*	43,467	153,799	744	423	198,433
% Change YTD	-5%	0%	111%	73%	-1%

Dressing % 80.0% 80.0% 77.0% 77.0%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

### TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week ending 12-Jan-2013 (Preliminary)

	-----Young Turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	%	Avg		--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
	Head	PW	Live wt			
North East	558	19	25.86	(A)	558	25.86
South Atlantic	533	5	41.36	(A)	533	41.36
North Central	2,220	30	33.03	(A)	2,238	33.03
South Central	734	49	18.96	(A)	740	18.96
West	188	3	33.10	(A)	188	33.10
U.S. total	4,233(B)	26	31.53	24	4,257	31.53
To-date						
2013*	7,597(B)			34	7,631	
To-date						
2012*	7,791(B)			17	7,808	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 50,000; for the current year to date\* 79,000; for last year to date\* 36,000.

\*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 January 18, 2013

**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	
	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume
	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	98.00	40	95.23	7,021	98.04	1,120
16-24 lb. (Toms)	95.50	10	95.22	7,018	97.14	586

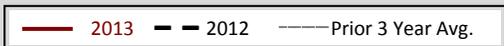
December Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
99.08	108.86	106.54
100.36	110.46	107.01

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

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

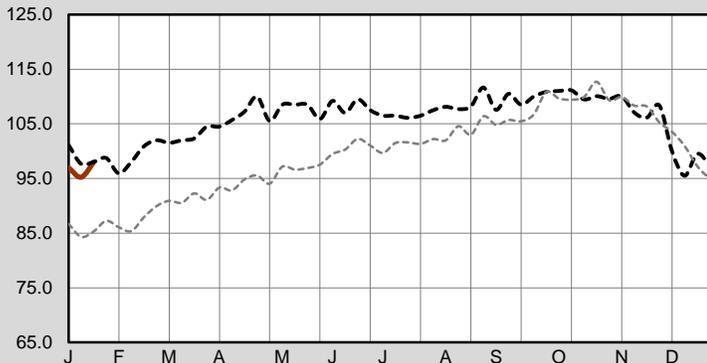
U.S. Grade A - FRESH	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year	
	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume
	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)
<b>Priced At Time Of Sale:</b>						
8-16 lb. (Hens)	110.47	122.0	111.40	144.5	107.03	131.4
16-24 lb. (Toms)	110.60	62.0	115.20	50.0	106.11	78.5
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>						
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	2.0	--	2.0	--	2.5
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	2.0	--	2.0	--	2.5

December Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
132.42	131.98	132.59
131.74	132.27	133.22
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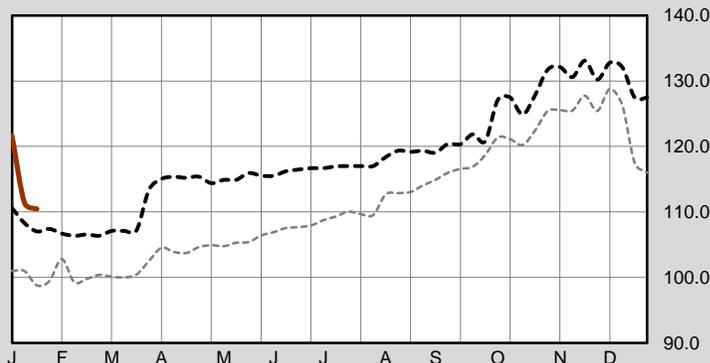
**National FROZEN Hen Trend**

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

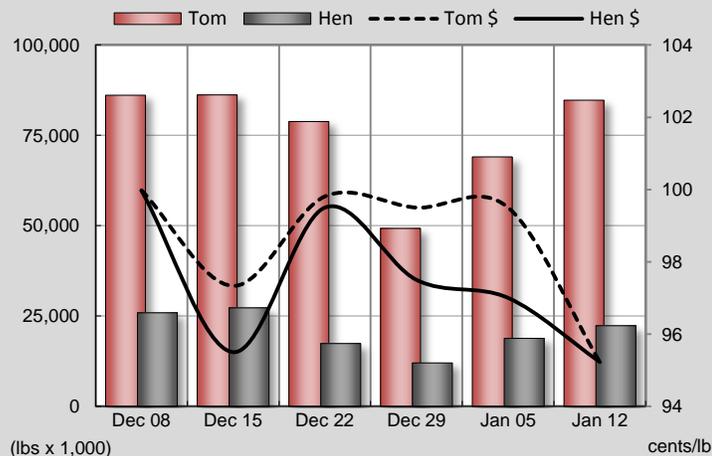


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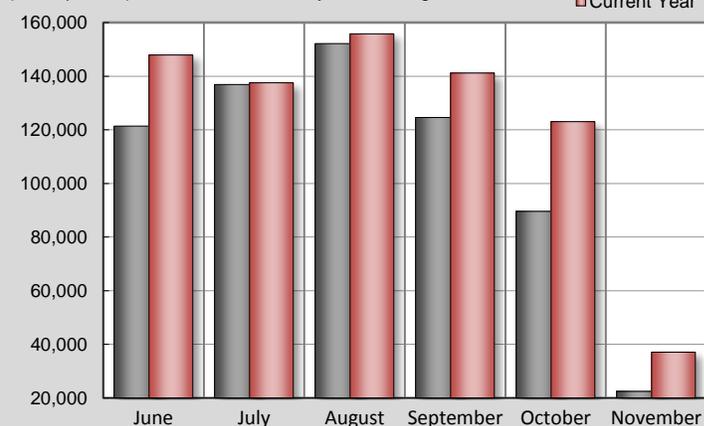


**Weekly Turkey: RTC Volume vs. Frozen Price**



**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 17 JANUARY 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on tom breast meat was steady with a weak undertone. The market on the balance of white meat is steady. Demand on tom breast meat is light with the balance of white meat was mixed. Offerings of tom breast meat moderate to heavy, balance of white light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: mixed hens and toms machine defatted gizzards 84 cents delivered. For export: frozen tom necks 44 cents, livers 25 cents and fresh thigh meat 132 cents delivered to port or border.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	121.33	720
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	164.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	115.00		115.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	60.00		60.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	57.00		57.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	54.00	1
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00-46.00		45.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	50.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	75.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	119.00	4
NECKS, TOM		W	46.00	6
NECKS, HEN		W	33.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00		170.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	197.00		197.00	80
THIGH MEAT	137.00		137.00	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	142.00	26
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	95.00	6
SCAPULA MEAT		M	110.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	158.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	159.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	30.00		30.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	31.25	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	62.00		62.00	216
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	43.00-44.00		43.75	864
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	83.00	108
TAILS		M	54.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	30.00		30.00	540
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	134.00		134.00	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 18 JANUARY 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on tom breast meat was steady with a weak undertone. The market on the balance of white meat is steady. Demand on tom breast meat is light with the balance of white meat demand was light to moderate. Offerings of tom breast meat moderate to heavy, balance of white light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh tom full-cut wings 42-44, fresh tom necks 42-44 cents, fresh tails 51 cents, frozen tails 53-54 cents, fresh and frozen MST 25 cents pet food and frozen livers 25 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 44 cents, frozen scapula 109-115 cents, machine defatted tom gizzards 93 cents, frozen hen drums 54 and fresh thigh meat 140.25 cents delivered to port or border.

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/	122.00		122.00	16	123.40	2,380
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	149.00-179.00		165.40	25	165.40	25
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	115.00	160	116.27	880
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	60.00-62.00		60.18	22	60.06	62
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	57.00-58.00		57.67	120	57.79	760
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	57.00-61.00		60.49	46	60.35	47
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00-47.00		46.19	129	45.13	253
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	50.00	4	50.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	75.00	2	75.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	119.00	4	119.00	4
NECKS, TOM	43.00-46.00		43.65	58	43.87	64
NECKS, HEN		W	33.00	6	33.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	170.00	200	170.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	198.00		198.00	20	197.20	100
THIGH MEAT	134.00-138.00		135.10	186	136.43	314
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	132.00-145.00		137.73	225	138.18	251
BREAST TRIM MEAT	95.00		95.00	80	95.00	86
SCAPULA MEAT	110.00		110.00	20	110.00	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS	155.00		155.00	2	155.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	158.00	200	158.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	158.00		158.00	6	158.95	126
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	30.00	40	30.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	29.00-34.00		31.17	187	31.33	427
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	60.00-66.00		61.61	418	61.71	1,346
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	42.00		42.00	330	43.49	1,302
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	92.00		92.00	162	88.40	270
TAILS	53.00		53.00	54	53.67	162
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	30.00	540	30.13	662
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	136.50		136.50	80	136.80	200

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