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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 for current shipments. Demand light to moderate, best for deferred shipments. Offerings of hens and 16-24 lb. toms moderate. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 94.00-99.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 94.00-99.00 cents fob from current production for current shipments. No truck-lot trading reported for current deliveries. Trading heavy on frozen basted equivalent hens and 16-24 lb. toms at 104.00-108 cents fob for September-October shipments.



The market on breast meat and tenderloins is steady with a steady to weak undertone while white trims are steady to firm, mostly steady. Demand on tom breast meat and tenderloins light with destrapped tenderloins the most active. Demand on white trims is light to mostly moderate. Offerings of breast meat and tenderloins moderate to moderately heavy. White trim offerings light to moderate with scapula the least available. The market on tom bulk parts is steady to firm. Demand light to mostly moderate. Offerings light to moderate. The thigh meat market is steady at best. Demand generally light. Offerings moderate with supplies held with varying degrees of confidence. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady. Demand moderate. Offerings light to moderate. Trading light to moderate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading moderately heavy on tom drums, balance of items light to moderate. The market is steady at best on thigh meat, tom bulk parts steady to firm, balance of items steady. Demand light to moderate, sometimes good. Offerings light to moderate.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 02-Mar-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,840	2,656	13	0	4,509
Avg Wt	17.22	40.99	27.10	0.00	31.25
Last week	1,654	2,508	2	17	4,181
Same wk yr ago	1,814	2,400	14	7	4,235
Avg Wt	17.40	40.93	24.51	40.13	30.80
To-date/2013*	15,092	22,420	217	168	37,897
To-date/2012*	15,314	21,978	188	73	37,553
% Change YTD	-1%	2%	15%	130%	1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,348	87,096	271	0	112,715
Last week	22,627	81,881	51	389	104,948
Same wk yr ago	25,250	78,590	262	215	104,317
To-date/2013*	205,821	734,194	4,559	3,586	948,160
To-date/2012*	208,320	731,730	3,832	1,826	945,708
% Change YTD	-1%	0%	19%	96%	0%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	W/E 02-Mar-13 (Preliminary)			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			Avg
	-----Young turkeys-----					
North East	518	1	26.14	(A)	518	26.14
South Atlantic	727	8	39.08	(A)	727	39.08
North Central	2,119	1	33.68	(A)	2,119	33.68
South Central	827	21	19.44	(A)	827	19.44
West	305	53	29.02	(A)	305	29.02
U.S. total	4,496 (B)	8	31.25	0	4,496	31.25
To-date						
2013*	37,512 (B)			168	37,680	
To-date						
2012*	37,480 (B)			73	37,553	

(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* 217,000; for last year to date* 188,000.

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Weekly National Fresh and Frozen Whole Young Turkeys

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Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending March 08, 2013

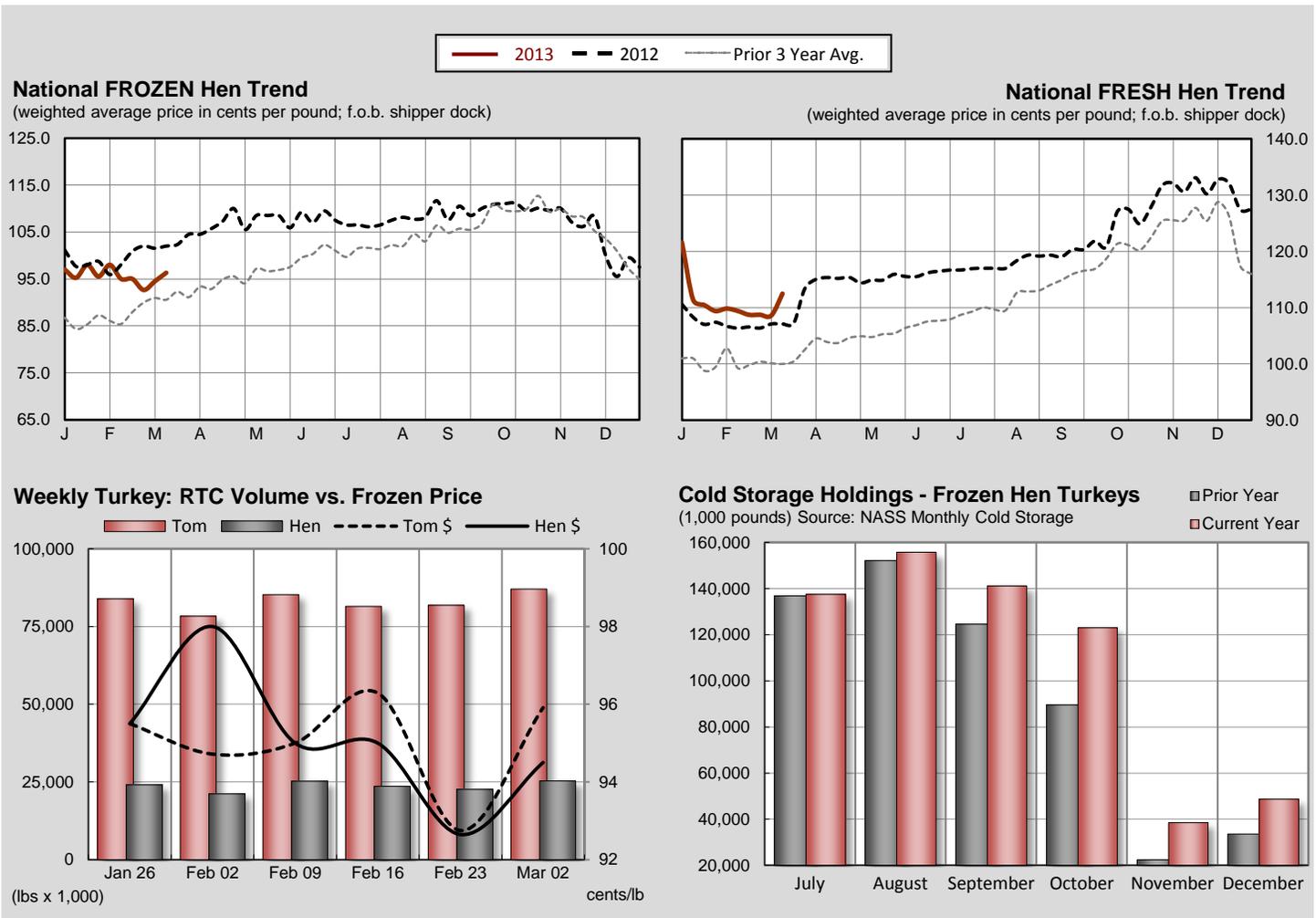
FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		February 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)	96.31	13	94.50	10	102.00	200	95.00	96.27	100.15
16-24 lb. (Toms)	98.14	141	95.91	34	103.07	72	95.30	96.27	100.17

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		February 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)	112.50	511.0	108.60	144.0	107.10	138.2	108.85	110.99	106.50
16-24 lb. (Toms)	113.85	375.0	106.04	73.0	106.04	65.0	106.78	111.72	105.62
Price To Be Determined:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	100.0	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	100.0	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	--	--



NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS

INCLUDING BULK MEAT AND FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 07 FEBRUARY 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins is steady to weak and not well tested. The market on scapula is steady to firm, balance of white trims steady. The thigh meat market is steady to barely steady. Demand was light. Offerings light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: frozen tails 54 cents, grade A breast non basted 8-10 lbs. 135 cents, 10-12 lbs. 140 cents, 12-14 lbs. 140 cents, 14-16 lbs. 140 cents, 16-18 cents 145 cents, 20 lbs. and up 150 cents delivered. For export: frozen hen full cut wings 42 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	123.00		123.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	159.00-189.00		174.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	115.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	62.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	58.00		58.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	54.00-61.00		60.36	22
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	46.00-49.00		47.16	248
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	50.00		50.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	75.00		75.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	119.00		119.00	2
NECKS, TOM	48.00		48.00	46
NECKS, HEN		M	33.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	150.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/				
THIGH MEAT		W	118.00	11
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	122.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	95.00		95.00	44
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00		111.00	4
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	86.00	240
TENDERLOINS	146.00		146.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	148.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	148.00	44
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	32.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	31.00-32.50		31.50	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	62.00-63.00		62.53	228
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	46.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	88.00		88.00	162
TAILS	53.00-55.00		53.91	88
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	117.00		117.00	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/	123.00		123.00	14	120.50	96
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	174.00	20	174.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	115.50	80	115.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	61.00-66.00		63.43	84	62.86	246
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	57.00		57.00	80	57.67	360
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	56.00		56.00	80	56.94	102
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.00		48.00	24	47.40	470
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	50.00	6	50.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	75.00	2	75.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	119.00	2	119.00	2
NECKS, TOM	47.00-49.00		47.33	24	47.56	332
NECKS, HEN		M	33.00	40	33.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	150.00	20	150.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/						
THIGH MEAT	114.00-118.00		116.40	100	116.16	125
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	121.00-122.00		121.11	72	121.71	152
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	95.00	44	95.00	156
SCAPULA MEAT		R	111.00	4	111.00	4
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	86.00	240	86.14	288
TENDERLOINS		R	146.00	2	146.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	148.00	40	146.33	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	148.00	44	148.00	44
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	29.00		29.00	15	31.18	55
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	31.00-35.00		32.10	284	32.37	760
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	63.00-65.00		64.37	688	63.93	1,886
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	50.00		50.00	54	47.50	216
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	88.00	162	88.79	756
TAILS	53.00		53.00	40	54.60	376
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	114.00-117.0		115.42	228	116.37	376

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