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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. Demand light with finding inquiry more active for deferred shipments. Offerings of hens and 16-24 lb. toms moderate and held with varying degrees of confidence. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 94.00-100.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 94.00-99.00 cents fob from current production for current shipments. No current trading was reported.



The market on bulk parts was steady to firm with tom full cut wings, tom drums and tom necks in the best position. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings was light. Tom breast meat market is steady to weak and destrapped tenderloins are mixed. The market on breast trims, wing meat and scapula is steady to firm. Demand on tom breast meat and tenderloins was light, while white trims demand was light to moderate. Offerings of tom breast meat moderate to heavy and destrapped tenderloins moderate. Breast trim, scapula and wing meat offerings are light to moderate. Thigh meat market is steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings moderate. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate. Demand and offerings light to moderate.

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 16-Mar-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		Turkeys
Head	1,614	2,517	5	14	4,150
Avg Wt	17.31	40.72	28.05	27.72	31.56
Last week	1,740	2,546	25	2	4,313
Same wk yr ago	1,828	2,610	10	2	4,450
Avg Wt	16.94	40.73	25.89	68.00	30.94
To-date/2013*	18,446	27,483	247	184	46,360
To-date/2012*	18,876	27,147	237	84	46,344
% Change YTD	-2%	1%	4%	119%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,351	81,994	108	299	104,752
Last week	24,249	83,366	482	94	108,191
Same wk yr ago	24,769	85,044	198	104	110,115
To-date/2013*	252,421	899,554	5,149	3,979	1,161,103
To-date/2012*	256,890	900,531	4,855	2,145	1,164,421
% Change YTD	-2%	0%	6%	86%	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

	Young turkeys			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg		Breeders	Avg
North East	471	4	27.59	(A)	471	27.59
South Atlantic	542	-16	40.29	(A)	542	40.29
North Central	2,093	0	33.00	(A)	2,104	33.00
South Central	697	-15	21.27	(A)	701	21.27
West	328	13	26.01	(A)	328	26.01
U.S. total	4,131 (B)	-4	31.56	14	4,145	31.56
To-date						
2013*	45,929 (B)			184	46,113	
To-date						
2012*	46,260 (B)			84	46,344	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 5,000; for the current year to date\* 247,000; for last year to date\* 237,000.

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

**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 22, 2013

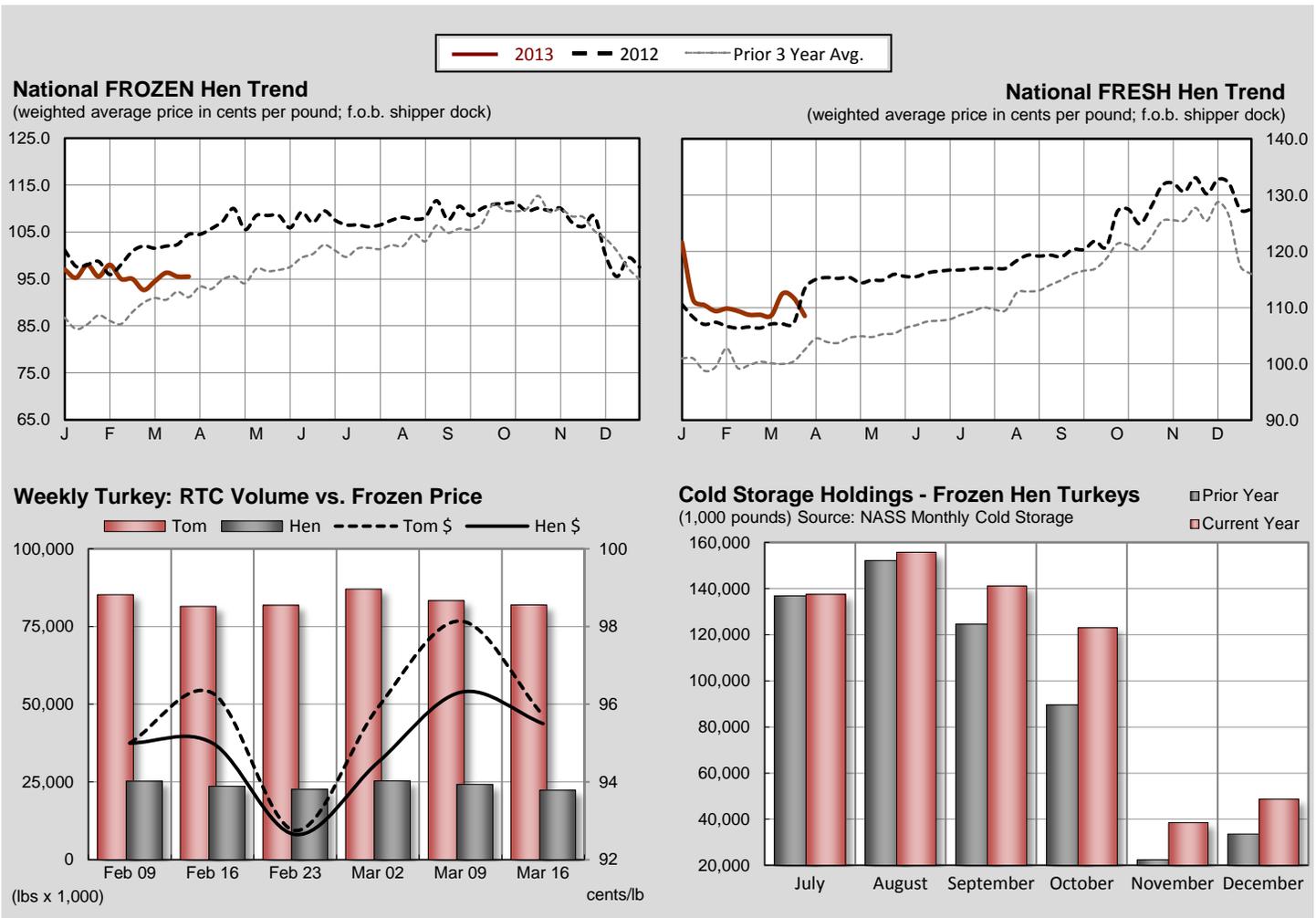
**FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

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)	95.50	20	95.50	30	104.50	40	95.00	96.27	100.15
16-24 lb. (Toms)	94.50	10	95.71	60	104.50	30	95.30	96.27	100.17

<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		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
<b>Priced At Time Of Sale:</b>									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	108.53	298.6	111.74	429.6	113.38	1,023.2	108.85	110.99	106.50
16-24 lb. (Toms)	108.30	194.0	112.88	299.0	113.79	630.0	106.78	111.72	105.62
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	60.0	--	210.0	--	10.0	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	60.0	--	210.0	--	10.0	--	--	--



**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**

Including bulk meat and frozen (unless specified), cents per lb., delivered first receivers, part and full trucklots as of 21 March, 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady to firm, with tom drums, tom full cut wings and tom necks in the best position. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. The market on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins is steady to weak, balance of white trims steady. Demand was light for tom breast meat, balance of white meat light to moderate. Offerings of tom breast meat is moderate to heavy, balance of white meat light to moderate. Thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey markets are steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh whole tenders 146 cents, frozen grade A non basted 8-10 lbs. 135 cents, 10-12 lbs. 140 cents, 12-14 lbs. 140 cents, fresh full cut wings 48 cents, fresh tom necks 47 cents, fresh tails 52 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	159.00-189.00		173.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	63.00-64.00		63.87	138
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	60.00		60.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	54.69	13
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	50.00-51.00		50.23	104
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	53.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	73.92	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	117.00	14
NECKS, TOM	51.00		51.00	28
NECKS, HEN		T	32.47	34
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	140.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	158.00		158.00	40
THIGH MEAT	118.00		118.00	10
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	123.00		123.00	42
BREAST TRIM MEAT	97.00		97.00	14
SCAPULA MEAT	112.00-113.00		112.33	21
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	85.00	14
TENDERLOINS	146.00		146.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	148.00		148.00	16
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	148.00	14
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	34.00		34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	32.00-34.00		33.25	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	65.00	234
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	49.86	126
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	91.00-91.50		91.17	486
TAILS		T	52.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	117.50		117.50	108

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 22 March, 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady to firm, with tom drums, tom full cut wings and tom necks in the best position. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. The market on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins is not fully tested with a weak undertone, balance of white trims steady. Demand was light for tom breast meat, balance of white meat light to moderate. Offerings of tom breast meat is moderate to heavy, balance of white meat light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: frozen hearts 51 cents, fresh scapula 111-114 cents, fresh full cut wings 47 cents, fresh tom necks 47 cents, and fresh tails 52 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 121 cents, fresh tom drums 59-62 cents, frozen hen drums 56 cents and frozen tom breast meat 157 cents delivered.

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	173.00	40	173.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	64.00		64.00	40	63.54	283
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	59.00-64.00		61.25	160	59.11	450
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	56.00		56.00	10	55.26	23
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	50.23	104	50.09	239
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	52.00-55.00		54.54	142	53.75	189
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	73.92	26	73.23	106
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	117.00	14	118.42	66
NECKS, TOM	53.00		53.00	14	51.89	132
NECKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20	36.00	54
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	140.00	120		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	158.00	40	158.00	64
THIGH MEAT	117.00-118.00		117.50	10	117.85	46
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	121.00-123.00		122.17	58	122.74	140
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	97.00	14	95.36	134
SCAPULA MEAT		R	112.33	21	112.33	21
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	85.00	14	85.00	14
TENDERLOINS		R	146.00	4	146.00	6
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	148.00	16	148.00	216
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	148.00	14	148.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	34.00	40	33.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	31.00-36.00		32.06	333	32.31	686

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	69.00-71.00		69.85	94	69.85	94
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	49.86	126		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	91.00-91.50		91.17	162	91.17	648
TAILS		T	52.00	10	52.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	117.00-118.0		117.16	256	115.95	779

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