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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. Offerings of hens and 16-24 lb. toms moderate. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 94.00-100.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 92.00-99.00 cents fob from current production for current shipments. No trading reported.



The market on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins is steady to weak with lower trending prices reported. Tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins demand is light to moderate. Offerings of tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins are moderate to moderately heavy. The market on white trims is steady with breast trim and scapula having a steady to firm undertone. Demand on white trims is light to good, mostly moderate. Wing meat with skin offerings are light to moderate with the balance of white trims light. Cooked and deli demand light to moderate with a few seeing some add-on orders. The market on institutional sized breasts is steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings moderate. The market on tom bulk parts is mostly steady with some finding fresh tom drums having a steady to firm undertone. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate with tom drums the least available. The high meat market is steady. Demand generally light. Offerings moderate. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady to firm, mostly steady. Demand moderate. Offerings light to moderate, mostly light. Firm priced trading light. Open priced trading moderate on fresh tom drums for April-June shipments and on fresh tom breast meat for July-December deliveries.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. The market is generally steady. Demand light to moderate with some finding inquiry from Asia and Mexico. Offerings light to moderate.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 30-Mar-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,619	2,322	43	9	3,993
Avg Wt	16.82	40.74	24.00	27.64	30.83
Last week	1,664	2,530	29	17	4,240
Same wk yr ago	1,931	2,575	18	2	4,526
Avg Wt	17.16	40.47	25.58	41.97	30.47
To-date/2013*	21,729	32,335	319	210	54,593
To-date/2012*	22,882	32,239	271	97	55,489
% Change YTD	-5%	0%	18%	116%	-2%
<u>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</u>					
Current week	21,785	75,679	795	192	98,451
Last week	21,991	81,608	555	373	104,527
Same wk yr ago	26,508	83,370	352	64	110,294
To-date/2013*	296,197	1,056,841	6,499	4,544	1,364,081
To-date/2012*	311,247	1,066,393	5,515	2,444	1,385,599
% Change YTD	-5%	-1%	18%	86%	-2%
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 30-Mar-13	(Preliminary)			Old	Total Turkeys	
	-----Young turkeys-----				Breeders	Avg
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
North East	517	17	23.47	(A)	517 23.47	
South Atlantic	587	-13	36.63	(A)	587 36.63	
North Central	1,957	0	33.86	(A)	1,964 33.86	
South Central	689	-15	19.41	(A)	691 19.41	
West	191	-40	29.2	(A)	191 29.20	
U.S. total	3,941 (B)	-6	30.83	9	3,950 30.83	
To-date						
2013*	54,064 (B)			210	54,274	
To-date						
2012*	55,392 (B)			97	55,489	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of youngbanded breeder turkeys included: this week 43,000; for the current year to date* 319,000; for last year to date* 271,000.

*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 April 05, 2013

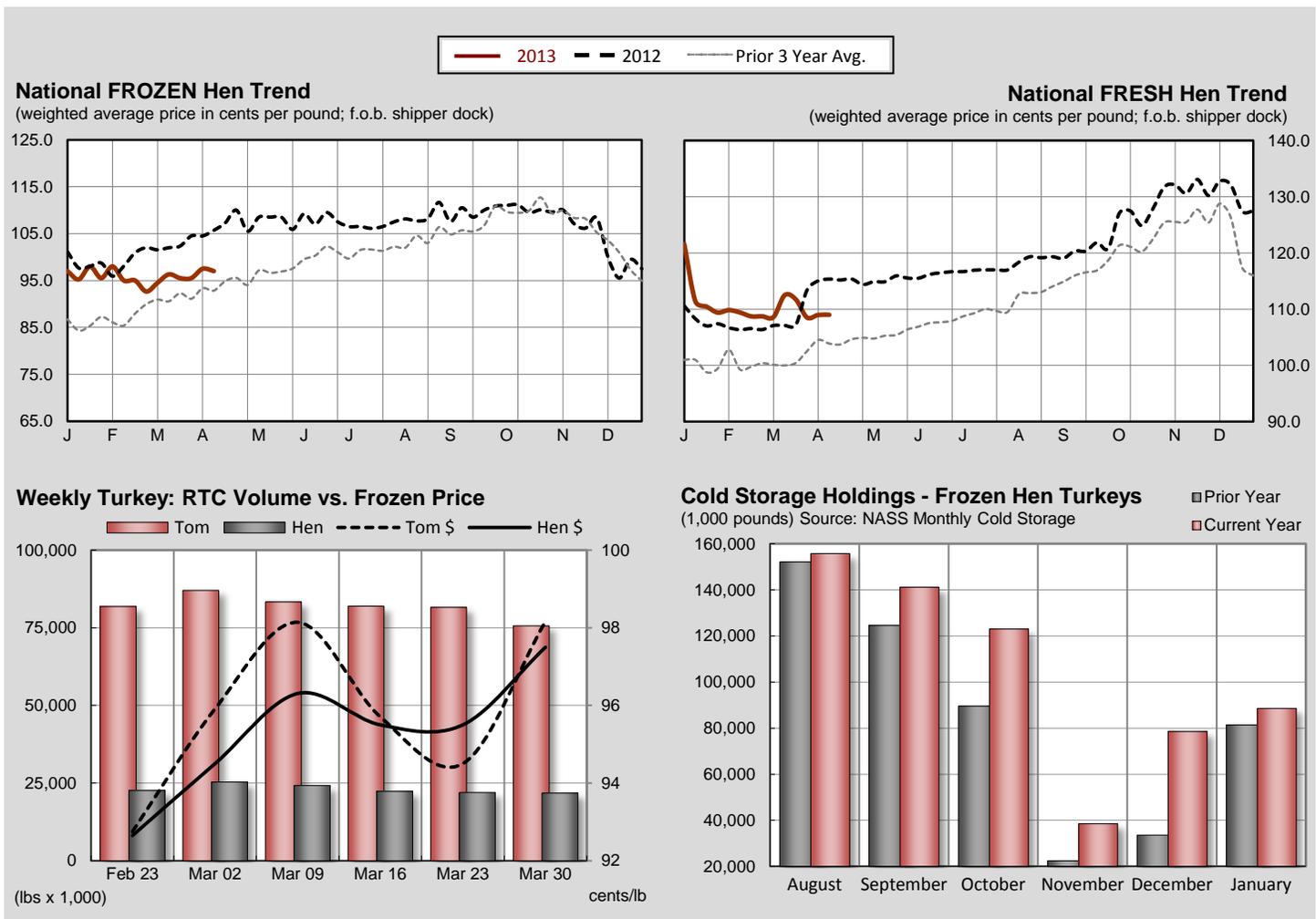
FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		March 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)	97.00 ¹		97.50	240	105.70 ¹		96.58	95.00	103.70
16-24 lb. (Toms)	95.92	24	98.16	185	106.00	162	96.53	95.30	104.45

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		March 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)	109.01	127.0	108.98	135.0	115.36	177.5	111.05	108.85	113.55
16-24 lb. (Toms)	108.09	57.0	108.08	62.0	116.50	105.0	112.00	106.78	114.54
Price To Be Determined:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	2.5	--	5.0	--	40.0	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	2.5	--	5.0	--	40.0	--	--	--



NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS

INCLUDING BULK MEAT AND FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 4 APRIL 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Tom breast meat and tenders market is steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings was moderate to heavy, balance of white trims was fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. Mechanically separated turkey market was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on high meat was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Trading was slow. For domestic: frozen mature whole tenders 123 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	123.00	1
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	173.40	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	62.00-65.00		64.94	102
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	63.00-65.00		63.66	122
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	57.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	54.00	18
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	54.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	118.00	4
NECKS, TOM		W	52.00	16
NECKS, HEN		F	33.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	154.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	158.00		158.00	40
THIGH MEAT	116.00-118.00		116.46	52
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	122.00-123.00		122.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	100.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		M	115.00	42
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	86.00		86.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	150.00	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	148.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	31.00		31.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	34.00-36.00		34.89	180
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	66.50		66.50	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	86.00-88.00		87.00	324
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	118.00	80

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 5 APRIL 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Tom breast meat and tenders market is steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings was moderate to heavy, balance of white trims was fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. Mechanically separated turkey market was steady, instances firm. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on thigh meat was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Trading was slow. For domestic: frozen grade A breast non basted 8-10 lbs.135-137 cents, 10-12 lbs. 140 cents, 12-16 lbs. 142 cents and 16-18 lbs. 145 cents, fresh punched drums 118 cents, fresh scapula 116.75-120 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 121 cents and fresh tom drums 62 cents delivered to 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/		F	123.00	1		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	159.00-189.00		173.40	25	173.40	25
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	64.00-65.00		64.09	23	65.24	299
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	62.00		62.00	40	62.37	442
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	57.00		57.00	6	57.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	54.00		54.00	6	54.00	78
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	54.00		54.00	11	54.00	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	73.00-75.00		74.72	36	74.72	36
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00-119.00		118.00	4	118.00	4
NECKS, TOM	50.00-52.00		50.77	98	51.61	208
NECKS, HEN	33.00		33.00	8	33.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	152.00		152.00	40	152.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	155.00-157.00		156.14	70	156.82	110
THIGH MEAT	118.00		118.00	20	116.50	160
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	121.00-123.00		121.87	46	122.07	123
BREAST TRIM MEAT	100.00		100.00	2	100.00	12
SCAPULA MEAT	115.00		115.00	2	115.00	44
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	86.00	40	85.50	160
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	150.00	60	150.00	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	148.00		148.00	20	148.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	31.00		31.00	40	31.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00-38.00		34.70	224	34.67	681

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	66.50	120	66.50	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	87.00	324	87.00	432
TAILS	56.00		56.00	80	56.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	31.00		31.00	40	31.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	114.00		114.00	120	115.60	200

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