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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 with some seller offering prices trending higher while others continue to note spot unsettledness on consumer sized toms for current deliveries. Demand light to instances moderate, mostly light with best interest 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 94.00-101.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 92.00-101.00 cents fob from current production for current shipments. No truck-lot trading reported for current shipments.



The market on fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins is steady at best. Tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins demand is light to moderate, mostly light. Offerings of tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins are moderate to moderately heavy with some sellers starting hold frozen destrapped tenderloins supplies with more confidence. The market on white trims is steady to firm with frozen scapula trading reported at higher prices. Demand on white trims is light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of white trims light. The market on frozen tom bulk parts is steady to instances weak. The fresh tom drum market is steady with a steady to firm undertone. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate with fresh tom drums the most active. Offerings of frozen tom drums light to moderate, wings and necks moderate while fresh tom drums are light. The thigh meat market is steady to instances weak. Demand light. Supplies moderate to instances heavier than desired. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady to firm, mostly steady. Demand moderate. Offerings light. Trading light to moderate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Firm priced trading light to moderate. Open priced trading light on frozen thigh meat. The market is steady to weak, mostly steady on thigh meat balance of items generally steady. Demand light to moderate with more reporting activity on frozen tom breast meat for export. Offerings light to moderate.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 06-Apr-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old	Total	
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,659	2,520	41	0	4,220
Avg Wt	18.68	39.43	26.42	0.00	31.14
Last week	1,619	2,322	43	9	3,993
Same wk yr ago	1,593	2,336	18	6	3,953
Avg Wt	17.03	40.04	27.67	30.37	30.70
To-date/2013*	23,388	34,855	360	210	58,813
To-date/2012*	24,475	34,575	289	103	59,442
% Change YTD	-4%	1%	25%	104%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	24,792	79,491	834	0	105,117
Last week	21,785	75,679	795	192	98,451
Same wk yr ago	21,709	74,834	376	138	97,057
To-date/2013*	320,989	1,136,332	7,333	4,544	1,469,198
To-date/2012*	332,956	1,141,227	5,891	2,582	1,482,656
% Change YTD	-4%	0%	24%	76%	-1%
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 06-Apr-13 (Preliminary)			Old	Total
	Young turkeys	Thousand	Pct chg		
				Breeders	Avg
North East	515	0	27.39	(A)	515 27.39
South Atlantic	532	-9	38.94	(A)	532 38.94
North Central	2,133	9	32.90	(A)	2,133 32.90
South Central	720	4	19.24	(A)	720 19.24
West	279	46	29.52	(A)	279 29.52
U.S. total	4,179 (B)	6	31.14	0	4,179 31.14
To-date					
2013*	58,243 (B)			210	58,453
To-date					
2012*	59,339 (B)			103	59,442

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 41,000; for the current year to date* 360,000; for last year to date* 289,000.

*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 12, 2013

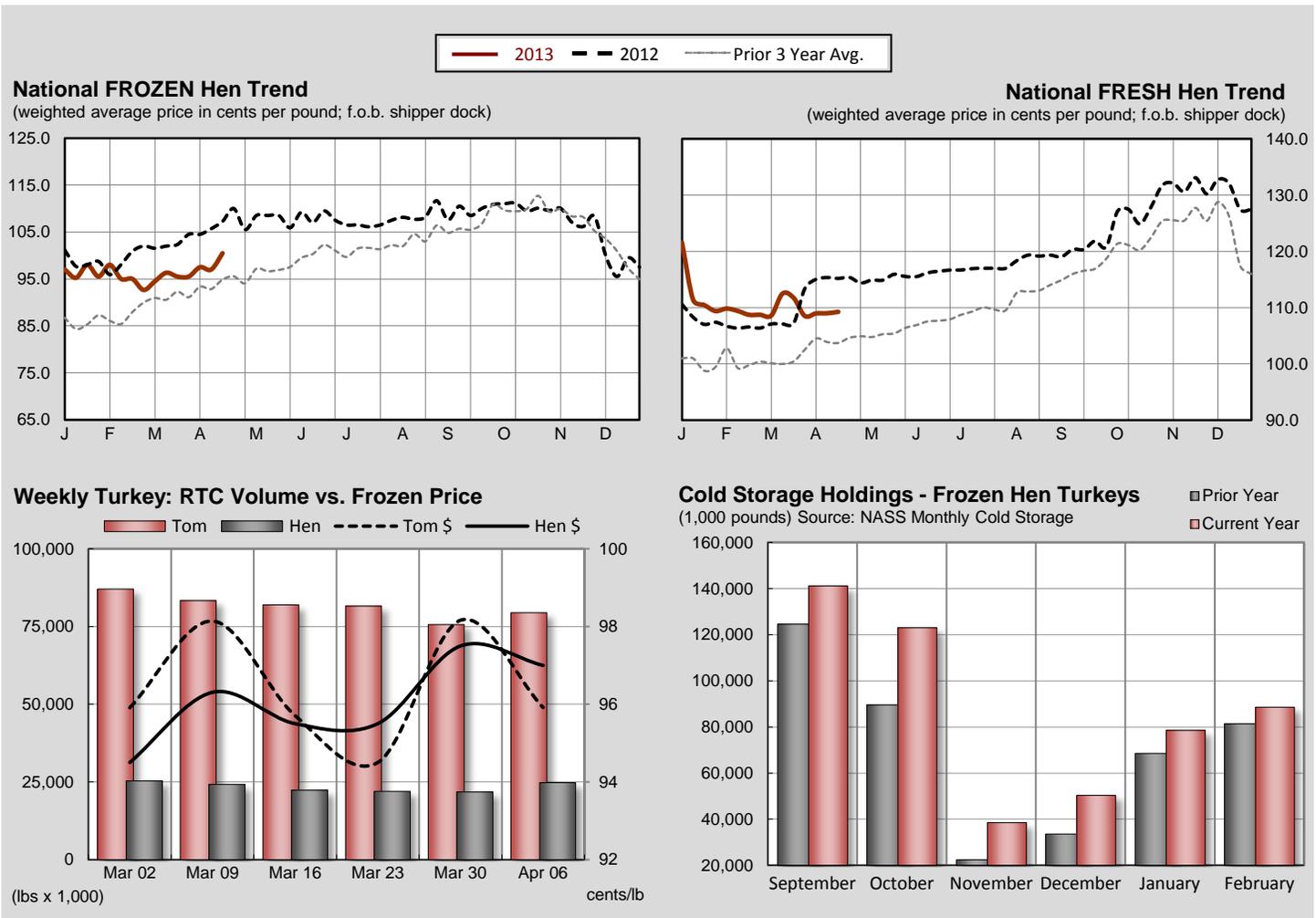
FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

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)	100.47	1,170	97.00 ¹		107.25	200	96.58	95.00	103.70
16-24 lb. (Toms)	100.35	831	95.92	24	106.73	560	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)	109.27	132.0	109.01	127.0	115.20	129.5	111.05	108.85	113.55
16-24 lb. (Toms)	108.39	59.0	108.09	57.0	115.70	82.5	112.00	106.78	114.54
Price To Be Determined:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	5.0	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	5.0	--	--	--



NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS

INCLUDING BULK MEAT AND FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 APRIL 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on tom breast meat and tenders is not fully tested the undertone is steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings moderate to heavy. The market on white trims are steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. Trading for parts was light. For domestic: frozen tails 56-57 cents, frozen A grade breast non-basted 14-18 lbs. 142 cents, 18-20 lbs. 147 cents and fresh scapula 122 cents delivered.

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/		F	173.40	25
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	65.00		65.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	65.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	57.00		57.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	52.00		52.00	14
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	54.00	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	74.72	36
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00-119.00		100.43	28
NECKS, TOM	52.00-53.00		52.06	34
NECKS, HEN	33.00		33.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	152.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	155.00		155.00	43
THIGH MEAT		W	117.21	38
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	123.00	12
BREAST TRIM MEAT	100.00		100.00	2
SCAPULA MEAT	115.00		115.00	2
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	86.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	146.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	148.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	34.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	36.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	65.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	87.00	324
TAILS		F	56.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	36.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	113.50	432

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 12 APRIL 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on tom breast meat and tenders undertone is steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings moderate to heavy. The market on white trims are steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. Trading for parts was light to moderate. For domestic: fresh mechanically separated turkey 23.5 cent pet food, frozen tails 56-57 cents, frozen A grade breast non-basted 8-10 lbs. 137 cents and 12-16 lbs. 142 cents delivered. For export: Frozen livers 26 cents and fresh tom drums 62 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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	149.00-189.00		166.71	35	166.71	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	65.00		65.00	46	62.63	135
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	62.00-63.00		62.22	51	62.48	231
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	58.00		58.00	4	57.22	18
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	52.00-55.00		52.41	92	52.63	194
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	54.00		54.00	68	54.00	76
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	75.00		75.00	26	75.00	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	119.00	20	119.00	20
NECKS, TOM	52.00-53.00		52.07	92	51.55	250
NECKS, HEN		R	33.00	8	33.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	152.00-153.00		152.25	8	152.25	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	155.00	43	156.18	203
THIGH MEAT	115.00-117.00		115.73	126	117.82	204
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	116.75-125.00		121.25	243	121.28	295
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	100.00	2	100.00	2
SCAPULA MEAT	117.00		117.00	40	116.90	42
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS	144.00		144.00	40	144.46	52
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	145.00		145.00	120	145.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	148.00		148.00	40	148.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	34.00	80	34.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	33.00-37.00		35.45	250	36.05	410
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	65.00-68.00		66.80	270	65.00	916
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	53.00		53.00	216	53.00	216
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	58.00		58.00	40	58.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	37.00		37.00	40	36.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	116.00-118.00		116.46	350	114.82	782

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