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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 94.00-101.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 92.00-101.00 cents fob from current production for current shipments. No truck-lot trading reported.



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 supplies held with varying degrees of confidence. The market on wing meat is steady while breast trim and scapula are steady to firm. Demand light to good, mostly moderate demand. Offerings light. The market on tom drums is steady while tom wings and necks are steady to weak. Fresh tom drum demand moderate to good, balance of tom bulk parts demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums light to moderate while wings and necks are moderate to moderately heavy. The thigh meat market is steady to weak. Demand light to moderate. Offerings moderate, instances moderately heavy. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady to firm, mostly steady. Demand moderate. Offerings light. Trading light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading heavy on tom wings, balance light to moderate. The market is steady to weak, mostly steady with thigh meat, wings and necks softest. Demand and offerings light to moderate.

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

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders	Turkeys	
Head	1,761	2,534	36	4	4,335
Avg Wt	16.96	41.31	25.75	30.57	31.28
Last week	1,659	2,520	41	0	4,220
Same wk yr ago	1,926	2,516	20	6	4,468
Avg Wt	15.67	40.18	25.34	30.35	29.53
To-date/2013*	25,149	37,389	396	214	63,148
To-date/2012*	26,401	37,091	309	109	63,910
% Change YTD	-5%	1%	28%	96%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,893	83,744	714	94	108,445
Last week	24,792	79,491	834	0	105,117
Same wk yr ago	24,145	80,868	383	138	105,534
To-date/2013*	344,882	1,220,076	8,047	4,638	1,577,643
To-date/2012*	357,101	1,222,095	6,274	2,720	1,588,190
% Change YTD	-3%	0%	28%	71%	-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 13-Apr-13	(Preliminary)			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg		Breeders	Avg
	-----Young turkeys-----					
North East	609	18	26.89	(A)	609	26.89
South Atlantic	613	15	41.63	(A)	613	41.63
North Central	2,014	-6	33.75	(A)	2,017	33.75
South Central	785	9	18.37	(A)	786	18.37
West	274	-2	25.68	(A)	274	25.68
U.S. total	4,295 (B)	3	31.28	4	4,299	31.28
To-date						
2013*	62,538 (B)			214	62,752	
To-date						
2012*	63,801 (B)			109	63,910	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 36,000; for the current year to date* 396,000; for last year to date* 309,000.

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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 April 19, 2013

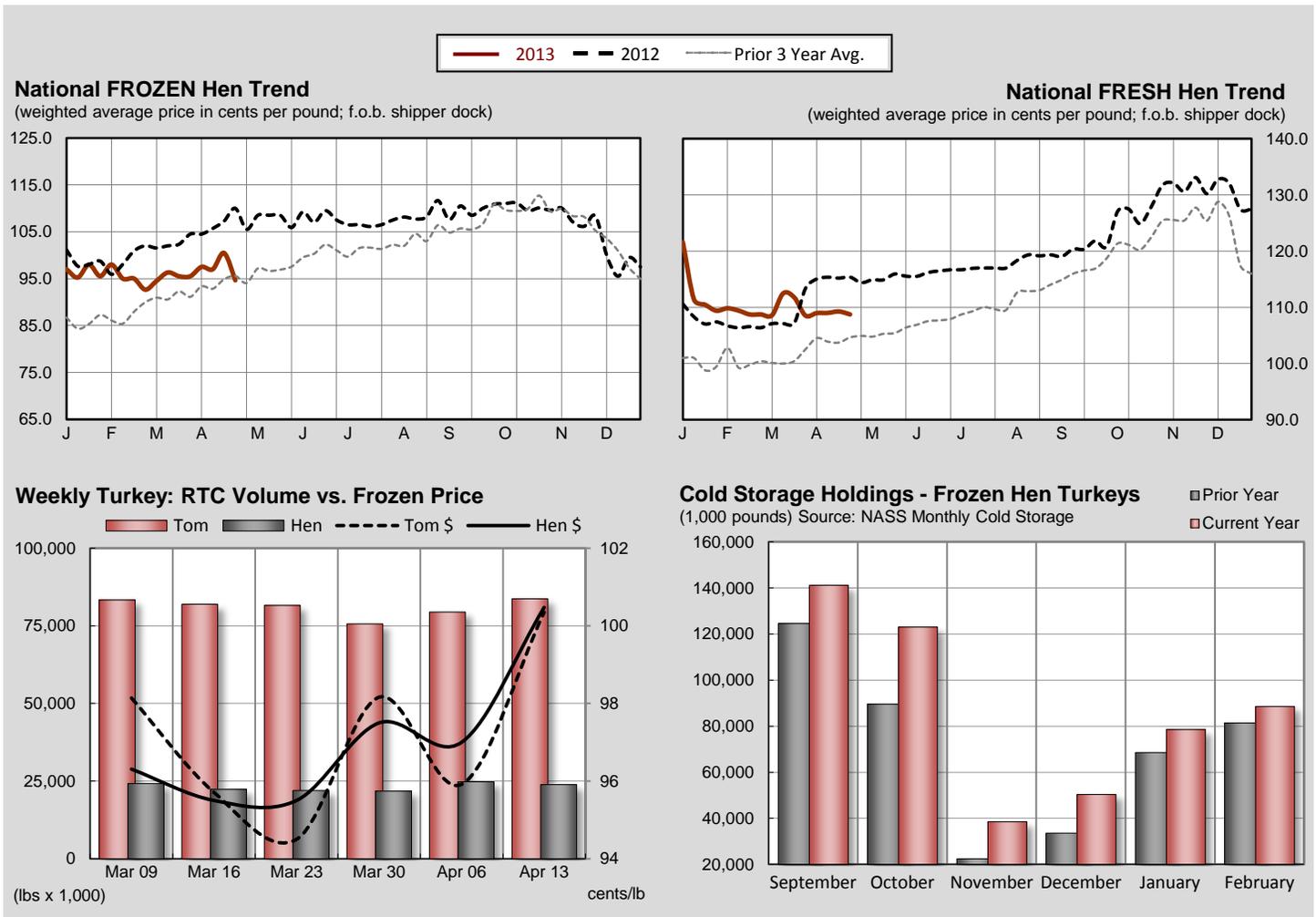
FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

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)	94.64	222	100.47	1,170	110.00	480	96.58	95.00	103.70
16-24 lb. (Toms)	97.50	10	100.35	831	107.83	436	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)	108.74	132.4	109.27	132.0	115.39	118.5	111.05	108.85	113.55
16-24 lb. (Toms)	107.45	55.0	108.39	59.0	114.08	60.0	112.00	106.78	114.54
Price To Be Determined:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	2.5	--	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 18 APRIL 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady with wings and necks steady to weak. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Tom breast meat market is not fully tested, undertone is weak. Demand was light. Offerings moderate to heavy. White trims market steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. Thigh meat market was steady to barely steady. Demand was light. Offerings was light to moderate. Trading was slow for parts. For domestic: Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 135 cents, 10-12 lbs. 135 cents, 12-14 lbs. 135 cents, fresh tails 46 cents, frozen tails 56 cents and punched drums 97.5 cents delivered. For export: frozen tom breast meat 149 cents and frozen tom necks 41 cents delivered to Border or port.

DOMESTIC TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	123.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	149.00-189.00		166.71	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	65.00		65.00	98
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	63.00		63.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	57.00		57.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	49.00		49.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	54.00		54.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	76.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	115.00	80
NECKS, TOM	48.00-52.00		51.33	24
NECKS, HEN	33.00		33.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	154.00		154.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	153.00-160.00		157.50	28
THIGH MEAT	114.00-115.00		114.50	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	120.22	90
BREAST TRIM MEAT	104.00		104.00	6
SCAPULA MEAT	118.00		118.00	11
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	86.00		86.00	10
TENDERLOINS	146.00-147.00		146.95	42
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	146.00		146.00	11
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	148.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	37.00		37.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	65.00		65.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	42.00		42.00	270
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	70.00	108
TAILS		F	58.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	37.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	114.00	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/		T	123.00	2	123.00	2
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	166.71	35	166.71	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	110.00		110.00	20	110.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	65.00		65.00	28	64.79	192
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	60.00-66.00		62.68	380	62.38	582
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	56.00-57.00		56.74	54	56.76	58
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	45.00-49.00		46.79	181	46.95	195
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	47.00		47.00	14	48.56	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	73.00-75.00		73.82	34	75.00	74
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	110.00-117.00		113.00	140	113.73	220
NECKS, TOM	45.00-47.00		45.72	94	47.93	209
NECKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	14	32.22	18
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	151.00		151.00	40	150.48	91
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		R	157.50	28	156.03	68
THIGH MEAT	111.00-114.00		112.50	80	113.29	170
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	118.00-121.25		119.11	86	119.71	196
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	104.00	6	103.13	46
SCAPULA MEAT	117.00		117.00	28	117.28	39
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	86.00	10	86.00	10
TENDERLOINS		R	146.95	42	146.95	42
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	145.00		145.00	120	145.08	131
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	148.00	60	148.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	35.00		35.00	40	35.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	34.00-37.50		34.38	130	35.84	508
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	64.00-66.00		65.26	272	65.12	432
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	39.00-48.00		44.95	1,152	44.47	1,638
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	70.00	108	70.00	108
TAILS	55.00		55.00	40	55.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	34.00-36.00		35.33	81	35.33	81
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	113.00-117.00		115.20	171	114.97	211

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