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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. Demand light to moderate. 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 tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins is steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate. The market on wing meat is steady while breast trim and scapula are steady to firm. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate with scapula the most active. Offerings light. The market on tom 2-joint wings is steady to weak, tails steady with a steady to firm undertone, tom drums steady, tom full-cut wings and tom necks steady at best with a steady to sometimes weak undertone. Tom drum demand moderate, balance of tom bulk parts demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums light to moderate while tom wings and necks are moderate. The thigh meat market is steady at best.

Demand light to moderate. Offerings moderate. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady with a steady to firm undertone. Demand moderate to good. Offerings very light to light. Firm priced trading light to moderate with activity centered on fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST). Open priced trading moderately heavy on fresh tom drums for deferred shipments.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light to mostly moderate with frozen thigh meat the most active. The market on thigh meat is steady to instances weak, balance of items generally steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of frozen MST very light to light, balance of items light to mostly moderate.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 20-Apr-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,773	2,580	12	7	4,372
Avg Wt	16.81	40.73	28.71	23.73	30.97
Last week	1,761	2,534	36	4	4,335
Same wk yr ago	1,992	2,610	28	2	4,632
Avg Wt	16.19	40.62	25.10	39.68	30.02
To-date/2013*	26,922	39,969	408	221	67,520
To-date/2012*	28,393	39,701	337	111	68,542
% Change YTD	-5%	1%	21%	99%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,843	84,067	265	128	108,303
Last week	23,893	83,744	714	94	108,445
Same wk yr ago	25,798	84,809	531	60	111,198
To-date/2013*	368,725	1,304,143	8,312	4,766	1,685,946
To-date/2012*	382,899	1,306,904	6,805	2,780	1,699,388
% Change YTD	-4%	0%	22%	71%	-1%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	Young turkeys			Old	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg		Breeders	Avg
North East	617	1	26.34	(A)	617	26.34
South Atlantic	679	11	37.40	(A)	679	37.40
North Central	1,947	-3	34.05	(A)	1,952	34.05
South Central	850	8	18.69	(A)	852	18.69
West	259	-5	30.9	(A)	259	30.90
U.S. total	4,352 (B)	1	30.97	7	4,359	30.97
To-date						
2013*	67,299 (B)			221	67,520	
To-date						
2012*	68,431 (B)			111	68,542	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 12,000; for the current year to date* 408,000; for last year to date* 337,000.

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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 26, 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	
	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	98.48	2,546	94.64	222	105.51	122
16-24 lb. (Toms)	98.49	1,124	97.50	10	108.43	516

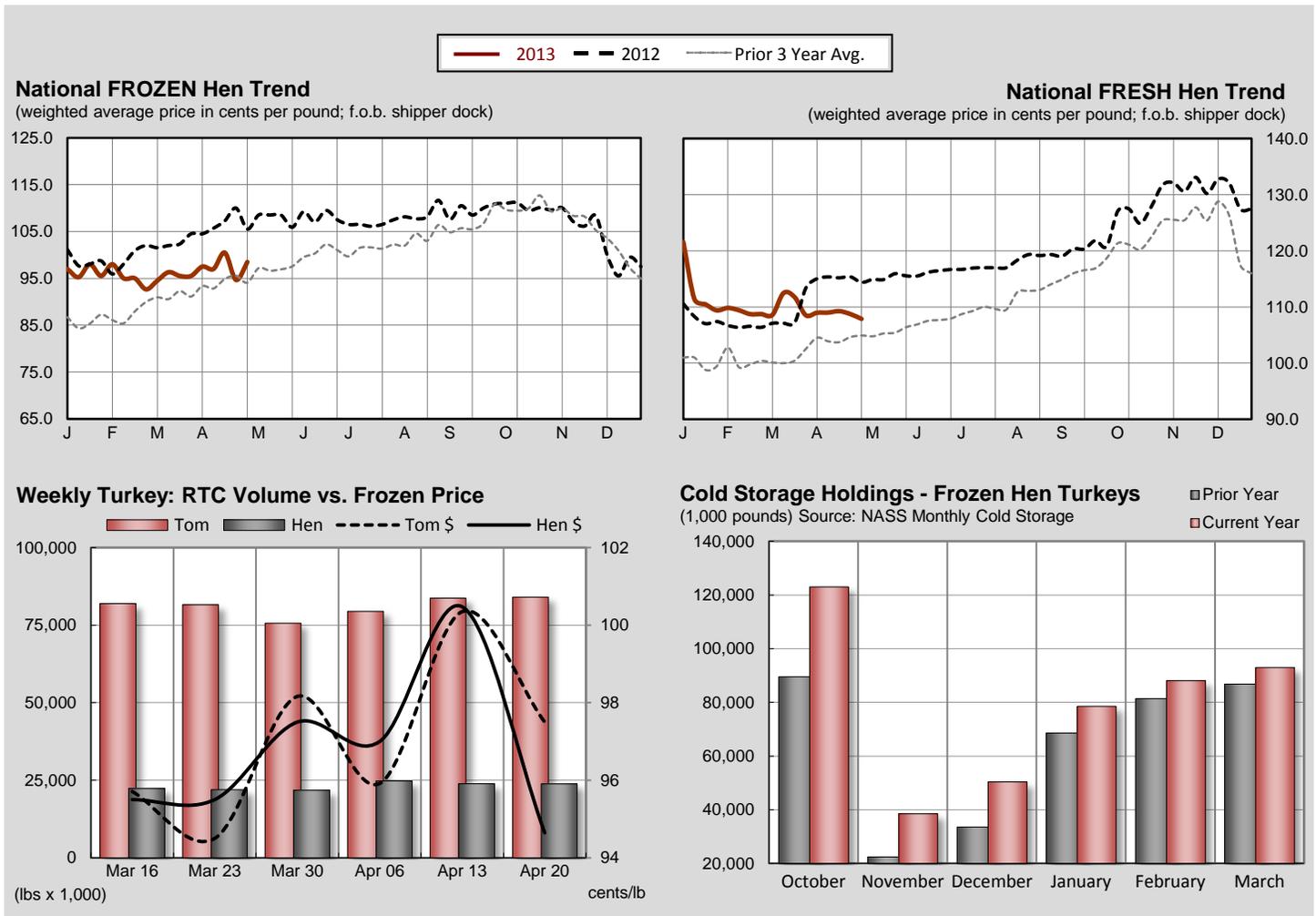
April Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
97.30	96.58	106.89
96.45	96.53	107.69

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	
	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)
Priced At Time Of Sale:						
8-16 lb. (Hens)	107.88	118.0	108.74	132.4	114.39	58.5
16-24 lb. (Toms)	107.45	55.0	107.45	55.0	113.38	40.0
Price To Be Determined:						
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	2.5
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	2.5	--	2.5	--	2.5

April Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
108.74	111.05	115.21
107.86	112.00	115.33
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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS

INCLUDING BULK MEAT AND FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 APRIL 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on tom breast meat is steady to barely steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Breast trim and scapula demand is moderate to good. Offerings light. The market on thigh meat was mixed, generally steady. Demand and offerings were light to moderate. Bulk parts trading was slow. For domestic: fresh scapula 119 cents, frozen grade A non-basted breast 8-10 lbs. 130 cents, 10-12 lbs. 135 cents and 12-14 lbs. 135 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	126.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	166.71	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	118.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	65.00		65.00	32
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	62.25	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	57.00		57.00	10
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00		44.00	42
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	54.00		54.00	22
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	69.00-75.00		70.15	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	119.00		119.00	2
NECKS, TOM	46.00		46.00	2
NECKS, HEN	33.00		33.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	152.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	152.00-160.00		154.56	160
THIGH MEAT	114.00-118.00		114.84	38
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	118.00		118.00	12
BREAST TRIM MEAT	106.00		106.00	4
SCAPULA MEAT	118.00-119.00		118.05	42
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	86.00		86.00	4
TENDERLOINS		R	146.95	42
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	145.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	148.00		148.00	48
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	35.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	34.00-37.00		36.00	340
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	64.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	42.00	400
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	73.00	54
TAILS	57.00		57.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	36.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	113.75	160

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	126.00	40	126.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	149.00-184.00		163.57	35	163.57	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	118.00	240	118.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	65.00	32	65.00	92
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	62.00-63.00		62.83	60	62.39	280
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	57.00	10	57.00	10
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00-45.00		44.15	94	44.99	270
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	54.00	22	54.00	22
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	70.15	50	70.86	58
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	119.00	2	119.00	2
NECKS, TOM	44.00-47.00		44.61	134	45.40	349
NECKS, HEN		R	33.00	4	33.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	152.00	9	152.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	155.00		155.00	52	154.31	332
THIGH MEAT	112.00		112.00	240	112.57	349
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	116.25-119.00		117.80	166	117.93	188
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	106.00	4	106.00	4
SCAPULA MEAT		R	118.05	42	118.17	59
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	86.00	4	86.85	26
TENDERLOINS	148.00		148.00	2	148.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	145.00	120		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	148.00		148.00	100	148.00	282
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	35.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	33.00-37.00		34.92	520	35.58	1,420

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	63.50		63.50	54	63.89	254
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	42.00	400	42.00	400
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	75.50		75.50	324	76.55	594
TAILS	54.00-57.00		55.50	80	56.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	36.00	40	36.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	110.00-113.0		111.47	524	112.00	684

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