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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 to sometimes moderate. Offerings of hens and 16-24 lb. toms moderate. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 95.00-101.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 92.00-101.00 cents fob 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 and 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. Offerings light. The market on tom drums is steady while wings and necks are steady to sometimes weak. Demand on tom drums is moderate to instances good, balance of tom bulk parts demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums light with the balance of tom bulk moderate. The thigh meat market is mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings moderate. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings very light to light. Trading light to moderate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light to moderate. The market is generally steady with some sellers finding buyer resistance on the higher trending frozen scapula prices. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of frozen MST very light to light, balance of items light to mostly moderate.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 27-Apr-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		Turkeys
Head	1,682	2,668	14	7	4,371
Avg Wt	16.80	40.15	28.91	26.53	31.11
Last week	1,773	2,580	12	7	4,372
Same wk yr ago	1,883	2,684	14	7	4,588
Avg Wt	16.76	40.16	24.26	33.55	30.50
To-date/2013*	28,604	42,637	422	228	71,891
To-date/2012*	30,276	42,385	351	118	73,130
% Change YTD	-6%	1%	20%	93%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,606	85,696	312	143	108,757
Last week	23,843	84,067	265	128	108,303
Same wk yr ago	25,244	86,238	256	177	111,915
To-date/2013*	391,331	1,389,839	8,624	4,909	1,794,703
To-date/2012*	408,143	1,393,142	7,061	2,957	1,811,303
% Change YTD	-4%	0%	22%	66%	-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 27-Apr-13 (Preliminary)	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkey Av
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
North East	625	1	26.94	(A)	625	26.9
South Atlantic	757	11	36.84	(A)	757	36.8
North Central	2,090	7	33.22	(A)	2,095	33.2
South Central	617	-27	18.13	(A)	619	18.1
West	261	1	27.76	(A)	261	27.7
U.S. total	4,350 (B)	0	31.11	7	4,357	31.1
To-date						
2013*	71,663 (B)			228	71,891	
To-date						
2012*	73,012 (B)			118	73,130	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 14,000; for the current year to date* 422,000; for last year to date* 351,000.

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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 May 03, 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)	96.46	127	98.48	2,546	108.50 ¹	
16-24 lb. (Toms)	96.56	90	98.49	1,124	107.00	249

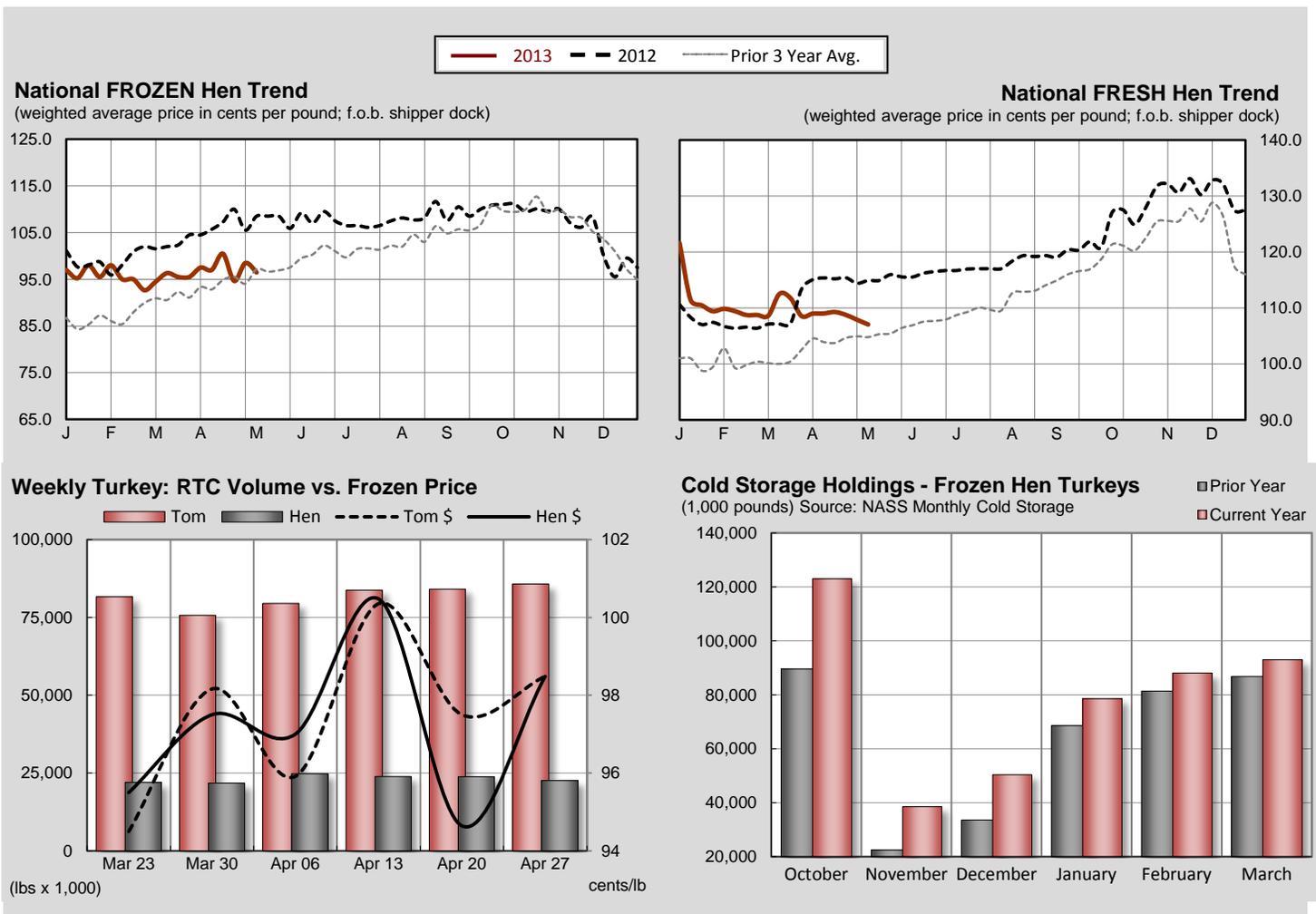
¹ based on offers.

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

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)	107.04	57.0	107.88	118.0	114.90	112.6
16-24 lb. (Toms)	106.17	48.0	107.45	55.0	114.08	60.0
Price To Be Determined:						
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	2.0	--	2.5	--	2.5
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	2.0	--	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 2 MAY 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on tom breast meat is not full tested, undertone is steady to barely steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Breast trim and scapula demand was moderate to good. Offerings light. The market on thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand and offerings were light to moderate. Bulk parts trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: frozen tails 56-58 cents, breeder hen drums 61 cents, grade A breast basted 12-14 lbs. 125 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	123.00		123.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	166.75	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	65.00		65.00	31
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	61.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	57.00	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.44	71
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	54.00	36
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	75.00		75.00	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00		117.00	2
NECKS, TOM	43.00-45.00		43.78	91
NECKS, HEN		W	33.00	24
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	152.00		152.00	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		T	155.00	40
THIGH MEAT	113.00-114.00		113.15	47
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	119.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	106.91	44
SCAPULA MEAT		R	118.05	42
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	86.00	4
TENDERLOINS	145.00-146.00		145.09	22
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	149.00		149.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	37.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	36.00		36.00	380
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	63.50	54
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	45.00		45.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	76.00	594
TAILS	51.00		51.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	37.00	18
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	112.85	94

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/		R	123.00	20	123.00	24
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	166.75	40	166.75	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	68.00		68.00	10	65.31	97
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	62.00-63.00		62.75	160	62.21	380
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	57.00	24	57.00	64
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	45.00		45.00	30	43.55	201
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	54.00	36	54.00	36
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	75.00	7	74.21	183
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	117.00	2	117.00	2
NECKS, TOM	40.00-47.00		40.90	222	42.31	413
NECKS, HEN		W	33.00	24	33.00	24
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	152.00	7	152.00	7
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	155.00-158.00		155.60	100	155.27	220
THIGH MEAT		R	113.15	47	114.63	79
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	116.00-119.00		117.49	210	117.57	250
BREAST TRIM MEAT	106.00		106.00	40	106.48	84
SCAPULA MEAT						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS	143.00		143.00	80	143.50	104
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	148.00		148.00	58	148.58	138
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	36.00		36.00	23	35.51	123
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	34.00-38.00		36.16	138	36.02	574
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	63.50	54	67.17	162
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	44.00		44.00	240	43.06	402
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	76.00	594	76.00	1,026
TAILS		R	51.00	40	55.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	37.00		37.00	40	37.00	58
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	112.00-113.00		112.40	200	113.71	726

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