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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 at least steady. Demand light. Offerings of hens and 16-24 lb. toms light to 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 on Grade A hens and toms.



The market on fresh tom breast meat is steady; frozen tom breast meat steady with a strengthening undertone; fresh destrapped tenderloins steady to instances firm, mostly steady while frozen destrapped tenderloins are steady. The wing meat market is steady while breast trim and scapula are steady to firm. Demand on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins are light to mostly moderate. Demand on wing meat is light to instances moderate while breast trim and scapula are moderate to good. Offerings of tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins moderate and being held with more confidence, balance light at best. The market on tom drums is steady to instances firm, wings and necks steady to sometimes weak. Demand on tom drums is moderate to good, balance of tom bulk parts demand light to moderate with some buyers taking a wait and see position. Offerings of tom drums light, balance of tom bulk parts light to moderate. The

thigh meat market is steady to sometimes weak with frozen weakest. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to mostly moderate. The market on mechanically separated turkey is steady. Demand moderate to good. Offerings very light to light. Trading light to moderate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading moderately heavy on tom 2-joint wings and frozen thigh meat, balance light to moderate. The market on thigh meat is steady to weak, balance of items generally steady. Demand on thigh meat and tom 2-joint wings moderate with activity increasing at the lower trending price levels, balance light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate, instances moderately heavy.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 04-May-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,839	2,628	19	0	4,486
Avg Wt	17.12	40.12	31.13	0.00	30.65
Last week	1,682	2,668	14	7	4,371
Same wk yr ago	1,658	2,837	31	1	4,527
Avg Wt	16.90	39.77	25.61	52.42	31.30
To-date/2013*	30,443	45,265	441	228	76,377
To-date/2012*	31,934	45,222	382	116	77,654
% Change YTD	-5%	0%	15%	97%	-2%
<u>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</u>					
Current week	25,187	84,348	455	0	109,990
Last week	22,606	85,696	312	143	108,757
Same wk yr ago	22,417	90,269	599	40	113,325
To-date/2013*	416,518	1,474,187	9,079	4,909	1,904,693
To-date/2012*	430,560	1,483,411	7,660	2,997	1,924,628
% Change YTD	-3%	-1%	19%	64%	-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 04-May-13 (Preliminary)			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg		Breeders	Avg
	-----Young turkeys-----					
North East	591	-5	26.51	(A)	591 26.51	
South Atlantic	756	0	37.39	(A)	756 37.39	
North Central	2,070	-1	33.31	(A)	2,070 33.31	
South Central	800	30	19.15	(A)	800 19.15	
West	250	-4	25.19	(A)	250 25.19	
U.S. total	4,467 (B)	3	30.65	0	4,467 30.65	
To-date						
2013*	76,149 (B)			228	76,377	
To-date						
2012*	77,538 (B)					

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 19,000; for the current year to date* 441,000; for last year to date* 382,000.

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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 10, 2013

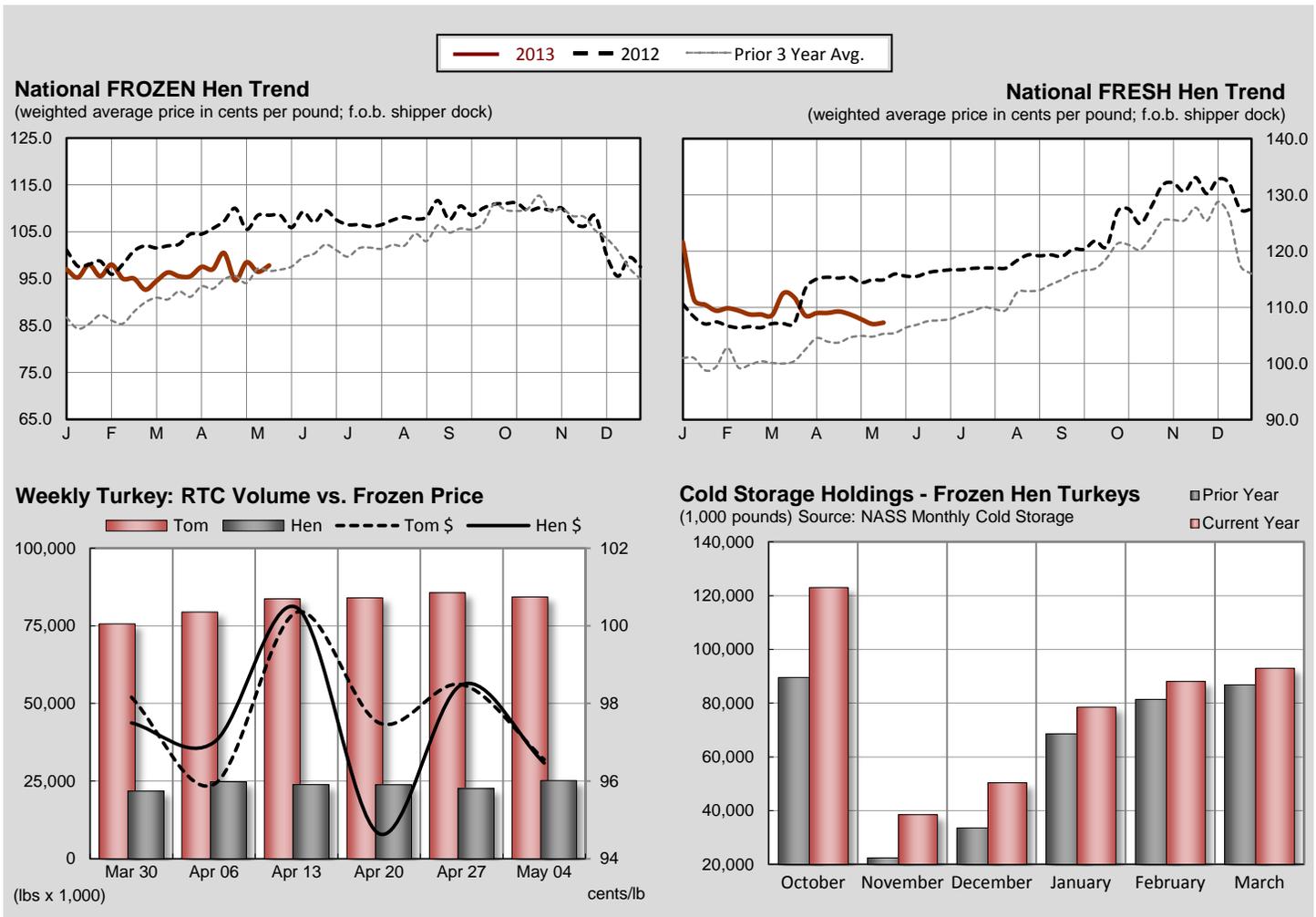
FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		April 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)	97.81	210	96.46	127	108.50 ¹		97.30	96.58	106.89
16-24 lb. (Toms)	98.00	156	96.56	90	104.00	40	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		April 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)	107.28	57.0	107.04	57.0	114.90	112.6	108.74	111.05	115.21
16-24 lb. (Toms)	106.17	48.0	106.17	48.0	114.08	60.0	107.86	112.00	115.33
Price To Be Determined:									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	2.0	--	2.0	--	2.5	--	--	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	2.0	--	2.0	--	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 9 MAY 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady with full cut wings instances weak. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and wing meat market is mixed, with breast trim and scapula steady to firm. The thigh meat market is steady, instances weak on frozen. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Trading for parts was slow to moderate, with most movement into export channels. For export: fresh mechanically separated turkey 30-30.50 cents, frozen scapula 120 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/		R	123.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	118.00		118.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	66.00	44
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	62.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	57.00	26
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00		44.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	54.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	76.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00		117.00	2
NECKS, TOM		W	42.00	48
NECKS, HEN		W	33.00	4
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	154.86	42
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	155.00	24
THIGH MEAT		W	110.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	117.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.00	88
SCAPULA MEAT		W	120.00	4
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS	146.00		146.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	148.00		148.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	36.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	36.00		36.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	64.00-65.00		64.87	310
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	43.00	360
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	75.00-78.00		76.42	228
TAILS	58.00		58.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	37.00	27
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	110.00	110

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/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	154.00-189.00		172.14	35	172.14	35
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	118.00	20	118.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	65.00-67.00		65.58	40	65.68	99
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	60.00-66.00		62.59	211	62.12	371
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	59.00		59.00	200	58.61	249
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	44.00		44.00	2	42.79	132
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	54.00	8	55.20	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	75.00		75.00	10	75.24	13
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	119.00		119.00	18	118.79	20
NECKS, TOM	40.00-42.00		40.06	62	41.26	270
NECKS, HEN		W	33.00	4	33.38	107
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	150.00-152.00		150.40	100	151.74	152
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	155.00	24	155.00	224
THIGH MEAT	117.00		117.00	2	112.14	42
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	115.00-119.00		116.40	146	116.47	166
BREAST TRIM MEAT	108.00		108.00	40	107.31	128
SCAPULA MEAT	119.00		119.00	40	119.13	46
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS		R	146.00	2	146.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	146.00		146.00	40	146.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	152.00		152.00	80	150.00	170
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	36.00	160	36.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	34.00-38.00		35.83	317	35.94	597

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	65.00		65.00	54	65.00	404
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	46.50		46.50	240	44.40	600
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	75.00-80.00		77.57	756	77.37	1,092
TAILS	56.50		56.50	40	57.20	216
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	37.00	27	37.00	27
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	105.00-107.0		106.00	648	106.85	798

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