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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 with some finding hens stronger than toms for current shipments. Demand light. Processor offerings of hens and 16-24 lb. toms light to moderate with some holding inventories with more confidence than others. 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 trading reported for current shipments. Trading light for deferred deliveries on frozen basted equivalent hens and 16-24 lb. toms at 102.50 cents fob for September deliveries.



The market on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins, and wing meat is steady with some increased sellers confidence found on breast meat. The market on breast trim and scapula is steady to firm. Demand moderate on breast meat and destrapped tenderloins with some finding inquiry more active on fresh tom breast meat. Demand on breast trim and scapula moderate to good. Offerings of breast trim and scapula light, wing meat, breast meat and tenderloins moderate. The market on tom drums is steady to firm, balance of tom bulk parts generally steady. Demand moderate to good on tom drums and light to moderate on the balance of tom bulk parts. Offerings light to moderate with tom drums held with most confidence. The market on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey is steady. Demand moderate on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Offerings of mechanically separated turkey light and thigh meat light to moderate. Trading

light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light to moderate. The market is steady with a steady to firm undertone on tom drums and generally steady on the balance of items. Demand and offerings mostly light to moderate.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 25-May-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,861	2,550	39	17	4,467
Avg Wt	17.33	40.26	27.31	30.58	30.56
Last week	1,792	2,443	13	3	4,251
Same wk yr ago	1,966	2,483	11	3	4,463
Avg Wt	16.67	40.43	29.58	49.44	30.00
To-date/2013*	36,026	52,830	502	248	89,606
To-date/2012*	37,810	52,915	451	153	91,329
% Change YTD	-5%	0%	11%	62%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,801	82,130	820	400	109,151
Last week	24,730	79,466	317	61	104,574
Same wk yr ago	26,220	80,508	246	112	107,086
To-date/2013*	494,100	1,719,713	10,402	5,370	2,229,585
To-date/2012*	509,972	1,731,612	9,083	3,957	2,254,624
% Change YTD	-3%	-1%	15%	36%	-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 25-May-13 (Preliminary)			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	-----Young turkeys-----					
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			Avg
North East	597	14	26.15	(A)	597	26.15
South Atlantic	620	13	40.47	(A)	620	40.47
North Central	2,170	3	32.44	(A)	2,183	32.44
South Central	741	-5	18.33	(A)	745	18.33
West	283	2	27.36	(A)	283	27.36
U.S. total	4,411 (B)	4	30.56	17	4,428	30.56
To-date						
2013*	89,358 (B)			248	89,606	
To-date						
2012*	91,176 (B)			153	91,329	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 39,000; for the current year to date* 502,000; for last year to date* 451,000.

*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 May 31, 2013

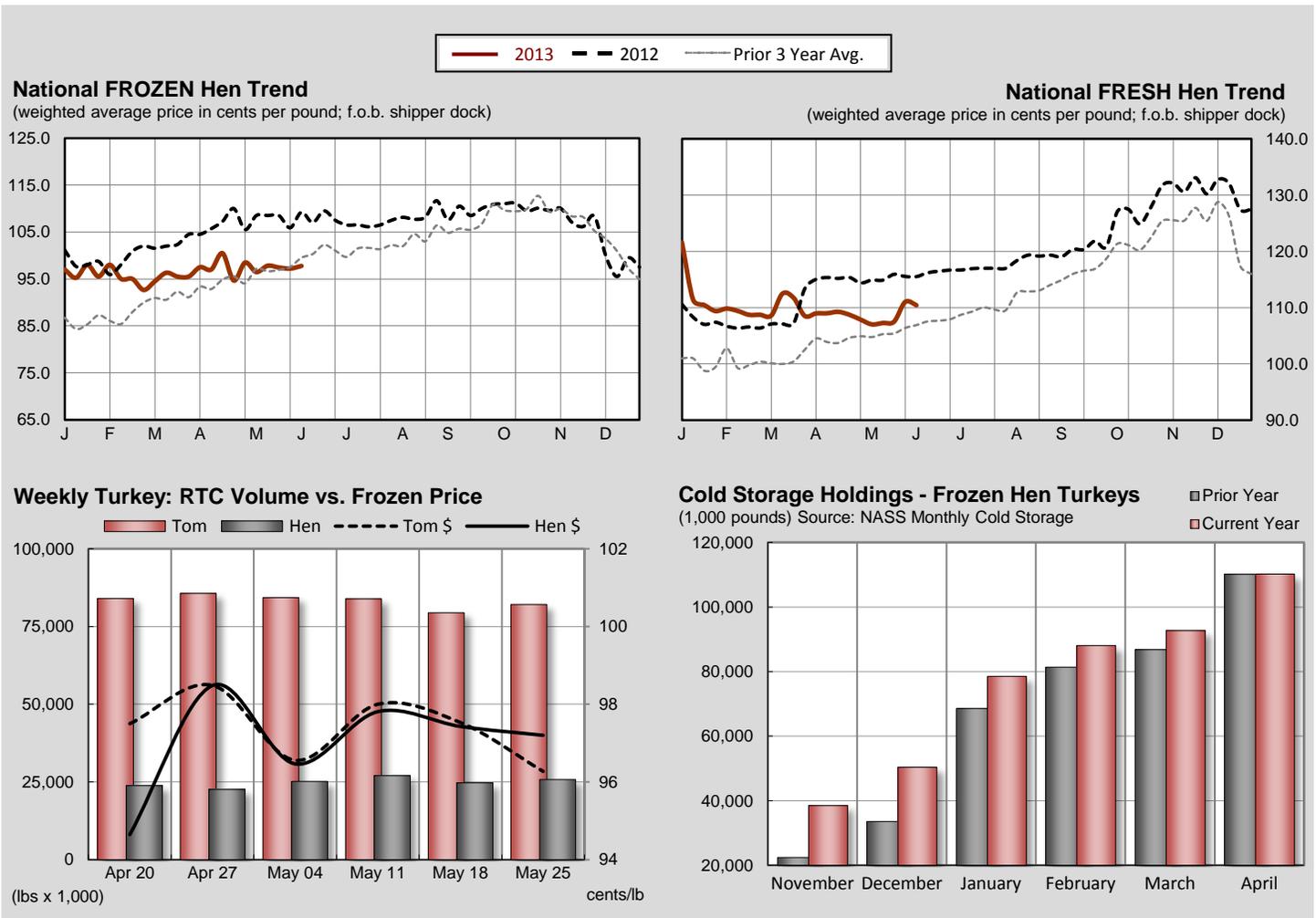
FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		May 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)	97.76	19	97.20	200	109.21	42	97.59	97.30	107.77
16-24 lb. (Toms)	96.59	11	96.27	44	108.41	32	96.88	96.45	108.86

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		May 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)	110.43	53.0	111.03	104.7	115.52	115.0	108.97	108.74	115.38
16-24 lb. (Toms)	109.73	44.0	106.17	48.0	114.08	60.0	106.83	107.86	114.30
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 30 MAY 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on breast trim and scapula was steady to firm, with the balance of white meat items steady. Demand ranged from light to good. Offerings was light to moderate. Thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Trading was slow for all items. For domestic: fresh full cut wings 42 cents, frozen tails 54 cents, fresh tails 56 cents, fresh whole tenders 146 cents, fresh tom necks 39 cents and grade A breast non basted 16-18 lbs. 160 cents For export: fresh tom drums 63 cents and tom necks 39 cents delivered border or port.

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	186.00	8
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	117.00		117.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	67.00-68.00		67.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	64.00		64.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	62.00		62.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00		47.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	53.00		53.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	74.54	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	37.00-41.00		38.54	57
NECKS, HEN	37.00		37.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	152.00		152.00	24
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	155.00	40
THIGH MEAT	109.00		109.00	36
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	117.00-118.00		117.33	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	111.00		111.00	4
SCAPULA MEAT	124.00-128.00		127.81	42
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS		F	146.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	148.00		148.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	37.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	36.00		36.00	160

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	70.00		70.00	216
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	42.64	336
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	75.00	324
TAILS	56.00		56.00	48
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	40.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	105.00	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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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	186.00	8		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	117.00	20	117.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	68.00		68.00	120	67.46	260
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	63.00-66.00		64.76	220	64.34	320
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	62.00	2	62.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	42.00-44.00		43.52	66	43.98	121
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	53.00	4	53.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	75.00		75.00	8	75.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	39.00-41.00		39.83	242	39.99	419
NECKS, HEN		R	37.00	8	37.00	48
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	152.00	24	152.00	24
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	155.00	40		
THIGH MEAT		R	109.00	36	109.00	36
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	115.00-117.00		116.21	132	116.78	292
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	111.00	4	111.00	4
SCAPULA MEAT	124.00		124.00	34	126.11	76
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	86.00		86.00	40	86.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	146.00	2		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		R	148.00	60	148.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	37.00	40	37.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	34.00-36.00		35.62	394	35.73	554
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	70.00	216	70.00	216
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	42.64	336		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	75.00	324		
TAILS		R	56.00	48	56.00	48
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	40.00	40		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	105.00-106.0		105.25	160	105.20	200

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