



# TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market on fresh whole turkeys is steady. The market on frozen hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady with a steady to weak undertone. Demand light to moderate with hens the most active. Offerings of fresh hens and 16-24 lb. toms very light to sometimes moderate. Offerings of frozen hens very light to sometimes moderate and 16-24 lb. toms generally moderate. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 99.00-108.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 99.00-103.00 cents fob for current shipments. Frozen trading light centering on basted equivalent hens at 103.50-107.50 cents fob for current deliveries.

The market on white meat and white trims is steady. Demand moderate on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, balance light to moderate. Offerings light. The market on tom drums is steady while tom wings and tom necks are mixed, mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate with availability varying by seller. The market on fresh thigh meat is steady to firm, mostly steady for current shipments. The frozen thigh meat market is steady. Demand light to moderate, with fresh the most active. Offerings of fresh thigh meat very light to light and frozen light. Trading light.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light with activity also found on hen drums, tom necks, and tom defatted gizzards. The market is generally steady with some spot weakness found on tom necks. Demand light. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate.

### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week ending 30-Nov-2013 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
----- Thousands -----					
Head	933	1,630	0	0	2,563
Avg Wt	16.52	39.98	0.00	0.00	31.44
Last week	2,400	2,589	24	11	5,024
Same wk yr ago	1,806	2,712	58	6	4,582
Avg Wt	16.69	40.68	26.02	37.99	31.04
To-date/2013*	87,507	120,017	1,050	300	208,874
To-date/2012*	88,369	124,815	1,352	344	214,880
% Change YTD	-1%	-4%	-22%	-13%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	12,331	52,134	0	0	64,465
Last week	31,162	82,102	475	233	113,972
Same wk yr ago	24,114	88,259	1,147	173	113,693
To-date/2013*	1,200,466	3,842,845	21,890	6,520	5,071,721
To-date/2012*	1,196,938	3,967,370	26,752	8,611	5,199,971
% Change YTD	0%	-3%	-18%	-24%	-2%
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Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

### TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week ending 30-Nov-2013 (Preliminary)

	Thousand Head	Pct chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	Avg Live wt
----- Young Turkeys -----						
-- Thousand head--						
North East	354	-52	27.45	(A)	354	27.45
South Atlantic	334	-57	37.98	(A)	334	37.98
North Central	1,256	-43	34.26	(A)	1,256	34.26
South Central	458	-46	18.58	(A)	458	18.58
West	161	-61	34.13	(A)	161	34.13
U.S. total	2,563 (B)	-49	31.44	0	2,563	31.44
To-date 2013*	208,574 (B)			300	208,874	
To-date 2012*	214,536 (B)			344	214,880	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this this week 0,000; for the current year to date\* 1,050,000; for last year to date\* 1,352,000.

**WEEKLY NATIONAL FRESH AND FROZEN WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending December 06, 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	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume
	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	101.45	1,209	101.64	1,602	99.97	3,840
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	100.51	530	103.17	120	99.98	2,580

November Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
105.64	106.75	108.86
104.49	105.68	110.46

<sup>1</sup> based on offers.

**FRESH Whole Body Turkeys** - with timers; for delivery within the next seven days.

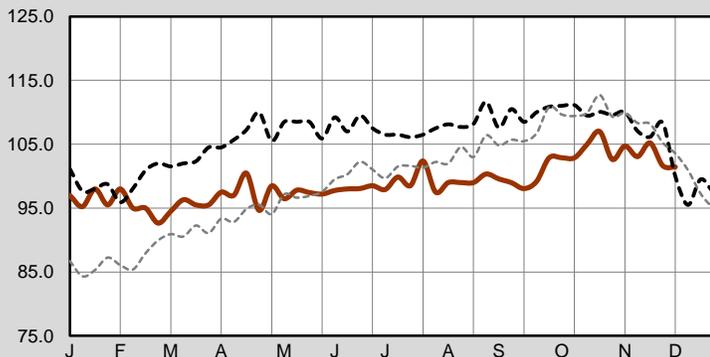
U.S. Grade A - FRESH	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year	
	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume
	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	125.49	53.0	126.41	29.4	132.78	4,468.0
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	124.75	48.0	129.00	2.0	132.48	2,125.0
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>						
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	--	5.0	--	--	--	325.0
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	--	5.0	--	--	--	325.0

November Averages		
This Month	Last Month	Last Year
127.16	120.21	131.98
128.79	120.67	132.27
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**National FROZEN Hen Trend**

(weighted average price in cents per pound; f.o.b. shipper dock)

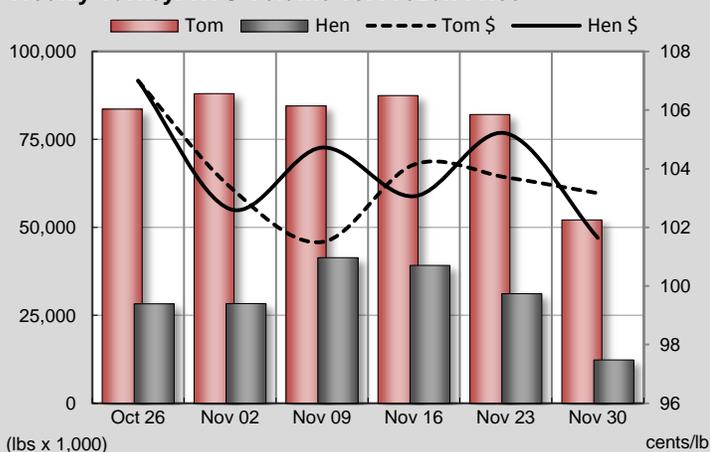


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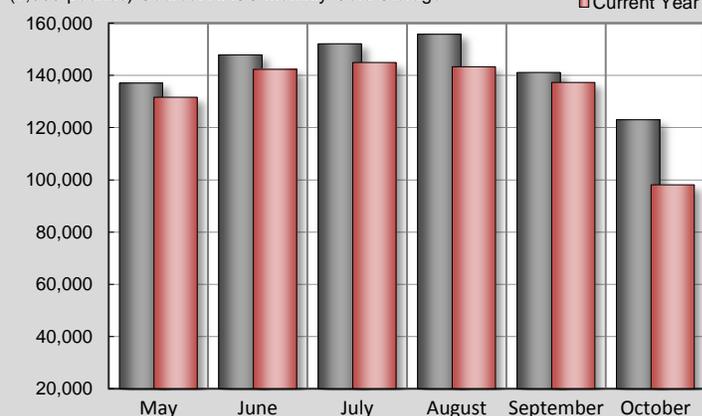


**Weekly Turkey: RTC Volume vs. Frozen Price**



**Cold Storage Holdings - Frozen Hen Turkeys**

(1,000 pounds) Source: NASS Monthly Cold Storage



**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**

INCLUDING BULK MEAT AND FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 DECEMBER 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on white meat and white trims is steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light. Thigh meat market was steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings was light. Mechanically separated turkey was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Trading slow. For domestic: fresh tails 57 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	120.00		120.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	154.00-179.00		167.00	25
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	116.00		116.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	102.03	62
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	99.00		99.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	100.00	4
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	65.98	86
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	82.00	66
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	64.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	118.00	4
NECKS, TOM	70.00		70.00	2
NECKS, HEN		W	68.00	44
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	207.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	215.00-216.00		215.35	123
THIGH MEAT	153.00		153.00	13
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	155.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	143.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	181.00-183.00		182.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	45.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	45.00-47.00		45.75	320
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	101.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	67.00-69.00		67.67	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

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/	118.00		118.00	40	119.33	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	167.00	25	167.00	25
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00		99.00	40	107.00	73
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	102.00-105.00		104.40	50	102.48	172
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	98.00		98.00	80	98.17	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	100.00-105.00		102.94	68	102.78	72
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	64.00-71.00		66.19	212	66.39	358
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	82.00	66	82.00	66
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	64.00		64.00	10	64.00	70
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	118.00	4	118.00	4
NECKS, TOM	61.00-72.00		64.68	158	66.24	356
NECKS, HEN		W	68.00	44	68.00	44
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	202.00		202.00	200	202.83	240
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	216.00		216.00	145	215.46	593
THIGH MEAT	152.00-155.00		152.70	87	152.74	100
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	155.00-157.00		156.00	80	155.00	180
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	143.00	40		
SCAPULA MEAT						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
TENDERLOINS	158.00		158.00	2	158.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	170.00		170.00	2	170.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		R	182.00	80	182.27	220
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	45.00	80	44.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	46.00-47.00		46.60	200	46.31	640

## EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	103.00		103.00	108	103.00	108
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	67.67	162	67.67	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	62.00		62.00	216	62.00	216
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN						

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