



# TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

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## National Turkey Market At-A-Glance

**Domestic Market Highlights** The market on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady to firm. Demand light. Frozen domestic processor offerings of Grade A 8-16 lb. hens are short to very light and 16-24 lb. toms are very light to light. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for 8-16 lb. hens are 114.00-119.00 cents FOB and 16-24 lb. tom offerings at 114.00-119.00 cents FOB for current deliveries. No trading reported.

The white meat and white trim markets are mostly firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings range from short of buyers' needs to light at best. Industry members continue to find improved interest into further processed channels. The market on consumer sized breasts is steady to firm while institutional sized breasts are steady with a steady to firm undertone. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts short of needs while heavier sizes are very light to light. The market on tom bulk parts is mostly firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings of tom bulk parts short to light. The thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey (MST) markets are steady to firm with thigh meat strongest. Some buyer resistance noted on MST at the higher trending prices. Demand good on thigh meat. MST demand is moderate to good with the upcoming Memorial Holiday weekend influencing buying decisions. Offerings short to light. Trading slow to moderately heavy, mostly slow to moderate with activity centered on fresh tom breast meat.

**Export Market Highlights** Trading moderately heavy on tom drums, balance slow. The market is steady to mostly firm. Demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good. Offerings short to light.

### Weekly National Whole Young Turkeys

**Frozen** - 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)	114.00	20	119.00	280	103.40	1
16-24 lb. (Toms)	114.00	20	117.35	382	105.00	80

<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 (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	130.63	73.0	127.75	73.0	121.52	108.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	131.40	50.0	129.20	50.0	120.11	45.0

**Priced At Time Of Sale:**

8-16 lb. (Hens)	130.63	73.0	127.75	73.0	121.52	108.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	131.40	50.0	129.20	50.0	120.11	45.0

**Price To Be Determined:**

8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	--	--	--	2.0	--
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	--	--	--	2.0	--

### Week Ending 08-May-2021 (Preliminary)

#### Turkeys Slaughtered In Federally Inspected Plants

	----- Young turkeys -----			Old Breeders	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
North East	637	64	29.43	(A)	637	29.43
South Atlantic	197	13	33.96	(A)	197	33.96
North Central	2,285	4	36.42	(A)	2,286	36.42
South Central	641	-2	19.38	(A)	641	19.38
West	92	5	38.02	(A)	92	38.02
U.S. total	3,852 (B)	10	32.34	1	3,853	32.34
To-date						
2021*	69,585 (B)			198	69,783	
To-date						
2020*	75,077 (B)			230	75,307	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 7,000; for the current year to date\* 285,000; for last year to date\* 260,000.

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

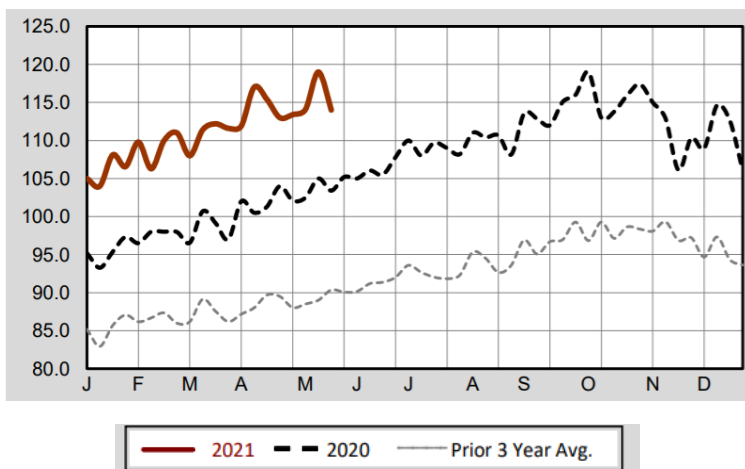
#### Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
Head	1,824	2,021	7	1	3,853
Avg Wt	17.04	46.16	26.72	36.64	32.34
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	1,664	1,827	0	11	3,502
Same wk yr ago	1,669	2,077	27	35	3,808
Avg Wt	16.09	43.28	28.51	26.44	31.1
To-date/2021*	29,711	39,589	285	198	69,783
To-date/2020*	30,780	44,037	260	230	75,307
% Change YTD	-3%	-10%	10%	-14%	-7%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,020	75,098	145	28	100,291
Last week	22,571	64,712	0	239	87,522
Same wk yr ago	21,618	72,364	597	717	95,296
To-date/2021*	402,748	1,440,830	6,736	4,619	1,854,933
To-date/2020*	412,607	1,560,255	5,861	5,265	1,983,988
% Change YTD	-2%	-8%	15%	-12%	-7%
Dressing %	80.50%	80.50%	77.50%	77.50%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

**National FROZEN Hen Trend**  
(weighted average price in cents per pound; f.o.b. shipper dock)



### Weekly Cold Storage Holdings – in Selected Centers, Includes Government Stocks in Thousands of Pounds

	5/10/2021	5/1/2021	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
Processed Turkeys	65,174	64,484	690	1%

#### Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed Turkey	5/10/2021	05/03/21	05/11/20
Pacific without Denver:	458	497	199
Los Angeles:	139	131	154

**National Young Turkey Parts** - Bulk Meat and Frozen (Unless Specified), Delivered First Receivers, Part and Full Trucklots.

The white meat, white trims, tom bulk parts, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey markets are mostly firm. Demand is moderate to good. Demand continued to improve into further processed channels on white items. White meat and white trim offerings short to very light. Tom bulk parts offerings short to light. Mechanically separated turkey offerings are short to light and thigh meat short to very light. Trading slow to moderately heavy, mostly moderate to moderately heavy. For domestic: fresh tom necks 63, frozen tails 125 cents delivered.

<b>Domestic Trading</b>	<b>wtd avg (cents/lb.)</b>	<b>Weekly volume (000 lbs.)</b>
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/	142.00	9
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/	170.80	20
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/		
Drumsticks, Tom	108.63	679
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	84.64	658
Drumsticks, Hen	92.64	44
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	90.86	443
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	77.00	4
Wings, V-Type, Tom	103.00	280
Wings, V-Type, Hen		
Necks, Tom	61.23	644
Necks, Hen	70.00	4
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/		
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	197.35	1,960
Thigh Meat	178.88	32
Thigh Meat--Fresh	181.89	380
Breast Trim Meat	109.78	90
Scapula Meat		
Wing Meat With Skin		
Tenderloins		
Destrapped Tenders		
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh	174.50	160
Mechanically Separated 4/	60.00	40
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	62.95	820
<b>Export Trading</b>		
Drumsticks, Toms	114.25	712
Wings Full-Cut - Toms	100.00	108
Wings, V-Type, Tom		
Tails	141.00	80
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.