



# 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 is light to moderate, mostly light. Frozen domestic processor offerings of Grade A 8-16 lb. hens are short to 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 111.00-118.00 cents FOB and 16-24 lb. tom offerings at 111.00-118.00 cents FOB for current deliveries. Trading slow on frozen basted equivalent 16-24 lb. toms at 118 cents FOB for current shipments.

The white meat and white trim markets are steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings short to light. The market on consumer sized breasts is steady to firm while institutional sizes are steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts short of needs while heavier sizes are light. The tom neck market is steady to instances firm, balance of tom bulk parts steady to mostly firm. Demand light to moderate on tom necks, balance of tom parts moderate to good. Tom neck offerings are light, balance of tom bulk parts short to light. The thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey markets are steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings very light to light. Trading slow to moderate with activity centering on fresh tom breast meat.

**Export Market Highlights** Trading slow with activity also noted on fresh tom drums and necks. The market on tom bulk parts is steady to firm with necks steadiest. Demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good. Offerings short to moderate, mostly 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)	114.10 <sup>1</sup>		113.40 <sup>1</sup>		102.50 <sup>1</sup>	
16-24 lb. (Toms)	118.00	86	110.56	27	102.50 <sup>1</sup>	

<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.)
<b>Priced At Time Of Sale:</b>						
8-16 lb. (Hens)	127.75	73.0	127.62	73.0	120.46	118.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	129.20	50.0	129.00	50.0	119.89	45.0
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>						
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--		--			2.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--		--			2.0

### Week Ending 24-Apr-2021 (Preliminary)

#### Turkeys Slaughtered In Federally Inspected Plants

- Thousand Head-	Young turkeys-		Old Breeders		Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt		
North East	544	7	29.37 (A)	544	29.37	
South Atlantic	209	-58	30.76 (A)	209	30.76	
North Central	2,150	1	35.49 (A)	2,161	35.49	
South Central	511	-30	19.63 (A)	515	19.63	
West	77	15	38.20 (A)	77	38.20	
U.S. total	3,491 (B)	-11	31.99	15	3,506	31.97
To-date						
2021*	62,242 (B)			186	62,428	
To-date						
2020*	67,319 (B)			150	67,469	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 1,000; for the current year to date\* 278,000; for last year to date\* 208,000.

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

#### Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
Head	1,615	1,875	1	15	3,506
Avg Wt	17.25	44.66	58.87	27.42	31.97
<b>Head Slaughter Comparisons</b>					
Last week	1,686	2,235	8	31	3,960
Same wk yr ago	1,742	2,199	34	0	3,975
Avg Wt	16.4	43.77	28.43	0	31.64
To-date/2021*	26,223	35,741	278	186	62,428
To-date/2020*	27,363	39,748	208	150	67,469
% Change YTD	-4%	-10%	34%	24%	-7%

#### Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	22,426	67,409	46	319	90,200
Last week	22,489	81,557	153	771	104,970
Same wk yr ago	22,998	77,481	749	0	101,228
To-date/2021*	355,157	1,301,020	6,591	4,352	1,667,120
To-date/2020*	369,052	1,409,364	4,638	3,568	1,786,622
% Change YTD	-4%	-8%	42%	22%	-7%

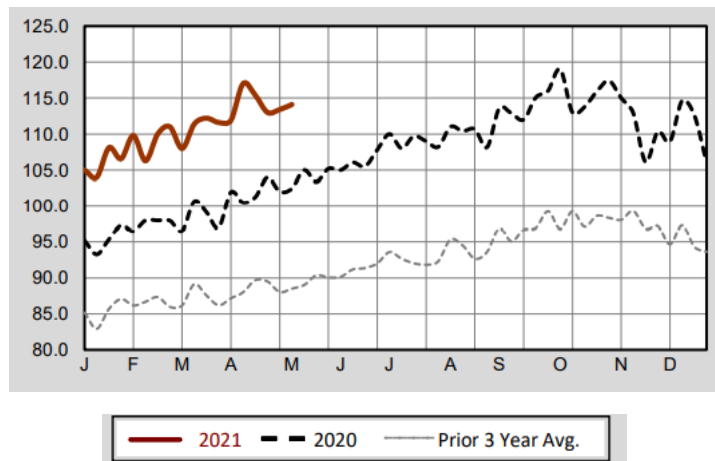
Dressing % 80.50% 80.50% 77.50% 77.50%

(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

	4/26/2021	4/1/2021	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
<b>Processed Turkeys</b>	65,881	65,270	611	1%

#### Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed Turkey	4/26/2021	04/19/21	04/27/20
<b>Pacific without Denver:</b>	505	504	202
<b>Los Angeles:</b>	131	141	158

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

The white meat and white trim markets are steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings short to light. The tom necks market is steady to instances firm, balance of tom parts steady to mostly firm. Tom bulk parts demand light to good, mostly moderate to good. Offerings short to light with tom necks the most available. Thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey (MST) market steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings short to light. Trading slow to moderate. For domestic: thigh trim 70 cents FOB, fresh scapula 130-135, defatted gizzards 115, fresh tom necks 62, tails - fresh 130, frozen 122-140, fresh MST 55 (pet food) cents delivered. For export (fresh): tom necks 60 (June), tom drums 79 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	200
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/	170.80	20
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/		
Drumsticks, Tom	99.77	289
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	79.00	240
Drumsticks, Hen	86.00	40
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	84.74	229
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		
Wings, V-Type, Tom	89.00	160
Wings, V-Type, Hen	205.00	80
Necks, Tom	59.20	316
Necks, Hen	57.00	40
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/		
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	172.45	800
Thigh Meat	168.05	84
Thigh Meat--Fresh	166.54	282
Breast Trim Meat	92.00	80
Scapula Meat		
Wing Meat With Skin		
Tenderloins		
Destrapped Tenders		
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh	156.57	280
Mechanically Separated 4/	63.00	20
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	59.82	878
<b>Export Trading</b>		
Drumsticks, Toms	108.16	418
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		
Wings, V-Type, Tom	105.00	216
Tails	126.33	120
Mechanically Separated 4/		
Thigh Meat - Frozen	170.00	120

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.