



# 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 with hens strongest. Frozen demand light to moderate. 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 109.00-117.00 cents FOB and 16-24 lb. tom offerings at 109.00-116.00 cents FOB for current deliveries. Trading slow for current shipments, moderate for deferred. Frozen basted equivalent 8-16 lb. hens traded at 116 cents FOB for current shipments and frozen basted equivalent 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms at 114 cents FOB July.

The fresh tom breast meat market is steady, frozen tom breast steady to firm. The tenderloin markets are steady with steady to firm undertones. The white trim markets are steady to firm. Demand is light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings light to moderate, instances short on scapula. The tom neck market is steady to weak. The balance of tom bulk parts are steady to firm with spot unsettledness noted on fresh tom wings. Demand is light to moderate on tom necks, balance of parts are moderate to good. Offerings are at least moderate on tom necks, light to moderate on the remainder of tom bulk parts. The thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey markets are steady to firm. Demand moderate to good for the light to very light offerings. Trading is slow to moderate.

**Export Market Highlights** Trading slow. The market on tom necks is steady at best, balance steady to instances firm. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings very light to moderate.

### 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)       | 115.39             | 33                | 117.00             | 600               | 101.30             | <sup>1</sup>      |
| 16-24 lb. (Toms)      | 109.00             | 12                | 108.00             | 20                | 101.30             | <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.) |
| 8-16 lb. (Hens)      | 127.39             | 74.0              | 128.15             | 65.0              | 121.29             | 108.0             |
| 16-24 lb. (Toms)     | 129.56             | 45.0              | 129.56             | 45.0              | 119.56             | 45.0              |

**Price At Time Of Sale:**

|                  |        |      |        |      |        |       |
|------------------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|-------|
| 8-16 lb. (Hens)  | 127.39 | 74.0 | 128.15 | 65.0 | 121.29 | 108.0 |
| 16-24 lb. (Toms) | 129.56 | 45.0 | 129.56 | 45.0 | 119.56 | 45.0  |

**Price To Be Determined:**

|                  |    |    |    |    |      |    |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|------|----|
| 8-16 lb. (Hens)  | -- | -- | -- | -- | 82.0 | -- |
| 16-24 lb. (Toms) | -- | -- | -- | -- | 22.0 | -- |

### Week Ending 03-Apr-2021 (Preliminary)

#### Turkeys Slaughtered In Federally Inspected Plants

| -Thousand Head- | ----- Young turkeys ----- |             |          | Old               | Total turkeys |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|
|                 | Pct Chg Prev wk           | Avg Live wt | Breeders | --Thousand head-- | Avg Live wt   |
| North East      | 154                       | -73         | 20.88    | (A)               | 154 20.88     |
| South Atlantic  | 311                       | -36         | 43.91    | (A)               | 311 43.91     |
| North Central   | 1,899                     | -11         | 34.8     | (A)               | 1,906 34.8    |
| South Central   | 417                       | -45         | 18.44    | (A)               | 419 18.44     |
| West            | 57                        | -11         | 42.21    | (A)               | 57 42.21      |
| U.S. total      | 2,838 (B)                 | -30         | 32.78    | 9                 | 2,847 32.77   |
| To-date         |                           |             |          |                   |               |
| 2021*           | 51,187 (B)                |             |          | 140               | 51,327        |
| To-date         |                           |             |          |                   |               |
| 2020*           | 56,546 (B)                |             |          | 135               | 56,681        |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 35,000; for the current year to date\* 255,000; for last year to date\* 144,000.

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

#### Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

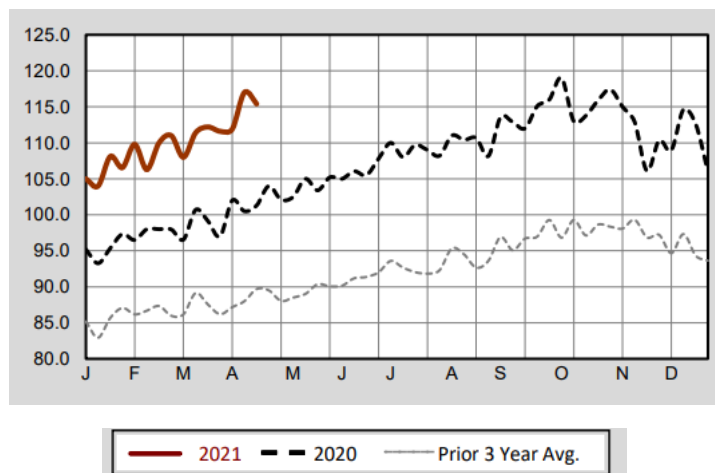
| Head   | Young   |           | Breeders |       | Total     |
|--|---------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|
|  | Hens    | Toms      | Young    | Old   | Turkeys   |
| Head   | 1,210   | 1,593     | 35       | 9     | 2,847     |
| Avg Wt                                       | 16.41   | 45.08     | 38.95    | 27.09 | 32.77     |
| Head Slaughter Comparisons                   |         |           |          |       |           |
| Last week                                    | 1,773   | 2,244     | 13       | 1     | 4,031     |
| Same wk yr ago                               | 1,657   | 2,371     | 8        | 11    | 4,047     |
| Avg Wt                                       | 16.09   | 43.56     | 30.91    | 38.82 | 32.28     |
| To-date/2021*                                | 21,235  | 29,697    | 255      | 140   | 51,327    |
| To-date/2020*                                | 22,686  | 33,716    | 144      | 135   | 56,681    |
| % Change YTD                                 | -6%     | -12%      | 77%      | 4%    | -9%       |
| Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage |         |           |          |       |           |
| Current week                                 | 15,984  | 57,809    | 1,057    | 189   | 75,039    |
| Last week                                    | 24,777  | 82,409    | 313      | 29    | 107,528   |
| Same wk yr ago                               | 21,462  | 83,141    | 192      | 331   | 105,126   |
| To-date/2021*                                | 287,522 | 1,081,325 | 6,068    | 3,262 | 1,378,177 |
| To-date/2020*                                | 307,031 | 1,196,142 | 3,240    | 3,201 | 1,509,614 |
| % Change YTD                                 | -6%     | -10%      | 87%      | 2%    | -9%       |

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

|                   | 4/5/2021 | 4/1/2021 | Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds | % Change from First of the Month |
|-------------------|----------|----------|--|----------------------------------|
| Processed Turkeys | 64,991   | 65,270   | -279   | 0%                               |

#### Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

| Processed Turkey        | 4/5/2021 | 03/29/21 | 04/06/20 |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Pacific without Denver: | 552      | 511      | 222      |
| Los Angeles:            | 135      | 140      | 166      |

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

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| <b>Domestic Trading</b>             | <b>wtd avg<br/>(cents/lb.)</b> | <b>Weekly<br/>volume<br/>(000 lbs.)</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/        | 144.00                         | 2                                       |
| Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/ | 171.65                         | 20                                      |
| Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/    |                                |   |
| Drumsticks, Tom                     | 96.76                          | 465                                     |
| Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh              | 79.00                          | 40                                      |
| Drumsticks, Hen                     | 79.00                          | 92                                      |
| Wings, Full-Cut, Tom                | 76.59                          | 293                                     |
| Wings, Full-Cut, Hen                | 67.00                          | 15                                      |
| Wings, V-Type, Tom                  | 85.19                          | 417                                     |
| Wings, V-Type, Hen                  | 205.00                         | 40                                      |
| Necks, Tom                          | 57.87                          | 507                                     |
| Necks, Hen                          | 71.17                          | 59                                      |
| Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/                | 142.00                         | 7                                       |
| Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/         | 167.00                         | 760                                     |
| Thigh Meat                          | 146.83                         | 58                                      |
| Thigh Meat--Fresh                   | 150.80                         | 100                                     |
| Breast Trim Meat                    | 88.00                          | 4                                       |
| Scapula Meat                        | 114.18                         | 22                                      |
| Wing Meat With Skin                 |                                |   |
| Tenderloins                         |                                |   |
| Destrapped Tenders                  | 115.00                         | 10                                      |
| Destrapped Tenders--Fresh           | 144.00                         | 360                                     |
| Mechanically Separated 4/           | 46.00                          | 20                                      |
| Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/    | 53.20                          | 514                                     |
| <b>Export Trading</b>               |                                |   |
| Drumsticks, Toms                    | 100.00                         | 398                                     |
| Wings Full-Cut - Toms               | 81.50                          | 216                                     |
| Wings, V-Type, Tom                  | 85.00                          | 232                                     |
| Tails                               | 120.00                         | 80                                      |
| Mechanically Separated 4/           |                                |   |
| Thigh Meat - Frozen                 | 159.08                         | 98                                      |

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.