



# TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

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## National Turkey Market At-A-Glance

**Domestic Market Highlights** The market on fresh 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady to firm. The market on frozen 8-16 lb. hens is steady to firm. The frozen 16-24 lb. tom market is mostly steady. November fresh demand is moderate to good. Demand for 8-16 lb. frozen hens is in a full range light to good, mostly moderate. Frozen 16-24 lb. tom demand is light to moderate. Fresh offerings are light to moderate. Frozen processor offerings of Grade A 8-16 lb. hens are very light to short of full needs and 16-24 lb. toms are light to moderate. Frozen 2020 Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for 8-16 lb. hens are 108.00-117.00 cents FOB and 16-24 lb. toms 106.00-115.00 cents FOB for current deliveries. No trading reported.

The fresh white meat and white trim markets are steady. The undertone on frozen white meat and trim markets is steady to weak. Demand is light to moderate. Fresh offerings are moderate, while frozen offerings are moderate to moderately heavy. The market on tom necks is steady to instances weak. The balance of tom bulk parts is steady to firm for frozen; mostly steady for fresh. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate with frozen tom drums and v-type wings in the tightest position. The thigh meat market is steady to firm. Demand is moderate. Offerings are light. The mechanically separated turkey (MST) market is steady. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings are light. Trading continues to be reported as slow.

**Export Market Highlights** Trading is slow. The market on tom drums and tails is steady to firm and mostly steady for the balance of items. Demand and offerings are 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)	112.00 <sup>1</sup>		112.87	155	94.17	700
16-24 lb. (Toms)	110.50 <sup>1</sup>		112.00	40	95.41	301

<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)	123.89	90.0	123.49	98.0	108.56	108.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	125.22	45.0	125.22	45.0	107.96	76.0

**Priced At Time Of Sale:**

8-16 lb. (Hens)	123.89	90.0	123.49	98.0	108.56	108.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	125.22	45.0	125.22	45.0	107.96	76.0

**Price To Be Determined:**

8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	3.0	--	3.0		2.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--		--			2.0

### Week Ending 05-Sep-2020 (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	535	-11	28.21	(A)	535	28.21
South Atlantic	475	-13	38.45	(A)	475	38.45
North Central	2,211	-3	34.1	(A)	2,217	34.1
South Central	692	-18	17.53	(A)	694	17.53
West	167	-17	30	(A)	167	30
U.S. total	4,080 (B)	-9	30.86	8	4,088	30.85
To-date						
2020*	143,382 (B)			441	143,823	
To-date						
2019*	144,027 (B)			441	144,468	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 33,000; for the current year to date\* 570,000; for last year to date\* 599,000.

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

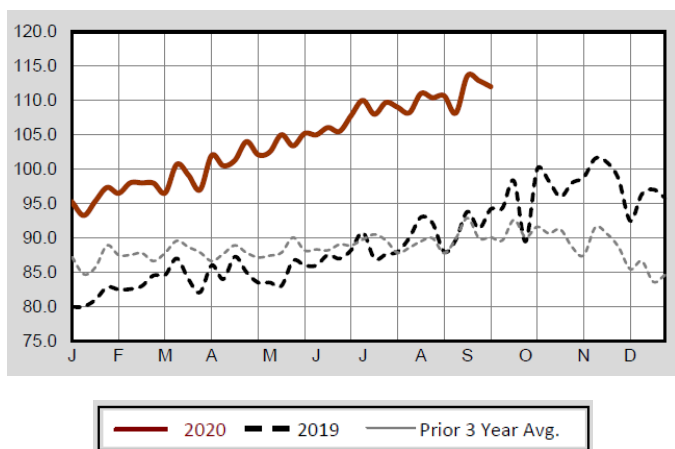
#### Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
Head	1,891	2,156	33	8	4,088
Avg Wt	16.65	43.37	27.98	28.84	30.85
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	2,060	2,390	20	53	4,523
Same wk yr ago	1,512	1,924	13	0	3,449
Avg Wt	16.62	42.38	34.31	0	31.07
To-date/2020*	60,816	81,996	570	441	143,823
To-date/2019*	59,623	83,805	599	441	144,468
% Change YTD	2%	-2%	-5%	0%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,346	75,272	716	179	101,513
Last week	27,992	82,557	419	1,219	112,187
Same wk yr ago	20,229	65,639	346	0	86,214
To-date/2020*	815,317	2,892,466	12,676	10,273	3,730,732
To-date/2019*	827,727	2,933,790	13,734	10,215	3,785,466
% Change YTD	-1%	-1%	-8%	1%	-1%
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

	9/7/2020	9/1/2020	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
Processed Turkeys	95,442	133,370	-37,928	-28%

#### Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed Turkey	9/7/2020	08/31/20	09/09/19
Pacific without Denver:	319	334	210
Los Angeles:	169	169	154

**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 (cents/lb.)</b>	<b>Weekly volume (000 lbs.)</b>
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/		
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/	169.80	20
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/		
Drumsticks, Tom	65.00	80
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	53.00	80
Drumsticks, Hen	73.00	40
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	59.00	60
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		
Wings, V-Type, Tom	85.00	40
Wings, V-Type, Hen		
Necks, Tom	71.07	300
Necks, Hen		
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/		
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	180.33	60
Thigh Meat		
Thigh Meat--Fresh	116.00	144
Breast Trim Meat		
Scapula Meat		
Wing Meat With Skin		
Tenderloins		
Destrapped Tenders		
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh	140.00	120
Mechanically Separated 4/		
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	36.00	320
<b>Export Trading</b>		
Drumsticks, Toms	83.00	216
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		
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.