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National Turkey Market At-A-Glance

Domestic Market Highlights The market on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24lb. toms is steady to firm. Demand light to moderate. Fresh inquiry for November shipments light to moderate. Processor offerings of frozen Grade A 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms very light to moderate with 8-12 lb. hens the least available. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for 8-16 lb. hens are 86.00-95.00 cents FOB and 16-24 lb. toms 86.00-95.00 cents FOB for current deliveries. No trading reported.

The market on tenderloins and fresh tom breast meat steady, frozen tom breast meat steady to weak. The market on white trims is steady to firm. The market on 4-8 lb. breasts is generally steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of frozen tom breast meat moderate to moderately heavy, balance of white meat and white trims light to moderate. Further processed demand moderate to good. The market on institutional sized bone-in breasts are steady to instances firm with some not seeing the strength others are. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The tom bulk parts markets are steady to weak, mostly steady. The market on hen 2-joint wings is steady to instances firm with a few finding small sized product short of needs with the balance of hen parts mostly steady. Demand light to moderate, instances good. Offerings mixed, mostly moderate. The thigh meat market is steady with mixed undertones. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The mechanically separated turkey (MST) market is generally steady with fresh strongest. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading slow to moderate with fresh MST the most active.

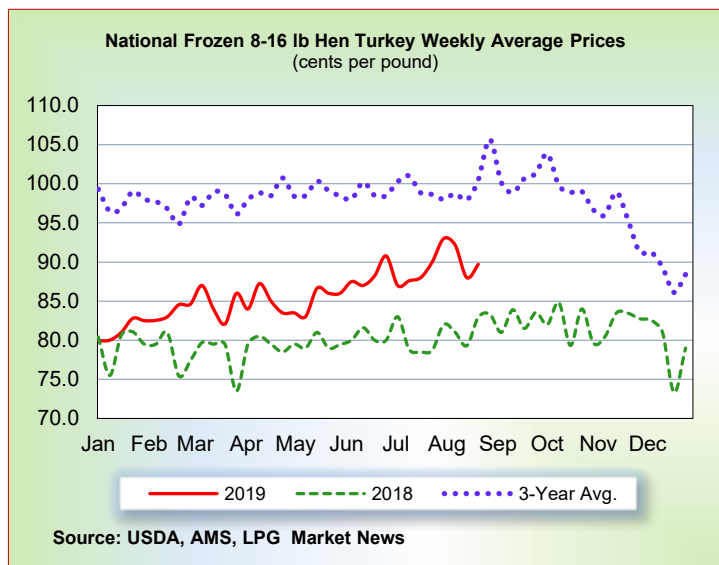
Export Market Highlights Trading slow with activity reported on fresh thigh meat. The market on tom bulk parts is steady to weak, mostly steady with the balance of items generally steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate.

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	
	w td avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	w td avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	w td avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	89.71	280	88.00	80	82.94	606
16-24 lb. (Toms)	89.50	240	88.00	80	80.31	320

¹ based on offers.



Fresh - with timers; for delivery within the next seven days.

U.S. Grade A - FRESH	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year	
	w td avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	w td avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	w td avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	107.86	110.0	107.30	113.0	99.48	73.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	106.99	78.0	106.36	81.0	95.85	47.0

Priced At Time Of Sale:

8-16 lb. (Hens)	107.86	110.0	107.30	113.0	99.48	73.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	106.99	78.0	106.36	81.0	95.85	47.0

Price To Be Determined:

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

Week Ending 17-Aug-2019 (Preliminary)

Turkeys Slaughtered In Federally Inspected Plants

	----- Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders --Thousand head--	Total turkeys Avg Live wt
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		
North East	481	-30	34.59	(A)	481 34.59
South Atlantic	478	-21	45.98	(A)	478 45.98
North Central	2,262	2	30.41	(A)	2,264 30.41
South Central	742	-7	18.41	(A)	743 18.41
West	162	-15	30.82	(A)	162 30.82
U.S. total	4,125 (B)	-8	32.60	3	4,128 32.60
To-date					
2019*	131,990 (B)			418	132,408
To-date					
2018*	135,924 (B)			97	136,021

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 8,000; for the current year to date* 555,000; for last year to date* 811,000.

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

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
Head	1,710	2,407	8	3	4,128
Avg Wt	16.53	44.02	30.84	30.46	32.60
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	2,004	2,485	11	27	4,527
Same wk yr ago	1,959	2,323	115	0	4,397
Avg Wt	16.16	41.65	22.56	0.00	29.80
To-date/2019*	54,430	77,005	555	418	132,408
To-date/2018*	56,141	78,972	811	97	136,021
% Change YTD	-3%	-2%	-32%	331%	-3%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	22,754	85,295	191	71	108,311
Last week	27,634	83,938	269	617	112,458
Same wk yr ago	25,484	77,886	2,011	0	105,381
To-date/2019*	758,639	2,703,226	12,733	9,718	3,484,316
To-date/2018*	740,520	2,674,860	17,217	2,304	3,434,901
% Change YTD	2%	1%	-26%	322%	1%

Dressing % 80.5% 80.5% 77.5% 77.5%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

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

	8/19/2019	8/1/2019	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
Processed Turkeys	124,047	119,153	4,894	4%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast			
Processed Turkey	8/19/2019	08/12/19	08/20/18
Pacific without Denver:	210	203	256
Los Angeles:	152	165	141

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

Bulk MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 AUGUST 2019.

The market on bulk parts is steady to weak. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on fresh tom breast meat is steady, frozen tom breast meat steady to weak. The tenderloin market is steady and white trims steady to firm. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate for both. For domestic: fresh wing meat 102 cents, fresh scapula 113 cents, frozen grade A breast non basted 10-12 lbs 145 cents, 14-20 lbs. 140 cents and frozen tails 48 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 156 cents delivered to Border.

Domestic Trading	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	Weekly volume (000 lbs.)
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/		
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/	174.50	12
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/		
Drumsticks, Tom	72.10	169
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	71.00	20
Drumsticks, Hen	78.00	4
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	61.39	272
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	65.00	30
Wings, V-Type, Tom	57.00	19
Wings, V-Type, Hen	185.00	40
Necks, Tom	30.11	309
Necks, Hen	32.00	16
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/		
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	208.00	180
Thigh Meat	157.45	65
Thigh Meat--Fresh	156.44	180
Breast Trim Meat	104.00	4
Scapula Meat	113.00	15
Wing Meat With Skin		
Tenderloins	159.00	12
Destrapped Tenders		
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh		
Mechanically Separated 4/		
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	25.89	848
Export Trading		
Drumsticks, Toms	68.27	390
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		
Wings, V-Type, Tom	53.00	120
Tails	47.00	40
Mechanically Separated 4/	23.00	80
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.