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National Turkey Market At-A-Glance

Domestic Market Highlights The market on frozen 8-16 lb. hens is steady to firm and 16-24 lb. toms are steady. Demand light to moderate. Frozen domestic processor offerings of Grade A 8-16 lb. hens short of full needs to very light and 16-24 lb. toms are light. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for 8-16 lb. hens are 118.00-128.00 cents FOB and 16-24 lb. tom offerings at 118.00-128.00 cents FOB for current deliveries. No trading reported.

The white meats and white trims markets are steady to firm. Demand is moderate to good. Offerings very light to light. The tom bulk parts market is generally steady. Demand moderate to at times fairly good. Offerings very light to light. The thigh meat market is steady. Demand is mostly moderate. Offerings very light to light. The market on mechanically separated turkey (MST) market is about steady. Demand moderate to instances light. Offerings light. Trading slow to at times moderate.

Export Market Highlights Trading slow with activity centered on fresh tom drums. Demand mixed. Offerings light to very 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	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume
	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	123.00 ¹		123.00 ¹		108.21	212
16-24 lb. (Toms)	125.00	40	122.70 ¹		109.90 ¹	

¹ 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	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume
	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs.)
Priced At Time Of Sale:						
8-16 lb. (Hens)	141.44	27.0	140.70	27.0	122.46	28.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	141.42	26.0	141.04	26.0	122.40	25.0
Price To Be Determined:						
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--		--			
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--		--			

Week Ending 17-Jul-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	572	21	28.55	(A)	572	28.55
South Atlantic	548	55	38.01	(A)	548	38.01
North Central	2,210	27	32.67	(A)	2,224	32.67
South Central	571	37	21.66	(A)	576	21.66
West	165	104	33.11	(A)	165	33.11
U.S. total	4,066 (B)	33	31.28	19	4,085	31.27
To-date						
2021*	106,122 (B)			370	106,492	
To-date						
2020*	113,675 (B)			319	113,994	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date* 439,000; for last year to date* 422,000.

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

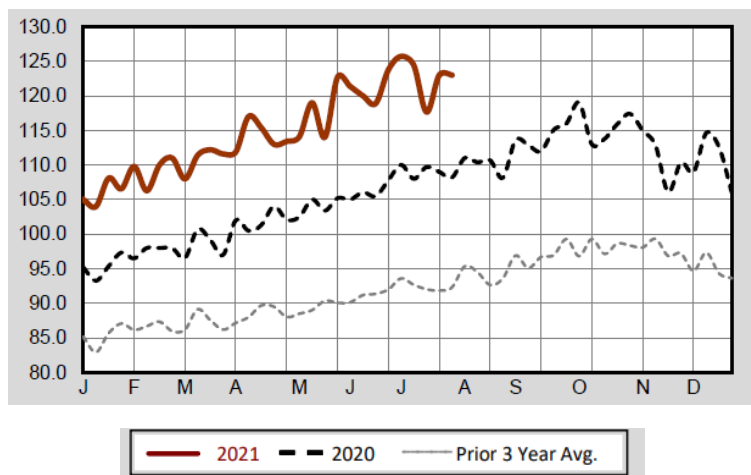
Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
Head	1,865	2,173	28	19	4,085
Avg Wt	17.31	43.31	27.85	29.42	31.27
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	1,240	1,813	7	8	3,068
Same wk yr ago	1,567	2,409	16	1	3,993
Avg Wt	17.33	43.71	27.03	25.95	33.29
To-date/2021*	46,564	59,119	439	370	106,492
To-date/2020*	47,498	65,755	422	319	113,994
% Change YTD	-2%	-10%	4%	16%	-7%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,988	75,761	604	433	102,786
Last week	16,560	62,976	151	207	79,894
Same wk yr ago	21,861	84,764	335	20	106,980
To-date/2021*	634,777	2,127,743	10,107	8,644	2,781,271
To-date/2020*	638,848	2,330,583	9,326	7,525	2,986,282
% Change YTD	-1%	-9%	8%	15%	-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

	7/19/2021	7/1/2021	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
Processed Turkeys	68,475	69,101	-626	-1%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed Turkey	7/19/2021	07/12/21	06/20/20
Pacific without Denver:	497	430	277
Los Angeles:	205	179	149

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

The market for white meats and white trims is steady to firm. Demand is moderate to good. Offerings are very light to light. The market for tom bulk parts is mostly steady. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings are very light to light. The market for thigh meat is steady. Demand is usually moderate for the light to very light offerings. The undertone for mechanically separated turkey (MST) is about steady. Demand is moderate to at times light. Offerings are light. Trading is slow to instances moderate. For export: fresh tom drums at 106 cents delivered 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/	170.80	20
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/		
Drumsticks, Tom	115.00	113
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	106.00	80
Drumsticks, Hen	105.00	20
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	106.81	113
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		
Wings, V-Type, Tom	96.00	40
Wings, V-Type, Hen		
Necks, Tom	74.98	573
Necks, Hen		
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/		
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	255.00	60
Thigh Meat	202.33	60
Thigh Meat--Fresh		
Breast Trim Meat		
Scapula Meat	170.00	12
Wing Meat With Skin		
Tenderloins		
Destrapped Tenders		
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh	231.60	200
Mechanically Separated 4/		
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	69.00	160
Export Trading		
Drumsticks, Toms	113.40	100
Wings Full-Cut - Toms	110.00	54
Wings, V-Type, Tom		
Tails	139.00	20
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.