



# TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

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## National Turkey Market At-A-Glance

**Domestic Market Highlights** The frozen hen and 16-24 lb. tom market is steady with a steady to instances firm undertone. Demand light to fair. Frozen hen and 16-24 lb. tom offerings light to moderate. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 98.00-105.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 98.00-105.00 cents fob for current shipments. No trading reported.

The market on breast trim is steady to weak, wing meat steady to firm, balance of white meat and white trims steady. Demand on breast trim light to fair, balance fair to good. Offerings light to moderate with frozen breast trim held in the longest position. The market on institutional sized breasts is steady. Demand light to fair. Offerings light. The market on tom 2-joint wings is steady to weak, tom full-cut wings steady to firm, tom drums tom necks steady. Demand light to good, mostly fair. Offerings light to moderate. The market on hen 2-joint wings is firm, hen full-cut wings steady while hen drums and hen necks are steady at best. Demand light to fair, best on hen 2-joint wings. Offerings of hen 2-joint wings very light, balance of hen parts light to moderate. The thigh meat market is steady to firm with some continuing to find higher trending offering prices. Demand light to mostly fair. Offerings light to moderate. The mechanically separated turkey market is steady to firm. Demand fair to good. Offerings light to moderate, mostly light. Trading slow to moderate.

**Export Market Highlights** Trading slow. The market is steady to firm, balance mostly steady. Demand light to fair. Offerings light to moderate.

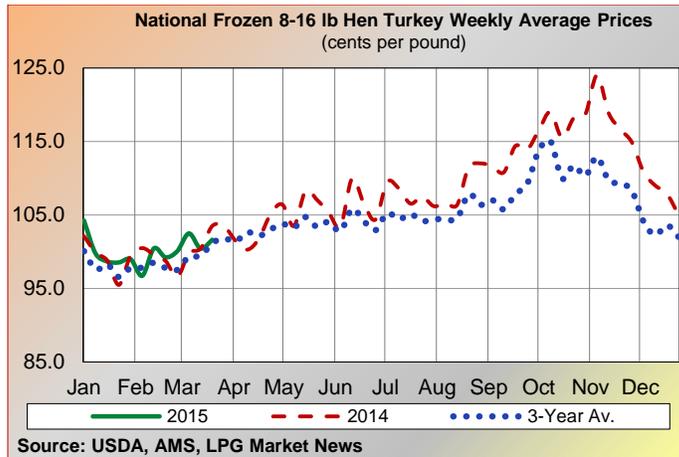
## Weekly National Whole Young Turkeys

**Frozen** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb. lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - Frozen	Current Week	
	Wtd avg (cents/lb.)	Volume (000 lbs.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	101.63	600
16-24 lb. (Toms)	102.50	720

<sup>1</sup>based on offers.

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



U.S. Grade A - Fresh	Current Week	
	Wtd avg (cents/lb.)	Volume (000 lbs.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	115.36	899.5
16-24 lb. (Toms)	114.99	363.5

**Priced at Time of Sale:**

8-16 lb. (Hens)	115.36	899.5
16-24 lb. (Toms)	114.99	363.5

**Price to be Determined:**

8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	10.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	10.0

## Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants

Week Ending 14-Mar-2015 (Preliminary)

-Thousand Head-	Young turkeys-		Old Breeders		Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt		
North East	707	31	27.96	(A)	707	27.96
South Atlantic	471	-18	42.71	(A)	471	42.71
North Central	2,120	-1	31.59	(A)	2,120	31.59
South Central	909	68	19.48	(A)	909	19.48
West	177	2	31.87	(A)	177	31.87
U.S. total	4,384 (B)	10	31.11	0	4,384	31.11
To-date 2015*	41,478 (B)			110	41,588	
To-date 2014*	39,855 (B)			68	39,923	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date\* 137,000; for last year to date\* 230,000.

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

## Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 14-Mar-2015 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
Head	1,769	2,602	13	0	4,384
Avg Wt	16.87	40.81	25.97	0.00	31.11
Last week	1,703	2,273	4	24	4,004
Same wk yr ago	1,872	2,325	15	32	4,244
Avg Wt	17.29	42.34	28.23	26.83	31.13
To-date/2015*	16,773	24,568	137	110	41,588
To-date/2014*	16,770	22,855	230	68	39,923
% Change YTD	0%	7%	-40%	62%	4%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	24,024	85,481	262	0	109,767
Last week	23,319	76,649	81	496	100,545
Same wk yr ago	25,894	78,752	328	665	105,639
To-date/2015*	232,112	822,048	2,971	2,332	1,059,463
To-date/2014*	229,487	765,807	5,356	1,498	1,002,148
% Change YTD	1%	7%	-45%	56%	6%

Dressing % 80.5% 80.5% 77.5% 77.5%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

## Processed Turkeys (000) lbs.

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks			Cold Storage Holdings Pacific without Denver 03/16/15 03/09/15 03/17/14		
AM	03/16/15	143,124	<b>Pacific Coast:</b> 410 407 474  <b>Los Angeles:</b> 267 269 271		
AM	03/01/15	130,792			
CHG		12332			
PCT CHG		9%			

**National Young Turkey Parts -**

Bulk Meat and Frozen (Unless Specified),  
Delivered First Receivers, Part and Full Trucklots.

The market for bulk parts is steady with tom full cut wing steady to firm and tom two joint wings steady to weak. Demand and offerings light to moderate. White meat and white trims market is steady with frozen breast trim weak. Demand and offerings light to moderate. High meat market steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Mechanically separated turkey market was steady, instances firm. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh scapula 213-219 cents, fresh wing meat 133-135 cents, fresh full cut wings 54-58 cents, fresh tom necks 42 cents and frozen tails 51 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 63 cents delivered to the Border.

Domestic Trading	Weekly	
	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/		
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/	170.95	41
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/	118.00	40
Drumsticks, Tom	64.08	344
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	63.84	500
Drumsticks, Hen	85.33	9
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	61.17	1,176
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	83.00	50
Wings, V-Type, Tom	75.39	145
Wings, V-Type, Hen	198.90	63
Necks, Tom	43.58	166
Necks, Hen	43.00	44
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/	275.45	44
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	292.15	796
Thigh Meat	128.69	290
Thigh Meat--Fresh	136.01	709
Breast Trim Meat	133.00	4
Scapula Meat	225.00	10
Wing Meat With Skin		
Tenderloins	280.00	20
De strapped Tenders		
De strapped Tenders--Fresh	285.00	40
Mechanically Separated 4/	30.09	44
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	32.48	400
<b>Export Trading</b>		
Drumsticks, Toms	67.00	54
Wings Full-Cut - Toms	62.00	108
Wings, V-Type, Tom	61.80	202
Tails		
Mechanically Separated 4/		
Thigh Meat - Frozen	130.00	108

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=Monday T=Tuesday W=Wednesday R=Thursday F=Friday (shown on daily reports only)

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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.