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## National Turkey Market At-A-Glance

**Domestic Market Highlights** The frozen hen and 16-24 lb. tom market is steady to firm. Demand light to fair. Frozen hen and 16-24 lb. tom offerings light with some seeing higher trending offering prices on 22-24 lb. toms. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 99.00-107.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 98.50-107.00 cents fob for current shipments. No truck-lot trading reported.

The market on breast trim is steady to sometimes weak with fresh reported at lower trending prices. The market on tom breast meat is 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. Further processed demand fair to good. The market on institutional sized breasts is steady. Demand light to fair. Offerings light. The market on tom 2-joint wings is generally steady at best, tom full-cut wings steady with a steady to firm undertone, tom drums and tom necks mostly steady. Demand light to good, mostly light to fair. Offerings light to moderate. The market on hen 2-joint wings is steady with a steady to firm undertone, hen full-cut wings steady while hen drums and hen necks steady to weak. Demand light to fair. Offerings of hen 2-joint wings very light, balance of hen parts light to moderate. The thigh meat market is steady. Demand light to mostly fair. Offerings light to moderate. The fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) market is mostly steady. The frozen MST market is steady. Demand fair to good. Offerings light to moderate. Trading slow to instances moderate.

**Export Market Highlights** Trading slow. The market is generally steady. Demand light to fair. Offerings light to moderate.

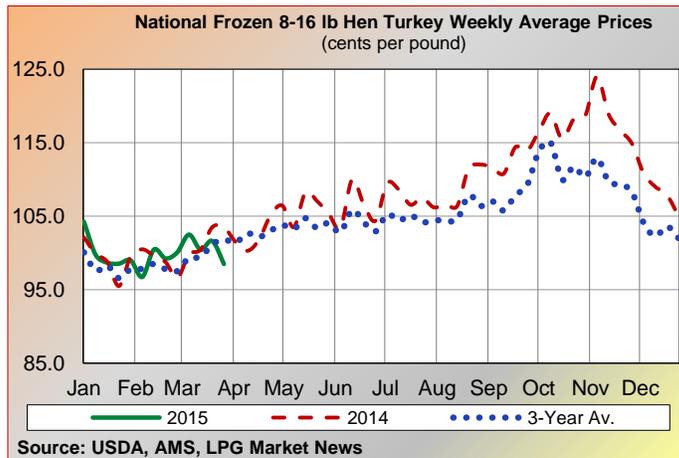
## Weekly National Whole Young Turkeys

**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)	98.50	20
16-24 lb. (Toms)	101.19	43

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

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



Source: USDA, AMS, LPG Market News

U.S. Grade A - Fresh	Current Week	
	Wtd avg (cents/lb.)	Volume (000 lbs.)
<b>Priced at Time of Sale:</b>		
8-16 lb. (Hens)	117.09	22.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	116.64	22.0
<b>Price to be Determined:</b>		
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	4.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	4.0

## Turkeys Slaughtered In Federally Inspected Plants

Week Ending 21-Mar-2015 (Preliminary)

-Thousand Head-	Young turkeys-		Old Breeders --Thousand head--	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		Avg Live wt	
North East	651	-8	31.53	(A)	651 31.53
South Atlantic	473	0	43.58	(A)	473 43.58
North Central	2,070	-2	32.00	(A)	2,085 32.00
South Central	824	-9	20.70	(A)	829 20.70
West	255	44	27.15	(A)	255 27.15
U.S. total	4,273 (B)	-3	32.03	20	4,293 32.03
To-date					
2015*	45,751 (B)			130	45,881
To-date					
2014*	44,019 (B)			68	44,087

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 6,000; for the current year to date\* 143,000; for last year to date\* 237,000.

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

## Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 21-Mar-2015 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
Head	1,842	2,425	6	20	4,293
Avg Wt	17.96	42.79	28.74	25.30	32.03
Last week	1,769	2,602	13	0	4,384
Same wk yr ago	1,793	2,364	7	0	4,164
Avg Wt	17.14	42.40	25.55	0.00	31.49
To-date/2015*	18,615	26,993	143	130	45,881
To-date/2014*	18,563	25,219	237	68	44,087
% Change YTD	0%	7%	-40%	91%	4%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	26,631	83,531	134	392	110,688
Last week	24,024	85,481	262	0	109,767
Same wk yr ago	24,586	80,187	139	0	104,912
To-date/2015*	258,743	905,579	3,105	2,724	1,170,151
To-date/2014*	254,073	845,994	5,495	1,498	1,107,060
% Change YTD	2%	7%	-43%	82%	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		
			03/23/15	03/16/15	03/24/14
AM	03/23/15	146,106	Pacific Coast:		
AM	03/01/15	130,792	401	410	186
CHG		15314	Los Angeles:		
PCT CHG		12%	263	267	11

**National Young Turkey Parts -**

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

The market for bulk parts is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. White meat and white trims market is steady to firm. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Thigh meat market steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Mechanically separated turkey market was steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh breast trim 145-150 cents, fresh whole tenders 287 cents, fresh scapula 213-219 cents, fresh wing meat 136 cents and grade A breast non basted 18-20 lbs. 210 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 62, frozen livers 23 cents, frozen hearts 38 cents delivered to the Border or port.

Domestic Trading	Weekly	
	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/	128.84	62
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/	175.85	13
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/	118.00	20
Drumsticks, Tom	62.66	214
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	64.13	236
Drumsticks, Hen	84.67	6
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	62.57	201
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	83.00	8
Wings, V-Type, Tom		
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Necks, Tom	44.48	198
Necks, Hen	41.07	86
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/	280.00	80
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	293.23	414
Thigh Meat	132.00	35
Thigh Meat--Fresh	137.20	421
Breast Trim Meat	123.00	12
Scapula Meat	225.00	46
Wing Meat With Skin	131.67	60
Tenderloins	280.00	18
Destrapped Tenders	280.00	40
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh	282.50	80
Mechanically Separated 4/	32.75	160
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	32.84	423
Export Trading		
Drumsticks, Toms	64.00	80
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		
Wings, V-Type, Tom	64.00	120
Tails	52.00	120
Mechanically Separated 4/		
Thigh Meat - Frozen	130.00	54

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.