



# 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 firm undertone. Demand light to fair. Frozen hen and 16-24 lb. tom offerings light. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 100.00- 107.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 100.00-107.00 cents fob for current shipments. Trading slow to moderate on frozen basted equivalent hens and 16-24 lb. toms at 105.50 fob April, 106.50 cents fob May, 108.50-111.50 cents fob August, 111.50- 112.50 cents fob September and 111.50 cents fob October.

The market on breast meat is steady to firm, balance of white meat and trims steady. Demand on breast meat was light to good, balance of white meat and trims light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate. The market on bulk parts is steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The thigh meat market is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The mechanically separated turkey market is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading slow.

**Export Market Highlights** Trading slow. The market is a mixed steady. Demand and Offerings light to moderate.

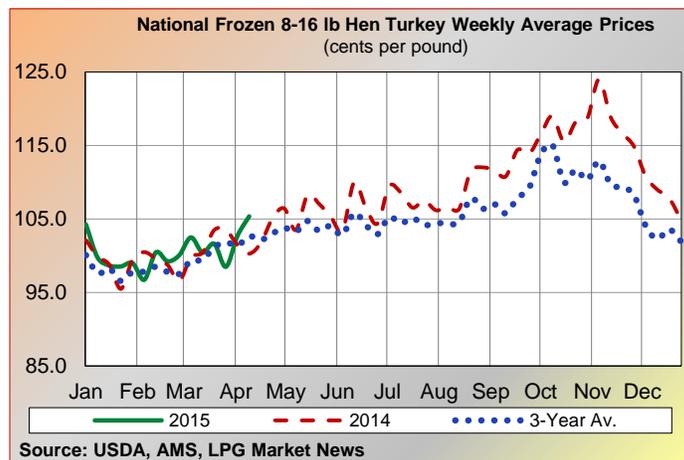
### Weekly National Whole Young Turkeys

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

U.S. Grade A - Frozen	Current Week	
	Wtd avg (cents/lb.)	Volume (000 lbs.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	105.36	140
16-24 lb. (Toms)	103.36	222

<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.)
<b>Priced at Time of Sale:</b>		
8-16 lb. (Hens)	118.00	18.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	117.44	18.0
<b>Price to be Determined:</b>		
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	2.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	2.0

### Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants

Week Ending 04-Apr-2015 (Preliminary)

-Thousand Head-	Young turkeys- - - - -		Old Breeder --Thousand head--	Total turkeys		
	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt			Avg Live wt	
North East	528	-19	27.91	(A)	528	27.91
South Atlantic	317	-17	40.25	(A)	317	40.25
North Central	2,055	-3	30.90	(A)	2,056	30.90
South Central	534	-40	21.89	(A)	534	21.89
West	137	-37	29.85	(A)	137	29.85
U.S. total	3,571 (B)	-16	31.44	1	3,572	31.44
To-date						
2015*	53,581 (B)			131	53,712	
To-date						
2014*	52,413 (B)			68	52,481	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 9,000; for the current year to date\* 188,000; for last year to date\* 257,000.

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

### Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 04-Apr-2015 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeder		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
----- Thousands-----					
Head	1,408	2,154	9	1	3,572
Avg Wt	17.70	40.40	32.25	68.53	31.44
Last week	1,867	2,356	36	0	4,259
Same wk yr ago	1,720	2,523	16	0	4,259
Avg Wt	17.20	41.60	26.56	0.00	31.69
To-date/2015*	21,890	31,503	188	131	53,712
To-date/2014*	21,992	30,164	257	68	52,481
% Change YTD	0%	4%	-27%	93%	2%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	20,062	70,052	225	53	90,392
Last week	25,941	77,817	718	0	104,476
Same wk yr ago	23,667	83,965	329	0	107,961

To-date/2015*	304,746	1,053,448	4,048	2,777	1,365,019
To-date/2014*	301,037	1,010,195	5,905	1,498	1,318,635
% Change YTD	1%	4%	-31%	85%	4%

Processed Turkeys (000) lbs.					
<b>Weekly Cold Storage Holdings</b>			<b>Cold Storage Holdings</b>		
<b>Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks</b>			<b>Pacific without Denver</b>		
AM	04/06/15	140,647	04/06/15	03/30/15	04/07/14
AM	03/01/15	130,792	<b>Pacific Coast:</b>		
CHG		9855	379	381	167
PCT CHG		8%	<b>Los Angeles:</b>		
			277	263	12

**National Young Turkey Parts -**

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

The market on bulk parts was a steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on fresh and frozen tom breast meat was steady to firm, balance of white meat and white trims steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Thigh meat market was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Mechanically separated turkey market was steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh wing meat 137 cents, fresh scapula 215 cents, frozen tails 46 cents and frozen hen breast meat 280 cents delivered.

Domestic Trading	Weekly	
	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/	125.74	86
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/	171.43	14
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/	117.00	2
Drumsticks, Tom	63.95	42
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	62.62	260
Drumsticks, Hen	71.39	46
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	62.60	159
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen	83.00	30
Wings, V-Type, Tom	80.00	23
Wings, V-Type, Hen	197.00	7
Necks, Tom	43.84	342
Necks, Hen	42.00	73
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/	290.00	7
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	298.37	393
Thigh Meat	132.00	145
Thigh Meat--Fresh	138.00	130
Breast Trim Meat		
Scapula Meat	225.68	59
Wing Meat With Skin		
Tenderloins	280.00	8
Destrapped Tenders		
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh	286.47	120
Mechanically Separated 4/	33.00	80
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	33.12	726
Export Trading		
Drumsticks, Toms	61.15	281
Wings Full-Cut - Toms	62.61	597
Wings, V-Type, Tom	67.94	235
Tails	41.00	80
Mechanically Separated 4/		
Thigh Meat - Frozen	132.00	80

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.