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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. Offerings light. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 101.00-107.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 101.00-107.00 cents fob for current shipments. No truck-lot trading reported.

The market on white meat is steady to firm, breast trim steady to weak, balance of white trims steady. Demand on white meat fair to good, balance of white trims light to fair. Offerings light to moderate with breast meat and tenderloins held with the most confidence. The market on institutional sized breasts is steady with a steady to firm undertone. Demand fair. Offerings light. The market on tom bulk parts is mostly steady with supplies of necks and tom full-cut wings held with varying degrees of confidence. Demand light to fair. Offerings light to mostly moderate. The market on hen drums is steady to weak, hen 2-joint wings steady to firm, hen full-cut wings and necks steady with on hen necks held with the least confidence. Demand light to fair with hen 2-joint wings the most active. Offerings of hen 2-joint and full-cut wings light at best, balance of hen parts light to moderate. The thigh meat market is steady. Demand light to fair. Offerings light to moderate. The mechanically separated turkey market is mostly steady. Demand mixed, mostly fair. Offerings light to moderate. Trading slow.

**Export Market Highlights** Trading very slow. The market is steady with mixed undertones. 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<br>(cents/lb.) | Volume<br>(000 lbs.) |
| 8-16 lb. (Hens)       | 103.90 <sup>1</sup>    |                      |
| 16-24 lb. (Toms)      | 104.83                 | 46                   |

<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<br>(cents/lb.) | Volume<br>(000 lbs.) |
| 8-16 lb. (Hens)      | 117.61                 | 18.0                 |
| 16-24 lb. (Toms)     | 117.29                 | 17.0                 |

**Priced at Time of Sale:**

|                  |        |      |
|------------------|--------|------|
| 8-16 lb. (Hens)  | 117.61 | 18.0 |
| 16-24 lb. (Toms) | 117.29 | 17.0 |

**Price to be Determined:**

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

## Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants

Week Ending 11-Apr-2015 (Preliminary)

| -Thousand Head- | Young turkeys- - - - - |                | Old Breeders<br>--Thousand head-- | Total turkeys |         |       |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------|-------|
|                 | Pct Chg<br>Prev wk     | Avg<br>Live wt |                                   | Avg           | Live wt |       |
| North East      | 656                    | 24             | 27.80                             | (A)           | 656     | 27.80 |
| South Atlantic  | 475                    | 50             | 38.96                             | (A)           | 475     | 38.96 |
| North Central   | 2,188                  | 6              | 31.41                             | (A)           | 2,189   | 31.41 |
| South Central   | 839                    | 57             | 19.34                             | (A)           | 839     | 19.34 |
| West            | 182                    | 33             | 29.77                             | (A)           | 182     | 29.77 |
| U.S. total      | 4,340 (B)              | 22             | 30.63                             | 1             | 4,341   | 30.63 |
| To-date         |                        |                |                                   |               |         |       |
| 2015*           | 57,921 (B)             |                |                                   | 132           | 58,053  |       |
| To-date         |                        |                |                                   |               |         |       |
| 2014*           | 56,621 (B)             |                |                                   | 85            | 56,706  |       |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 1,000; for the current year to date\* 189,000; for last year to date\* 270,000.

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

## Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 11-Apr-2015 (Preliminary)

|                | Young  |        | Breeders |       | Total<br>Turkeys |
|----------------|--------|--------|----------|-------|------------------|
|                | Hens   | Toms   | Young    | Old   |                  |
| Head           | 1,945  | 2,394  | 1        | 1     | 4,341            |
| Avg Wt         | 16.73  | 41.91  | 43.42    | 62.99 | 30.63            |
| Last week      | 1,408  | 2,154  | 9        | 1     | 3,572            |
| Same wk yr ago | 1,797  | 2,398  | 13       | 17    | 4,225            |
| Avg Wt         | 17.03  | 41.57  | 28.30    | 27.15 | 31.03            |
| To-date/2015*  | 23,835 | 33,897 | 189      | 132   | 58,053           |
| To-date/2014*  | 23,789 | 32,562 | 270      | 85    | 56,706           |
| % Change YTD   | 0%     | 4%     | -30%     | 55%   | 2%               |

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

|                |        |        |     |     |         |
|----------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| Current week   | 26,195 | 80,768 | 34  | 49  | 107,046 |
| Last week      | 20,062 | 70,052 | 225 | 53  | 90,392  |
| Same wk yr ago | 24,482 | 79,748 | 283 | 355 | 104,868 |

|               |         |           |       |       |           |
|---------------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|
| To-date/2015* | 330,941 | 1,134,216 | 4,082 | 2,826 | 1,472,065 |
| To-date/2014* | 325,519 | 1,089,943 | 6,188 | 1,853 | 1,423,503 |
| % Change YTD  | 2%      | 4%        | -34%  | 53%   | 3%        |

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<br>Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks |          |         | Cold Storage Holdings<br>Pacific without Denver |          |          |
|--|----------|---------|---|----------|----------|
|  |          |         | 04/13/15  | 04/06/15 | 04/14/14 |
| AM   | 04/13/15 | 141,235 | Pacific Coast:                                  |          |          |
| AM   | 04/01/15 | 141,743 | 371   | 379      | 318      |
| CHG  |          | -508    | Los Angeles:                                    |          |          |
| PCT CHG  |          | 0%      | 271   | 277      | 237      |

**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 white meat and white trims steady to firm, except frozen breast trim steady to weak. 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. For domestic: frozen tail 39-44 cents, fresh tails 40 cents, fresh tom necks 41 cents, fresh whole tenders 292 cents, fresh scapula 217.75 cents, fresh full cut wings 60-61 cents, fresh tom necks 42 cents, grade breast non basted 8-10 lbs. 185 cents, 10-12lbs. 220 cents, 12-14 lbs. 220-232 cents, 14-16 lbs. 220-232 lbs. 220 cents, 20 lbs. and up 225 cents delivered.

| Domestic Trading                    | Weekly                 |                      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|                                     | wtd avg<br>(cents/lb.) | volume<br>(000 lbs.) |
| Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/        | 124.50                 | 160                  |
| Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/ | 170.17                 | 12                   |
| Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/    |                        |                      |
| Drumsticks, Tom                     | 62.31                  | 437                  |
| Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh              | 61.46                  | 285                  |
| Drumsticks, Hen                     | 60.21                  | 327                  |
| Wings, Full-Cut, Tom                | 62.15                  | 471                  |
| Wings, Full-Cut, Hen                | 83.00                  | 10                   |
| Wings, V-Type, Tom                  | 80.00                  | 20                   |
| Wings, V-Type, Hen                  | 205.92                 | 124                  |
| Necks, Tom                          | 44.38                  | 193                  |
| Necks, Hen                          | 40.00                  | 67                   |
| Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/                | 297.33                 | 120                  |
| Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/         | 305.58                 | 660                  |
| Thigh Meat                          | 131.04                 | 67                   |
| Thigh Meat--Fresh                   | 136.55                 | 270                  |
| Breast Trim Meat                    | 120.76                 | 42                   |
| Scapula Meat                        | 223.54                 | 48                   |
| Wing Meat With Skin                 | 131.00                 | 40                   |
| Tenderloins                         | 275.00                 | 40                   |
| Destrapped Tenders                  | 280.00                 | 40                   |
| Destrapped Tenders--Fresh           | 290.00                 | 66                   |
| Mechanically Separated 4/           | 34.25                  | 160                  |
| Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/    | 33.61                  | 560                  |
| <b>Export Trading</b>               |                        |                      |
| Drumsticks, Toms                    | 61.20                  | 100                  |
| Wings Full-Cut - Toms               | 63.00                  | 120                  |
| Wings, V-Type, Tom                  |                        |                      |
| Tails                               | 42.20                  | 200                  |
| 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 (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.