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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 with prices trending unchanged to higher. Demand light to fair. Frozen hen and 16-24 lb. tom offerings very light to light and held with confidence. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 112.00-118.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 112.00-125.00 cents fob for current shipments. Trading slow on frozen basted equivalent hens at 114.00-118 cents fob for current deliveries and very slow on frozen basted equivalent 16-24 lb. toms at 114-126 cents fob.

The market on white meat and white trims is steady to firm. Demand on white meat good, while white trims are fair to good. Offerings very light to light. The market on consumer and institutional sized breasts is steady to firm. Demand light to fair. Offerings very light to light. The market on tom necks is steady with a steady to weak undertone, balance of tom bulk parts mostly steady. Demand light to fair. Offerings light to moderate. The market on hen bulk parts is steady with a steady to firm undertone on hen 2-joint wings, hen necks steady with a steady to weak undertone, balance mostly steady. Offerings of hen 2-joint wings light at best, balance of hen parts light to moderate. The market on thigh meat is steady with fresh strongest. Demand light to fair. Offerings light to moderate. The mechanically separated turkey market is steady on frozen and fresh steady to firm, mostly steady. Demand light to good, mostly fair with fresh the most active. Offerings light to moderate. Trading slow.

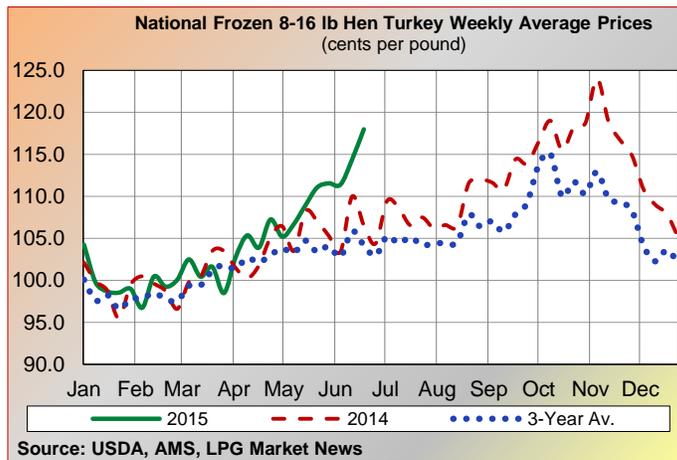
**Export Market Highlights** No trading reported. The market is mostly steady on tom bulk parts while white meat and white trims is steady to firm. Demand light to fair. Offerings light to moderate.

## 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.)
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	117.98	241
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	121.61	256

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



Source: USDA, AMS, LPG Market News

**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>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	120.62	42.0
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	121.00	40.0

**Priced at Time of Sale:**

<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	120.62	42.0
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	121.00	40.0

**Price to be Determined:**

<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	--	2.0
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	--	2.0

## Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants

Week Ending 13-Jun-2015 (Preliminary)

-Thousand Head-	Young turkeys- - - - -		Old Breeders --Thousand head--	Total turkeys Avg Live wt		
	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt				
North East	645	5	26.95	(A) 645	26.95	
South Atlantic	444	4	41.04	(A) 444	41.04	
North Central	1,878	-4	28.58	(A) 1,878	28.58	
South Central	764	27	18.89	(A) 764	18.89	
West	247	36	29.29	(A) 247	29.29	
U.S. total	3,978 (B)	5	29.78	0	3,978	29.78
To-date 2015*	94,334 (B)			162	94,496	
To-date 2014*	94,234 (B)			181	94,415	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 3,000; for the current year to date\* 258,000; for last year to date\* 466,000.

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

## Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 13-Jun-2015 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
Head	1,702	2,273	3	0	3,978
Avg Wt	16.17	39.97	23.70	0.00	29.78
Last week	1,455	2,298	26	1	3,780
Same wk yr ago	1,907	2,686	23	9	4,625
Avg Wt	17.29	39.85	26.94	27.35	30.46
To-date/2015*	38,769	55,307	258	162	94,496
To-date/2014*	40,024	53,744	466	181	94,415
% Change YTD	-3%	3%	-45%	-10%	0%

## Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	22,155	73,136	55	0	95,346
Last week	19,467	74,680	528	21	94,696
Same wk yr ago	26,378	85,630	477	190	112,675

To-date/2015*	526,128	1,829,840	5,378	3,545	2,364,891
To-date/2014*	548,998	1,780,419	10,458	3,793	2,343,668
% Change YTD	-4%	3%	-49%	-7%	1%

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		
			06/15/15	06/08/15	06/16/14
AM	06/15/15	156,508	<b>Pacific Coast:</b> 445 403 529 <b>Los Angeles:</b> 224 234 290		
AM	06/01/15	149,387			
CHG		7121			
PCT CHG		5%			

**National Young Turkey Parts -**

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

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. White meat and white trim market is firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings light. The thigh meat market is steady. Demand light. Offerings light to moderate. Mechanically separated turkey market is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading slow. For domestic: fresh tails 39 cents, frozen tails 38-41 cents, fresh full cut wings 57-58 cents, fresh tom necks 36 cents, fresh scapula 228-232 cents, fresh wing meat 138-140 cents, frozen thigh trim 61 cents, body chopping skins 39 cents and frozen mechanically separated turkey 30 cents pet food delivered.

Domestic Trading	Weekly	
	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/	135.00	6
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/		
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/	125.00	1
Drumsticks, Tom	58.92	303
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	61.33	192
Drumsticks, Hen		
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	61.77	151
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		
Wings, V-Type, Tom	67.18	44
Wings, V-Type, Hen	212.77	175
Necks, Tom	38.54	321
Necks, Hen	37.00	4
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/	455.00	20
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	469.63	82
Thigh Meat	130.40	25
Thigh Meat--Fresh	138.89	219
Breast Trim Meat		
Scapula Meat		
Wing Meat With Skin		
Tenderloins	400.00	9
Destrapped Tenders		
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh		
Mechanically Separated 4/	35.00	40
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	35.10	502
Export Trading		
Drumsticks, Toms		
Wings Full-Cut - Toms		
Wings, V-Type, Tom		
Tails		
Mechanically Separated 4/	34.00	80
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.