



# TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

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## National Turkey Market At-A-Glance

**Domestic Market Highlights** The market on fresh whole turkeys is steady. The market on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady for November and steady to weak for December. Fresh demand is moderate to good. Frozen 8-16 lb. hen demand is moderate, frozen 16-24 lb. toms light. December demand light to moderate. Fresh offerings light. Frozen domestic processor offerings of Grade A 8-16 lb. hens light at best and 16-24 lb. toms light to moderate. Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for 8-16 lb. hens are 100.00-120.00 cents FOB and 16-24 lb. tom offerings noted at 105.00-120.00 cents FOB for current deliveries. Trading slow on frozen 8-16 lb. hens at 100-110 cents FOB for current shipments.

The white meat markets are steady to weak, fresh white trims steady at best. The frozen scapula market is steady to weak, balance of frozen white meat and white trim markets steady at best. Demand is light to moderate, mostly light. Offerings moderate to moderately heavy. The 4-8 lb. and 8-10 lb. bone-in breast markets are steady. The market on 10 lb. and heavier institutional sized breasts are steady with mixed undertones. Demand fair to good on consumer sized breasts with offerings light at best. Demand on heavier institutional sized bone-in breasts light. Offerings light to moderate. The market on tom bulk parts is steady to firm with 2-joint wings and necks steadiest. Demand moderate to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings and necks light to moderate, balance very light to light. The hen bulk parts market is mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light at best. The thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey (MST) markets are mostly steady. Demand moderate. Offerings light to moderate. Trading slow. Most processors running reduce holiday production schedules next week.

**Export Market Highlights** Trading slow with activity also reported on scapula at lower prices. The market on frozen scapula is steady to weak, tom 2-joint wings steady, balance of items steady to firm. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. 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		Last Week		Last Year	
	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	106.10	580	112.87	207	101.00	10
16-24 lb. (Toms)	107.23	220	115.00	11	99.73	75

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

**FRESH Whole Body Turkeys** - with timers; for delivery within the next seven days.

U.S. Grade A - FRESH	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year	
	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb)	volume (000 lbs.)
<b>Priced At Time Of Sale:</b>						
8-16 lb. (Hens)	132.41	1,496.0	132.55	11,318.8	117.45	1,167.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	132.25	1,220.0	132.40	9,169.4	117.76	1,123.0
<b>Price To Be Determined:</b>						
8-16 lb. (Hens)	--	300.0	--	2,559.0	--	1,663.0
16-24 lb. (Toms)	--	200.0	--	1,759.0	--	1,607.0

### Week Ending 14-Nov-2020 (Preliminary)

#### Turkeys Slaughtered In Federally Inspected Plants

- Thousand Head-	- - - - - Young turkeys- - - - -		Old Breeder	Total turkeys		
	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt	
North East	751	5	27.51	(A)	751	27.51
South Atlantic	542	-13	37.26	(A)	542	37.26
North Central	2,272	5	30.83	(A)	2,303	30.83
South Central	1,001	2	16.64	(A)	1,011	16.64
West	283	16	22.95	(A)	283	22.95
U.S. total	4,849 (B)	2	27.64	41	4,890	27.59

To-date

2020\* 186,749 (B) 644 187,393

To-date

2019\* 190,853 (B) 673 191,526

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 33,000; for the current year to date\* 799,000; for last year to date\* 780,000.

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

#### Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
Head	2,560	2,256	33	41	4,890
Avg Wt	15.41	41.52	28.04	21.25	27.59
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	2,377	2,346	16	17	4,756
Same wk yr ago	2,556	2,663	28	1	5,248
Avg Wt	16.77	41.81	28.5	68.1	29.55
To-date/2020*	82,093	103,857	799	644	187,393
To-date/2019*	80,769	109,304	780	673	191,526
% Change YTD	2%	-5%	2%	-4%	-2%

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

Current week	31,757	75,404	717	675	108,553
Last week	33,850	79,885	382	382	114,499
Same wk yr ago	34,506	89,629	618	53	124,806
To-date/2020*	1,102,115	3,649,889	17,874	14,768	4,784,646
To-date/2019*	1,120,411	3,795,162	17,745	15,633	4,948,951
% Change YTD	-2%	-4%	1%	-6%	-3%

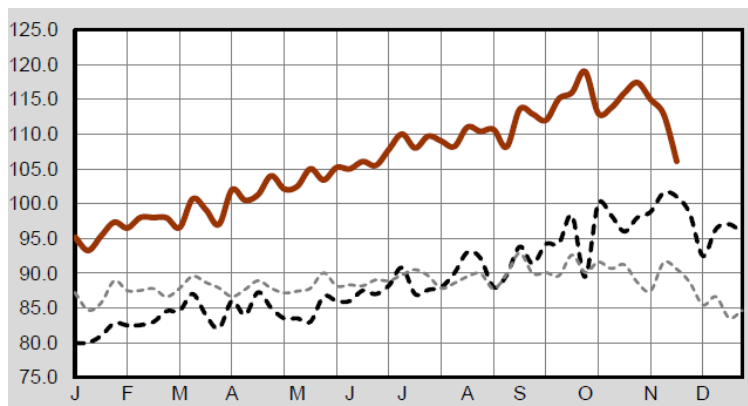
Dressing % 80.50% 80.50% 77.50% 77.50%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

### National FROZEN Hen Trend

(weighted average price in cents per pound; f.o.b. shipper dock)



— 2020    - - - 2019    . . . Prior 3 Year Avg.

### Weekly Cold Storage Holdings – in Selected Centers, Includes Government Stocks in Thousands of Pounds

	11/16/2020	11/1/2020	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
<b>Processed Turkeys</b>	35,797	61,223	-25,426	-42%

#### Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed Turkey	11/16/2020	11/09/20	11/18/19
<b>Pacific without Denver:</b>	392	441	509
<b>Los Angeles:</b>	157	147	186

**National Young Turkey Parts** - Bulk Meat and Frozen (Unless Specified), Delivered First Receivers, Part and Full Trucklots.

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Domestic Trading	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	Weekly volume (000 lbs.)
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A 2/	127.67	120
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Grade A--Fresh 2/	171.34	142
Breasts, 4-8 lbs. Plant Grade 2/	114.26	244
Drumsticks, Tom	76.59	282
Drumsticks, Tom--Fresh	63.00	440
Drumsticks, Hen	79.50	80
Wings, Full-Cut, Tom	71.69	407
Wings, Full-Cut, Hen		
Wings, V-Type, Tom	83.16	513
Wings, V-Type, Hen		
Necks, Tom	67.10	266
Necks, Hen	70.00	40
Breasts, B/S, Tom 3/	127.00	10
Breasts, B/S, Tom--Fresh 3/	174.15	260
Thigh Meat	117.47	85
Thigh Meat--Fresh	118.67	240
Breast Trim Meat		
Scapula Meat		
Wing Meat With Skin		
Tenderloins		
Destrapped Tenders		
Destrapped Tenders--Fresh	140.00	80
Mechanically Separated 4/		
Mechanically Separated--Fresh 4/	36.00	380
Export Trading		
Drumsticks, Toms		
Wings Full-Cut - Toms	66.50	80
Wings, V-Type, Tom		
Tails		
Mechanically Separated 4/	36.00	80
Thigh Meat - Frozen		

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

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.