



TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

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[National Turkey Market at-a-Glance](#)

Domestic Market Highlights - The market on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady with steady to weak undertones. Demand light to instances moderate at the lower trending price levels. Offerings moderate to ample. Frozen domestic 2024 production Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for Grade A 8-16 lb. hens are 84.00-103.00 FOB and 16-24 lb. toms 86.00-105.00 cents FOB for current shipments. Trading slow on frozen basted equivalent Grade A 2024 production 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms at 85 cents FOB for current deliveries and some were noted at 94 FOB June.

The market on fresh tom breast meat is steady to weak with trading reported at unchanged to lower prices. Demand light to moderate. Offerings moderate to instances burdensome. The fresh destrapped tenderloin market is steady to instances firm, frozen steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins light to moderate and frozen moderate. The white trims market is mostly steady with scapula strongest. Scapula demand light to moderate, balance of white trims light. Scapula offerings light, balance of white trims light to moderate. Further processed demand moderate to fairly good with processors continuing to see improved interest as the weather warms up. The 4-8 lb. breasts market is steady with mixed undertones and institutional sized rib breasts steady. Demand light to moderate with spot improvement noted on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts. Offerings mostly moderate. The market on tom drums and wings steady to firm, and necks steady with some noting a softening undertone. Tom wing demand moderate to good, tom drums at least moderate, and tom necks light to sometimes moderate. Offerings of tom wings short to light, tom drums light at best and tom necks light to moderate with some noting tom necks more freely offered. The thigh meat and bone-in thigh markets are steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings very light. The mechanically separated turkey (MST) market is steady with some unsettledness noted in response to excess product moving to pet foods and as frames. Demand light to moderate. Fresh offerings moderate to moderately heavy, frozen light. Trading slow to moderate.

Export Market Highlights - Trading slow. The market on tom necks is steady, balance of parts and meat items steady to firm. Demand moderate to instances good. Offerings very light to light.

[Week Ending 13-Apr-2024 \(Preliminary\) Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants](#)

Weekly National Turkey Report:

<https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/3647>

Monthly National Turkey Report:

<https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/3650>

	----- Young turkeys -----			Old Breeders --Thousand head--	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt			Avg Live wt
North East	644	3	27.73	(A)	644	27.73
South Atlantic	453	-24	40.21	(A)	453	40.21
North Central	1,986	12	35.83	(A)	2,018	35.83
South Central	658	-4	17.84	(A)	669	17.84
West	65	14	40.61	(A)	65	40.61
U.S. total	3,806 (B)	2	31.96	43	3,849	31.91
To-date						
2024*	53,883 (B)			443	54,326	
To-date						
2023*	55,162 (B)			313	55,475	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date* 188,000; for last year to date* 594,000.

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

[Weekly Cold Storage Holdings](#)

- in Selected Centers, Includes Government Stocks in Thousands of Pounds

Processed Turkey	Change from First of the	% Change from	
4/15/2024	Month in Total Pounds	First of the Month	
76,067	74,377	1,690	2%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast - Processed Turkey

	4/15/2024	4/8/2024	4/17/2023
Pacific w/out Denver:	180	173	265
Los Angeles:	119	111	129

[Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection](#)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,744	2,049	13	43	3,849
Avg Wt	16.2	45.37	31.05	27.99	31.91
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,935	1,782	14	27	3,758
Same wk yr ago	1,903	2,043	59	27	4,032
Avg Wt	17.05	44.85	49.13	31.3	31.7
To-date/2024*	24,450	29,245	188	443	54,326
To-date/2023*	25,552	29,016	594	313	55,475
% Change YTD	-4%	1%	-68%	42%	-2%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,744	74,835	313	933	98,825
Last week	27,337	65,184	377	600	93,498
Same wk yr ago	26,119	73,761	2,246	655	102,781
To-date/2024*	328,955	1,059,774	4,765	10,529	1,404,023
To-date/2023*	366,014	1,039,314	17,192	7,254	1,429,774
% Change YTD	-10%	2%	-72%	45%	-2%
Dressing %	80.50%	80.50%	77.50%	77.50%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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