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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 mixed undertones. Demand light and offerings light to moderate. 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 84.00-105.00 cents FOB for current shipments. Trading slow. Fresh 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms traded at 128-144 cents FOB for Faster

The market on fresh and frozen tom breast meat is steady to weak. The fresh destrapped tenderloin market is steady to barely steady while frozen is steady. The white trim markets are generally steady. Demand light to moderate with activity centered on white meat. Tom breast meat offerings mixed, mostly moderate. Destrapped tenderloin offerings moderate and white trims light to moderate. The market on 4-8 lb. breasts is generally steady from 2024 production. Institutional sized rib breast market is steady to barely steady. Demand light. Offerings light to moderate. The market on frozen tom drums is steady with strength noted on fresh while necks are steady, tails steady to instances firm, wings steady to firm. Wing demand moderate to good, balance of tom bulk parts light to moderate. Offerings of tom wings very light to light, balance tom bulk parts light to moderate. Hen drums steady to instances weak, balance of hen parts at least steady with 2-joints strongest. The thigh meat and bone-in thigh markets are steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings very light to light. The mechanically separated turkey market is steady. Demand light to instances good, mostly moderate. Offerings of fresh MST light to moderate, frozen light. Trading slow to moderate.

Export Market Highlights Trading slow to moderate with activity reported on frozen basted equivalent 8-16 lb. hens at 97 cents FOB. The market on parts and meat items is steady to firm. Demand mixed, mostly moderate. Offerings very light to light.

Week Ending 02-Mar-2024 (Preliminary) Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants

-	Young turkeys			Old	Total tu	rkeys
		Pct Chg	Avg	Breeders		Avg
-Thousand	Head-	Prev wk	Live wt	Thousa	nd head	Live wt
North East	590	14	27.25	(A)	590	27.25
South Atlantic	429	2	40.90	(A)	429	40.90
North Central	1,920	-1	35.96	(A)	1,955	35.96
South Central	722	-1	19.88	(A)	734	19.88
West	99	94	42.54	(A)	99	42.54
U.S. total	3,760 (B	3)	32.24	47	3,807	32.22
To-date						
2024*	31,879 (B	3)		278	32,157	
To-date						
2023*	32,671 (B	3)		211	32,882	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings

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

Weekly National Turkey Report: https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/3647

Monthly National Turkey Report: https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/3650

Processed Turkey 3/4/2024 3/1/2024		Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month	
77,979	77,670	309	0%	

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast - Processed Turkey

	3/4/2024	2/26/2024	3/6/2023
Pacific w/out Denver:	182	188	234
Los Angeles:	115	117	131

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

	Young		Breeders		Total	
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	Turkeys	
	Thousands					
Head	1,654	2,083	23	47	3,807	
Avg Wt	16.64	44.64	31.19	30.46	32.22	
Head sltr comparisons						
Last week	1,624	2,021	17	51	3,713	
Same wk yr ago	1,707	2,009	39	16	3,771	
Avg Wt	17.52	44.12	47.12	30.92	32.06	
To-date/2024*	14,158	17,581	140	278	32,157	
To-date/2023*	14,934	17,585	152	211	32,882	
% Change YTD	-5%	0%	-8%	32%	-2%	
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage						
Current week	22,156	74,853	556	1,110	98,675	
Last week	21,937	71,584	457	1,164	95,142	
Same wk yr ago	24,075	71,353	1,424	383	97,235	
To-date/2024*	190,303	636,128	3,604	6,603	836,638	
To-date/2023*	215,623	630,369	4,014	4,847	854,853	
% Change YTD	-12%	1%	-10%	36%	-2%	
Dressing %	80.50%	80.50%	77.50%	77.50%		

⁽A) Dressing % adjustments reflect guarterly update.

⁽B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 23,000; for the current year to date* 140,000; for last year to date* 152,000. *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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