Gordon Food Service Market Updates

**Poultry | Chicken**

Abbreviated plant schedules have reduced supply. Cut-up and whole chickens are snug with premiums required to secure supply.

**Breast and Tenders:**

Most breast meat items are trending higher; medium sizes are in the best position. Jumbo breast meat price has jumped 16% since mid-December, which sounds impressive until you realize it is only back to the lowest price we ever saw before 2018. Food service demand for tenders used in boneless wings is good and prices are headed higher.

**Wings:**

A rising tide floats all boats higher, including wings which have seen price strength across the board.

**Dark Meat:**

Strong export demand for leg quarters is creating a good option to deboning. Leg meat and thigh meat prices are steady.

**Poultry | Turkey**

Recent cold storage inventories show a healthy holiday pull with December 1 whole turkey inventories down 15% from last year. Price negotiations for 2019 are starting at steady money.