

Gordon Food Service Market Updates

Poultry | Chicken

Chicken output has been running 5% higher than last year. Strong rotisserie chicken sales have kept whole chicken prices steady so far.

Breast and Tenders:

Jumbo and medium chicken breast are oversupplied forcing processors to choose between freezing or selling at discounts. Jumbo and medium breast meat prices are record low for this time of year; small-sized breast meat and tenders are still above historical averages.

Wings:

All sizes of wings are showing up at discounts with prices trending lower. Given that prices are 12-36% higher than last year, prices have more room to adjust.

Dark Meat:

Demand for all dark meat has slowed. Leg quarters are heading for the freezer, creating more incentive to expand leg/thigh meat production.

Poultry | Turkey

Whole turkeys and bone-in breasts inventories are both pretty clean. Frozen turkey prices are 18% higher than last year so we will have to see where Thanksgiving feature prices end up.