

# Gordon Food Service Market Updates

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## Poultry | Chicken

The volatility in the market has quieted down this week as we head into the long Holiday weekend. The major issue in the poultry plants continues to be around labor shortages. Employees are still fearful to return to plants and choose to remain at home. Many are able to stay home and receive Government assistance, so they are taking advantage of this. The unknown attendance is keeping many of the processors from being able to further process all of the birds in the plants which has put a shortness and allocation on deboned items as well as split wings. It is sounding like this labor challenge is not something that is going to be solved any time soon and will continue for the balance of the year. We did see the Jumbo Breast market come off some this week, but still way above historic levels. The medium and select breast market are leveling off, but the medium market has hit a 52 week high. As we start to see the reduction in the egg placements hit that will only put a further strain on the supply and is expected to see the markets continue to climb. Another factor that is coming into play is the states that are starting to open up restaurants will bring back some Foodservice demand, but the demand is very unknown at this time. The dark meat continue to remain steady being supported by retail demand. Wings of every size continue to be sought after. The push to take out continues and wings are an item that has been doing very well in this space. As more operators get into the take out space this demand for wings is only going to get heavier.

Breast and Tenders:

The Jumbo Breast Meat market has come off some this week and is now at \$1.41 and the select and medium markets are leveling off. The select market at \$2.41 and medium market hitting a 52 week high of \$1.60/lb. There have been some frozen inventory that has turned up, but be prepared to pay a premium in most cases. Line run Breast Tenders have started to level off and are now trading at \$1.20/lb. The demand for tenders remains strong.

#### Wings:

The wing market remains tight and all sizes of wings are continue to climb. Jumbo whole wings are leveling off this week and at \$1.58/lb with medium at \$1.80/lb and small at new 52 week high of \$1.91/lb. As Foodservice demand returns with restaurants opening in more and more states expect to see additional demand on an item that is already in short supply.