

Gordon Food Service Market Updates

Poultry | Chicken

The volatility in the market is continuing to settling down with many items flattening out in cost changes. The labor issues in the plants is continuing to exist with many uncertain when that might end. While we continue to see some improvement the majority feel this is going to be a way of life while the virus is still around. The Jumbo Breast market has continued to come off again this week and product is available and trading below market levels. The Foodservice business has returned, but most will tell you their sales into this channel are less than expected and volumes are very uncertain. The medium and select breast markets have appeared to level off, but product seems to be more available on the medium size birds. As the reduction in the supply is hitting many were expecting to see the markets climb back up, but they really seem to be more in balance. The demand for deboned dark meat has even had product show up on the market this week. The export demand for leg quarters remains soft and frozen product is continuing to build. Jumbo wings have shown some availability this week as well. The smaller wings remain very tight and part of that is caused by the bird weights increasing. While the outlook is for increases in the market with the reduced supply it really seems as the demands has softened as other proteins have become available.

Breast and Tenders:

The Jumbo Breast Meat market has continued to fall and is currently at \$.97 and there is trading at a discount to the market. The select and medium markets seem to have leveled off. The select market has remained at \$2.40 and medium market has remained at \$1.60/lb. Line run Breast Tenders have leveled off and are now trading at \$1.25/lb. The demand for tenders remains there and steady with the supply.

Wings:

The wing market remains very tight for smaller wings, but the larger wings can be found with a little effort. Jumbo whole wings have come down to \$1.47/lb and medium are at \$1.81/lb and small continue to climb and are now at a new 52 week high of \$2.01/lb. Expect wings to remain tight in the weeks ahead especially with the reduction in the birds coming up.