

Gordon Food Service Market Updates

Poultry | Chicken

The number of birds processed increased again last week from the previous week. We continue to get back to numbers that are very close to the Pre-Covid production. The weights on the birds are coming down and we did see more of an increase in the smaller birds than we did the jumbo birds. This increase in the lighter weight birds along with soft Foodservice demand helps explain some of the changes we are seeing on the market this week. We continued to see strength in the Jumbo breast market as well as the Jumbo wing market. The small wings that were sitting at all time highs have come off again this week along with the select breast market. The tenders have remained strong and all indications are they will remain that way. The dark meat side remains soft with exports down and there is not much change expected there in the short term.

Breast and Tenders:

The Jumbo Breast Meat market saw another week of increases this week and is currently at \$1.16/lb. The demand for further processing along with the increase in birds coming in lighter weights helped drive this up. The select and medium markets came off a little more this week as well. The select market is currently at \$2.24 which is a \$.12/lb drop and medium market is trading at \$1.61/lb which is just a \$.01/lb drop again this week. Line run Breast Tenders have seen another week of increase and are currently at \$1.55/lb, so up \$.09/lb from last week.

Wings:

The market for wings remains strong and it appears they will remain in a solid position. Jumbo whole wings have taken a \$.05/lb increase and are now at \$1.70/lb and medium have climbed \$.01/lb to \$1.97/lb while the small wings came off \$.10/lb and are at \$2.07/lb. The expectation for wings is to remain in tight. If we continue to see the bird weights drop we should see some additional supply on the smaller

wings, but I would not expect any major drops in cost. The factor that could come into play is the Foodservice demand, so we will need to continue to watch that in the weeks ahead.