

# Gordon Food Service Market Updates

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## Poultry | Chicken

With the two Holiday weeks we have seen production numbers drop and reduce the overall supply in the system. They were running around 165 million head and dropped to 122 million for Christmas week and then 137 million for New Years. We are seeing the weights continue to run in the 50+ % on the heavier birds. There is talk that we may see these weights start to come down some, so that will also reduce the overall supply. The jumbo breast meat has taken some increase this week, but it sounds like it will be short lived when supply is back to normal. The medium and select breast markets have remained fairly flat, but the medium did see a small increase. There has been some discussion about some of the QSR restaurants offering chicken sandwich specials that could drive this market up. The jumbo wing market remains very tight and the reduction in supply has given it even more strength. The small and medium wings are also seeing costs continue to climb. Tenders have remained flat and are available. The leg quarters have continued to strengthen with further discussion on exports. Thigh meat continues to remain very easy to find.

### Breast and Tenders:

The Jumbo Breast Meat market has picked up strength and is now at \$.98/lb. The select and medium markets remain steady. The select market is at \$2.22/lb and the medium market is trading at \$1.52/lb. Line run Breast Tenders have remained flat and are now trading at \$1.53/lb.

### Wings:

Wings of all sizes continues to see strong demand and there is nothing happening that will change this tight market in the near future. The Jumbo whole wings have climbed up to \$2.14/lb and medium have climbed to a new record high of \$2.14/lb. The small wings have also climbed to \$2.18/lb. The demand for wings remains strong even at these elevated levels.