

# Gordon Food Service Market Updates

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## Poultry | Chicken

The week has brought with it many challenges for the poultry industry. The main factor this week has been the weather related challenges that has hurt the ability to get chickens from the barns as well as challenges at the processing plants. Some barns ran into power issues as well. The weather has also brought with it continued labor issues at the plants. The industry just continues to face different challenges each week. We continued to see a shift in the weights to favor the heavier birds last week and it may continue as birds tend to remain in barns longer due to impacts of the weather. The total number of birds being processed was just under 164 million head, which is almost 7 million down from a year ago and 4 million below the previous week. The jumbo breast meat market has continued to maintain strong levels as retail continues to be a demanding product. The medium market and these select breast markets stayed in balance and remained flat once again this week. The jumbo wing market continues to remain tight with retail coming in for product as well as foodservice demand picking up. It does not look like we are going to see any relief on wings and processors continue to short orders for fresh product. Tenders have leveled off this week. The export market has continued to come after dark meat and looks to continue to push things upward.

### Breast and Tenders:

The Jumbo Breast Meat market found some strength even as weather caused some retail operations to slow down due to weather. The market increased \$.03/lb this week to \$.142/lb. The select and medium markets remained unchanged and these select market remains at \$2.23/lb and medium market is still trading at \$1.68/lb. We have seen this in balance for a couple of weeks now. Line run Breast Tenders remained at \$1.83/lb.

### Wings:

Wings continue to be oversold and a challenge for processors to fulfill

commitments. With processors not able to run as much production this week we may see some increased production next week that could help them at least meet the fresh demands. The Jumbo whole wings and medium whole wings have actually remained flat this week at the record high of \$2.56/lb. The small wings also remained flat at the record high of \$2.65/lb.