

Gordon Food Service Market Updates

Poultry | Chicken

The chicken complex continues to see some challenges as it relates to labor. Many feel that as the government continues to support workers that have been impacted by Covid that the industry will face a shortage of people willing to work in the industry. The other challenge that has been talked about is the impact that freight is playing on the cost. As trucks become tighter the freight rates are being driven up along with the rising cost of fuel. These are just a couple of industry challenges that are having an impact on the costs that we are currently seeing. The production numbers have come back down in line with where we were at a year ago versus the spike that was experienced while trying to catch up from the weather related loss of production. The total production was just over 172 million with around 55% coming in the larger weight ranges. This has helped us see Breast Meat prices remain relatively stable. There has been some discussion of more product available at the front of the week, possibly from weekend production catching up on extra birds. The wing market just can not seem to get caught up and the demand continues to push pricing up to all new record levels. There are reports of wings now being sold over \$3 per pound. With March Madness getting ready to start and Foodservice opening up it is expected to just put more pressure on a market that is already in short supply. Tenders have stayed in good balance once again. The export and retail markets have remained strong for the dark meat and have kept pricing there from decreasing.

Breast and Tenders:

The Jumbo Breast Meat market remained flat all week and is continuing to trade at \$.1.46/lb. The select and medium markets have also stayed at \$.2.23/lb and \$.1.68/lb for the week along with Line run Breast Tenders \$1.83/lb.

Wings:

Wings continue to climb and continue to set records and all sizes. The Jumbo

whole wings have increased \$.02/lb to \$2.62/lb and the medium whole wings also saw a \$.02/lb increase to \$2.60/lb. The small wings followed with another \$.02/lb increase to their new record high of \$2.69/lb.