

# Gordon Food Service Market Updates

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## Poultry | Chicken

As we see an increase in the number of people getting vaccinated the processors are hoping to see an improvement in the labor challenges they have struggled with over the last year. The recent government support has certainly not helped out this industry as many choose to remain at home while the government provides financial assistance. The production numbers are back in line right now with last year, but as some of the weather related challenges that hit the breeder flocks come into play we are not expecting to see these numbers climb much in the weeks ahead. The total production was just under 170 million head with 54% coming in the larger weight ranges. This has helped keep the Jumbo Breast Meat prices relatively flat again. There has been interest in Mexico for breast meat that has also had an impact on keeping things tight. The wing market is still in short supply and it is still hard for the processors to meet their fresh wing demand. There are many looking and interested in frozen wings and the orders just continue to go unfilled. This is one of the first weeks in many that we have seen the market remain flat. As Foodservice picks up they are expecting to see this market continue to be in short supply as production numbers are remaining to stay even. Tenders are also in tight supply and interest remains very strong. The dark meat has been highly sought after and some think we may have finally reached the top on leg quarters as exporters are not willing to pay over the quoted levels.

### Breast and Tenders:

The Jumbo Breast Meat market remained in a pretty balanced position all week and only experienced a \$.01/lb increase to \$.1.47/lb for the week. The select and medium markets remained flat and stayed at \$2.23/lb and \$1.68/lb. Line run Breast Tenders also remained at \$1.83/lb with no changes this week.

### Wings:

Wings have finally had a week where we did not experience any increases. They

have remained at the record high prices for the week without climbing to new record highs. The Jumbo whole wings have remained at \$2.62/lb, medium whole wings at \$2.60/lb and small wings at \$2.69/lb. Even with these prices remaining flat there was not any product readily available.