

Gordon Food Service Market Updates

Poultry | Chicken

The chicken market remains very tight and finding just about all cuts are becoming more of a challenge. In talking with suppliers the challenge of labor is one they were hoping to see start to improve, but with continued support by the government it is looking like that may extend through the summer. Just about every cut of chicken is has remained at 52 week or has set new all time record highs. The lack of labor and increase in feed costs is keeping producers cautious. While they may like to increase the bird counts the risk is too high of increasing the supply and not being able to process them. The demand for boneless meat is very strong, but they just can not get further processing done. The importers would like to bring in extra product as well, but they are not able to get containers to ship in. The production numbers took a 1 million head increase, but that is not nearly enough to satisfy the current demand. The total production was at 162 million head. We did see the weights hit 56% on the heavier birds, so this puts extra weight of product on the market. The wing market remains extremely short as just about every type of restaurant is offering wings. Plants are having to allocate supply to try and keep customers happy. At the levels they are at it just does not seem sustainable.

Breast and Tenders:

The Jumbo Breast Meat market has found its way up to \$.1.89/lb for the week. This is a \$.09/lb increase. The select and medium markets also took on further strength this week. The medium market at \$1.98/lb, so this is up \$.06/lb and the Select is now at 2.55/lb, so a \$.06/lb increase as well. Line run Breast Tenders have broke the \$2 mark and are at \$2.05/lb, which is a \$.07/lb increase. It does not appear that any relief is going to happen any time soon. As states tend to open up more demand is expected, but the supply is not looking to be increasing.

Wings:

The shortage of wings remains and suppliers are continuing to allocate what is

produced. The Jumbo whole wings are at \$2.77/lb up \$.04/lb from last week. The medium whole wings up \$.02/lb to \$2.66/lb and small wings have gone up \$.02/lb to \$2.77/lb.