

Gordon Food Service Market Updates

Poultry | Chicken

The markets remained flat this week for Breast Meat, Tenders and Wings. With the shortened production from the Holiday the expectation was that product might be hard to find and drive things up some, but that was not the case. The production levels last week experienced a decrease to 161.3 million head from 167.7 the week prior. This week will also be lower number with the Holiday, but there are processors that are planning to run on the weekend that will help with keeping the reduction a little smaller. While we were seeing the split of birds more on the heavier weights the last week we were only getting 52% on the heavier weights. This drop is taking some of the supply of Jumbo breast meat out of the market and helping keep the levels paid elevated. The Jumbo wingmarket has continued to hold at a record high and the talk of the market coming off some has quieted down as we enter the fall and sports seasons taking off. The medium market and small wing markets were also able to maintain their current levels. The tenders also remained flat this week maintaining their all time record highs. The production plants are continuing to struggle with labor, which they just can't seem to find a resolution to. With the talk of the Government stopping the federal support in states the hope was that they would see some employees return to the plants, but that is just not happening. Expectations are that we are going to see these higher prices until there is a way to increase the supply from production facilities.