

ArrowStream

Poultry

USDA young chicken harvest was flat vs. the prior week at 162.1 million head but was still down 2.3% than the prior year when the harvest was 165.9 million head. The National Composite whole birds and WOGs were steady last week. Looking at the parts, most remained firm with gains noted in the tenderloin and thigh meat segments. Within the white meat segment, B/S breasts were flat w/w at \$1.75/lb, and chicken tenderloins were higher by 1% w/w to \$2.08/lb. Both saw reduced promotions in the retail market. Wings dropped for the first time in weeks as they were down 1.5% w/w to \$2.27/lb, and drumsticks were down slightly to \$.43/lb. On top of gains the week prior, both B/I and boneless thigh meat moved higher again on the strength of the end-of-the-month increase in retail promotions. The B/I thighs were higher by .5% to \$0.91/lb, and boneless thigh was up 1.75% to \$1.62/lb last week. The turkey segment was mixed last week, and whole turkeys were flat and turkey breast were higher by almost 6% last week. Looking ahead, chicken will remain a staple in the retail sector as the value-priced leader to keep consumers coming into stores. But beef and pork will also garner more ad space in May. FOB per pound except when noted.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Chicken WOG National	Increasing	Short	Lower
Whole Wings	Decreasing	Steady	Higher
Drumsticks	Increasing	Available	Higher
Breasts Boneless/Skinless	Increasing	Available	Higher
Breasts Line Run	Decreasing	Available	Lower
Stripped Backs and Necks	Increasing	Short	Higher
Tenderloins	Increasing	Available	Higher
Legs - Bone-in	Decreasing	Available	Higher
Bulk Leg Quarters	Increasing	Steady	Higher
Thighs Bone-In	Decreasing	Steady	Higher
Thighs Boneless/Skinless	Increasing	Available	Higher

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Whole Turkey (8-16 lb)	Steady	Steady	Lower
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknls	Decreasing	Steady	Lower

Eggs

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Large Eggs (dozen)	Decreasing	Short	Higher
Medium Eggs (dozen)	Decreasing	Short	Higher
Liquid Whole Eggs	Increasing	Short	Higher
Liquid Egg Whites	Decreasing	Steady	Lower
Liquid Egg Yolks	Decreasing	Steady	Lower
Egg Breaker Stock Central	Decreasing	Short	Higher

