

# Poultry

Chicken output for the week ending April 21<sup>st</sup> fell .2% from the prior week and was 2.9% more than the same week last year. The six-week total of chicken production was up 1% from 2017. Chicken producer spot margins last week were the worst for the week in four years due in part to rising corn and soybean meal prices. If this trend persists, it could slow expected year-over-year output gains later this year. March 31<sup>st</sup> chicken stocks were 14% larger than 2017 with breast (5.4%), leg quarter (23.3%), thigh (11.9%), and wing (5.3%) holdings all above the prior year. It was the first time in 13 months that wings had a year-over-year increase. Since 2013, the average move for the ARA chicken breast index during the next three weeks was up 7.5%.



Product Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Birds WOG-Nat	Increasing	Good	Higher
Wings (jumbo cut)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Wing Index (ARA)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Breast, Bnless Skinless NE	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Breast, Bnless Skinless SE	Increasing	Good	Lower
Breast Boneless Index (ARA)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Tenderloin Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Legs (whole)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Leg Quarter Index (ARA)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Thighs, Bone In	Increasing	Good	Lower
Thighs, Boneless	Decreasing	Good	Lower

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

Product Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Turkey (8-16 lb)	Steady	Good	Lower
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknls	Decreasing	Good	Higher

