

# ArrowStream

**Poultry** - Following an aggressive run throughout the front half of 2018, chick placements have slowed into late year. Languishing prices have led to depressed integrator margins, leaving expectations for early 2019 chicken production to run as much as 3% below a year ago. Seasonally, placements rise from mid-November into late-December, but this year's placements are only modest which should provide price support. Breast meat prices remain historically low but have failed to break the flat-pricing cycle witnessed in early October. Chicken wing prices have edged higher heading as of late but are still 10% below a year ago. But, struggling wing prices appear to be presenting opportunities to lock in product at favorable levels.

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

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

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Large Eggs (dozen)	Increasing	Short	Lower
Medium Eggs (dozen)	Steady	Short	Lower
Liquid Whole Eggs	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Liquid Egg Whites	Decreasing	Short	Higher
Liquid Egg Yolks	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Egg Breaker Stock Central	Decreasing	Short	Lower

