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MARKET WATCH



Ingredients for your Success



Poultry

- Product availability is good but dynamics could change with extreme hot weather and a shortened July 4 production week. Jumbo wings pricing has been mostly steady with product available. Medium and small wings were down. There continues to be excess medium wings widely available. Tenders supply is very tight.



Beef

- Expectations are for steady tones this week; market price corrections are expected to begin as we roll into the dog days of summer. Ribs, strips, and tenders, especially higher USDA grades, will remain steady to slightly higher due to limited availability. End cuts continue to be supported by need for value cuts from retail. Grinds continue to be an ad anchor for retail and consumers.



Grains / Oil

- Soybean stocks were reported as being higher, weather has been really good for soybeans, and Canola, too, so prices have come down for both soybean oil and Canola. Palm oil, also moved lower again as Indonesian exports continue to increase.



Pork

- Weak harvest levels have kept primal markets relatively strong. However, butts did see a slight dip for next week but should rebound rather quickly due to retail ads. Boneless butts are still strong. Loins are moving up next week driven by retail as well. Ribs have a slight decrease as the summer buying has slowed and suppliers clean out their freezer inventories.



Dairy

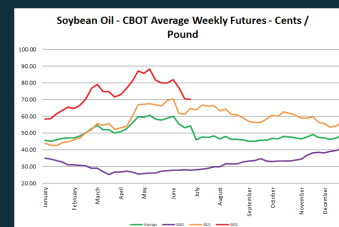
- Cheese markets rebounded this week due to increased exports. The butter market was higher this week with good cream demand. Good retail and foodservice demand has pushed shell eggs higher.



Seafood

- Canadian Spring Lobster Pack has come to an end and the Maine season has started and will last through November. Maine season will see 4-5oz, 5-6oz, and some 6-7oz tails. The 2022 wild salmon harvest has started, and the Sockeye harvest is off to a strong start. Mid-to-Smaller Sizes wild-caught domestic shrimp are a great value.

Market Headlines



Turkey

Avian Influenza is having its worst outbreak since 2015. As of today 5.5 million Turkeys have been lost which make up 2.5% of the US Turkey population. Turkey supply is extremely constrained across the market.

Seafood

Landings of head-on shrimp for peeling continue to be good. Landings have been great over a broad range of sizes signaling an optimistic outlook. Large Headless Whites 16/20 and 21/25 are being landed in quantity.

Eggs

Current loss of impacted layers is at 31.4 million birds about 9% of the nation's hen population. The majority of the impacts have been at farms located the north east and north west.



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Asparagus

- Supplies out of Mexico will be steady this week along with demand. Markets are adjusting post-holiday. Out of Peru, very similar to what the markets are doing out of Mexico. Domestic production has finished.

Avocado - Alert

- MX – Harvest has started to improve, as more Loca crop is now being released. Size curve on the summer crop is heavy to 48's and 60's, with very few #2's. CA – Harvest is at peak production on Hass, with Lambs also starting up this week. Size curve is peaking on 48 and 60ct, with only 7% fruit grading into #2 category. Peru – Arrivals into the US are increasing with good supplies on the water.

Brussels Sprouts - Alert

- Supplies continue to be limited as quality issues persist. Sprouts are showing seeder as well as puffiness, which is causing the sprout to feel less firm and a bit soft. Lighter volumes are expected to be seen through mid-July.

Cabbage - Green & Red - Alert

- Limited supplies continue with active markets on green and red cabbage this week out of Mexico and CA.

Corn - Alert

- East – Georgia supplies are finishing this week and other areas such as Carolinas and Virginia will start to have supplies of eastern corn. The market is still very active coming off a large holiday. Supplies are light, quality is challenging. West -Yellow and white corn very limited.

Cucumbers - Alert

- East – Cucumber supply remains light. Demand has been strong. West – Very limited supplies with active markets.

Broccoli - Alert

- Active market conditions have returned on broccoli on the west coast. Expect to see decrease in overall availability for the next 7-10 days. Quality is mostly fair to good with some irregular growth branchiness.

Green Beans- Alert

- Active market continue for west coast production on green beans. Supplies continue to be behind schedule.

Citrus - Alert

- Lemons: The market is steady on choice but higher on fancy. The peak sizing and grades have shifted from large fancy to smaller choice on the Central California Coast. Fancy grade import lemons from Argentina and Chile are coming into the East and West Coast.
- Oranges: Market firm. California Valencia's are peaking on 88/72. Supplies are light and growers are limiting packing to lighter as we move through the summer. Fancy grade Imports from Chile are beginning to arrive which is expected to help some.
- Lime: Small fruit still represents majority of yields, while large sizes are less prominent. The market is expected to firm up again mid-July due to drought conditions impacting quality and grove dehydration, leading to fewer pack-out yields and higher costs. Sizing continues to peak on 175/200/235 with lighter supplies 110/150's.

Leaf, Iceberg, Romaine

- Following the holiday weekend demand has softened, with markets still unsettled. Some suppliers continue to report reductions in yields on iceberg and lettuce.

Eggplant - Alert

- East - Supply much lighter, demand good, with active markets. West - More product from Mexico is now becoming available, expect to see market adjustments in the next 7-10 days.

Peppers - Green, Red, Yellow & Chili - Alert

- Markets active on all types of fresh chili peppers as well as all bell peppers, green, gold and red. Expect active markets for the next few weeks.

Potatoes - Alert

- Supplies are very limited on potatoes due to a light crop last season. We will not see improved supplies until the new crop starts at the end of August.

Bananas - Alert

- Supplies will be negatively impacted for quite some time from Guatemala due to tropical storm damage to the crop and transportation infrastructure. Consistent rain and cloud cover is also slowing growth and maturity. Guatemala is a significant source for one of the largest banana suppliers but others source from other countries. Supplies overall are lighted and demand is very good.

PRODUCE MARKET Updates

Blueberries

Prorates on orders with blueberries continue to be severe, with local/ California production finished for the season. Growers in the Pacific Northwest will begin to pack blueberries over the next 7-10 days hoping to bring some relief to the overall limited supplies available.