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# MARKET WATCH



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## Poultry

Breasts continue to have availability. Tenders are mostly available. Wings of all sizes demand has softened slightly. Dark meat demand remains solid. Whole birds demand is increasing.



## Pork

Butts moved up again next week. With lower harvest numbers and strong demand, this market should remain strong. Ribs are seeing a firmer pricing trend than expected. Loins are moving down and should continue through the end of the year. Bellies remain volatile and are taking another huge concession. Expect this market to continue to be volatile.



## Beef

The market overall appears to have found a steady tone. The demand continues to support middle meat pricing near term and should carry through the year. Strips continue to offer value and have solid tones. Chucks and rounds continue to soften as boxes start to build. Grinds can best be described as choppy at best, with supplies varying from packer to packer.



## Dairy

Shell egg markets are up this week. Barrel & Block market are increasing. Butter is up. December Cream and Culture pricing will reflect nominal changes.



## Grains / Oil

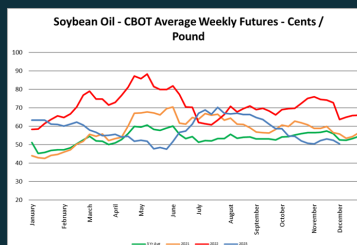
The soybean oil market was down nearly 3% with USDA reporting nearly unchanged from last month. Also, the biofuel demand has slowed. Canola is steady to down but expecting a move higher. Palm moved lower with competing veg oils, lower Chinese demand, and good production.



## Seafood

Texas Gulf Oyster beds have been closed by the Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife which will affect availability. Alaska Red King crab but prices are high, and availability is limited. Peru reportedly just re-opened their 2nd anchovy season 3 days ago; supply remains tight. The imported shrimp market is still down.

## Market Headlines



## Turkey

HPAI has returned and is affecting the Turkey producing states of Minnesota and the Dakotas. Currently the markets are mostly unaffected but there are concerns around the industry. Sysco branded suppliers have had no cases.

## Eggs

Three additional cage free farms identified as HPAI-positive. The 3 farms are in California, Ohio, and Kansas and are reportedly totaling close to 3 million birds.



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## Asparagus

Huge supply drop due to hot weather in Peru and cold in Mexico. There is strong holiday pull. Jumbo, extra large mostly affected. This should last through mid January. Market is much higher.

## Avocado- Alert

Limited harvesting this week with holidays beginning in Mexico. This is traditionally when prices begin to increase ahead of the New Year's pull. Category 2 fruit remains tight.

## Broccoli

Market softer with lower demand. Consistent volume expected this week and next.

## Cabbage - Green & Red

Supplies and quality good on both red and green. Market a bit softer on both.

## Cauliflower

Volume for the next two weeks is expected to be lighter. Markets have moved up with the increased demand.

## Celery

Supplies are tighter and demand is stronger as we close in on the holidays and the market is moving higher.

## Cilantro/Parsley

Cilantro and Parsley supplies and overall quality look good. Market a bit softer for both.

## Grapes

Final week of domestics. Import availability is better on the east coast due to Panama drought causing delays on the west coast. Import is underway with quality reported as good.

## Lettuce & Romaine

Market mostly steady. Overall, plenty of volume available with good quality. Only concern is that some shippers reporting ice in Imperial Valley fields, which could delay harvesting. Romaine and market holding steady. Hearts, market is also fairly steady.

## Citrus

Lemons - Expect pricing to stabilize for the fall/winter months as the demand decreases as the nation cools for the winter months.

Oranges - Good Supply of most sizes & grades right now to fill orders. As the season progresses, growers are forecasting small fruit to become extremely tight.

Limes - The market approaches stability as pricing is in a slowed rate of decline. Overall volume has increased, and overall coloring is improving. Peak sizing consists of medium-sized fruit; large fruits are increasing in availability as well.

## Onions

This market is very active, strong export demand to Mexico, the Pacific Rim, and C. America is driving an active market and is expected to continue into the New Year. The white onion market is leading the charge, with already diminished stocks in inventory.

## Peppers Red&Yellow-Alert

Green bell supply good in the East and getting better in the West. The quality is good, and the market is softer. Red and Yellow Bells have very limited supply and strong demand on both coasts.

## Pineapple

Production volume has returned to normal volume for this time of year. There is strong demand in the market due to holiday Ads. Volume will remain steady through December.

## Potatoes

Supplies are good and prices are lower on 80ct and smaller sizes with lighter availability on the larger sizes. Demand is picking up as the holiday pull gets underway

## Squash

East - Zucchini and yellow squash supplies extremely limited, quality good and market very high. Cool nights and wet weather are coming. West Good demand and availability, smaller sizing with good quality.

## Tomatoes

Round, roma, grape, & cherry markets are on alert due to rain and wind damaged crops in Florida, which has made availability extremely limited. Markets are expected to stay elevated until mid-January when Mexico availability increases.

## PRODUCE MARKET Updates

### Snap & Snow Peas

Market firm on both snap and snow as supplies are limited but they are beginning to improve.

### Green Beans

East - Bean supplies extremely light, demand strong, and market very high. No projections on more supply with 2-3 days of rain in the forecast. West - Continued limited supplies as rain has affected quality and production. Quality is fair.

### Broccolini

Demand continues to exceeds supplies, for next couple of weeks. Sweet baby broccoli may be an option to sub as it is a very similar variety.