



# Market CORNER

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## Poultry

Bigger birds, better hatchability, and larger egg sets are allowing extra supply on the market, especially in the boneless market. Tenders and breasts are seeing increased supply on all sizes. Wings are seeing extra availability on larger sizes. Small wing availability is tightening. Dark meat demand remains very good.



## Pork

Butts both Bone-in and boneless are trading near established price levels. Loins are steady- again, demand continues to be down. Ribs are mixed- spareribs are ramping up for new year's, while backs and lous are steady. Bellies are steady and the market is increasing slowly since mid-September. Trim is steady with minimal increases on the week.



## Beef

Packers once again had to pay higher for cattle and were also able to lower the weekly slaughter which helped push prices higher across most all cuts. Ribs, tenders, strips, and short loins saw the largest increases on the carcass. Chuck rolls remain very limited and are trading at four year highs. Rounds and thins saw modest increases. Market is expected to continue to stay strong.



## Dairy

Shell egg markets are up this week. California and Northwest markets are up. Two farms were identified as HPAI positive over the weekend in Washington & Utah. The Block & Barrel are decreasing. Spot Cheese markets are falling faster than expected. Butter is down.



## Grains / Oil

Soybean oil futures moved lower last week with excellent crop progress 10% above last year. Last week the WASDE report from the USDA was not very impactful to the market. Canola seed futures rose, Canola oil moved slightly higher. Palm continues to be higher. Corn, soybeans, meal, oil, and wheat all moved lower.

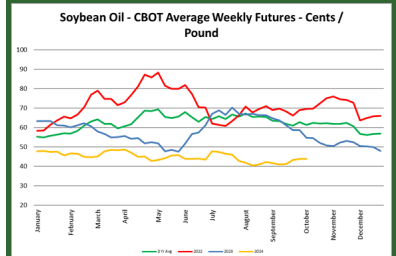


## Seafood

Port strike lasted on a few days with minimal impact to the seafood imports sector. We are expecting demand to begin increasing on shellfish items due to the holidays, which generally firms that market up going into the end of the year.

# Market HEADLINES

## Soy Bean Oil



## Beef

Cattle slaughter came in at 586k. This was the lightest, non-holiday week, slaughter we have seen since end of March. Packers have been dropping the weekly harvest in the past couple weeks as their margins drop.

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## Asparagus

Volume has improved and is meeting demand this week. No expected changes for 2-3 weeks. Market is lower. Quality is good to fair.

## Avocado

Harvest volumes have been strong, but fruit is slow to size up. 60s and smaller are readily available. 48s remain tight. 40s and larger are limited. Fruit is expected to continue sizing up and larger sizes should be more readily available mid-November. #2s remain in limited supply.

## Bell Peppers

West Green Alert as supplies are limited for the next 2-3 weeks. Eastern demand affecting pricing and availability of western product. Color supply is sufficient to meet demand. East – Green bell supply lighter, northern growing areas finishing up, Georgia yields are low because of hurricane Helene, prices will remain high. Red and yellow bell.

## Broccoli

Market is firm but as come down a bit, recent heat issues continue to impact yields and quality. Growers are keeping up with demand despite the lower yields.

## Cauliflower

Market is down, but still some quality issues impacting yields that could move this market up if demand picks up as supplies are just moderate.

## Celery

Market mostly steady to a bit higher on moderate supplies. Quality has been reported as good.

## Cilantro/Parsley

Market steady on cilantro and high heat is impacting yields and keep market up. Parsley market mainly steady on fair to good supplies and moderate demand.

## Grapes

Supplies remain good and quality good as well. Not much change expected for the next 2 weeks, market is steady.

## Citrus

Lemons- Demand for lemons is steady. District 2 winding down. District 3 has begun for most suppliers. Chilean imports still have a few weeks to go and peaking on 200s /165s. District 3 is peaking on 165s, 200s, and 140s followed by 115s.

Oranges -Strong demand for oranges continues and supplies remain extremely limited. The industry is waiting for the New Crop Navel to be ready for harvest. Estimates are showing possibly picking Week of 10/14 or 10/21 depending on Color / Internals.

Limes - The lime market continues to decline. Crop peaking in 250/230s which is 60% of yields; coloring has much improved, however, due to high humidity/rain, increased skin breakdown/oil spots. Large sizes will be limited.

## Lettuce Iceberg

Demand is moderate to good, and supplies are a bit tighter on lower yields, market is up a bit. Extended heat expected to bring on some tip burn.

## Lettuce Romaine

Market is steady on both romaine and romaine hearts. Both items are not abundant however most growers are meeting the demand currently.

## Onions

Supplies are good on new crop yellows and reds from Washington and Idaho. Demand is good. Quality has been good. Prices have stabilized on all colors.

## Potatoes- Russets

Supplies are good on the new crop. The size so far is large with some growers being limited on small sizes. Quality is also good. Prices are slightly lower.

## Squash

West stable volume and quality. California production is slowing down with Mexico crossing filling demand. Should be a steady transition. East – Zucchini and yellow squash supplies lighter, demand better, quality is good and market increasing.

## Tomatoes

Tomatoes are on alert status due to low availability both east and west. Market is active on all varieties due to lack of product both east and west. Quality will vary greatly amongst shippers.

## PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

### Mushrooms

Supplies are tight as new compost has reduced yields with some growers. Market is a bit active.

### Broccoli/Sweet Baby Broccoli

Supplies are extremely limited from all suppliers due to weather-related quality issues. Currently demand is exceeding supplies.

### Corn

West Quality continues to be poor, with very limited supplies, market is higher. Southeast corn continues to be in tight supply. Grower lost corn fields due to Hurricane Helene a couple of weeks ago. Markets are strong and supply.