



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!

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Poultry

Most offerings are seeing tighter supply because of increased demand, smaller birds, and winter weather closing plants. Breasts of all sizes are seeing BIG increases in demand. Tenders demand has increased. Wings have good availability. Thigh meat demand is picking up. Whole birds stayed mostly balanced.



Pork

Ham continues to climb with strong domestic and export demand. Bellies continue to increase rapidly which will continue to impact bacon pricing. Trim continues to climb due to limited spot market availability. Butts and Loins are following normal trends. Ribs are flat, though back ribs remain inflationary over prior years.



Beef

We continue to see curtailed kills throughout the industry. The cutout has continued to weaken throughout the week. Packers have maintained lower slaughter volumes for the last two weeks, but next week we may see increased volume again. Demand continues to be below anticipated levels. Outside cuts and grinds continue to trade lower this week.



Dairy

Shell egg markets are up this week and California eggs are up except for Jumbos which are flat. Roughly 3-million cage-free layer operation in the Midwest tested positive for bird flu over the weekend. The Block & Barrel are up. Butter is down with plenty of supply.



Grains / Oil

Last week, the soybean oil futures market traded roughly unchanged. There is volatility within the trading weeks but no significant change for the weekly average. Canola tariffs were put on hold and pricing has improved. Palm pricing is higher, but stocks are trending lower.

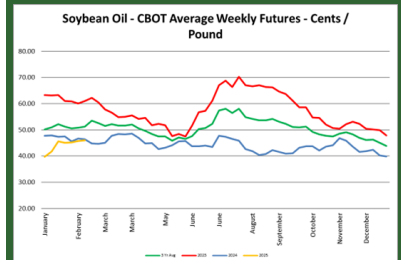


Seafood

Mahi, Scallop, Lobster, and Groundfish markets are continuing to firm up going into the new year. We expect the trend to continue going in to summer. The tariffs on Mexico, Canada were postponed 30 days but the tariffs on China are in effect.

Market HEADLINES

Soy Bean Oil



Beef

The cutout will continue to soften this week. Upper 2/3 light ribs, strips, hanging tenders and peeled outside skirts continue to be in tight supply.

Poultry

A winter storm in the south will impact production. Plants in NC have been impacted. Expect shortages in the back half of the weeks.

Eggs

It appears that the confirmed layer bird losses since January 1 are now at about 27 million (about 50M since Oct-2024). There still appears to be no end in sight and the U.S. egg industry is in full-blown turmoil.

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Asparagus

Mexico growing conditions last week were favorable for good production. Market is lower as more volume comes into play. East coast market is higher as focus shifts to western supply.

Avocado

Mexico supplies are tight, quality is fair to good, demand is good, and the market is increasing. Another week of light harvest, driving the market higher on 48s and 60s. These higher field prices should increase the number of growers harvesting but expect market to remain volatile. Revised crop estimate shows 20% less volume this season.

Bell Peppers

East - Green supplies are abundant, quality is excellent, demand is good market is steady. Color supplies steady. quality is excellent, demand strong, market is increasing. West Good quality, strong demand. Green market is very weak, color stronger.

Broccoli

Market a bit weaker with good supplies and moderate demand. Quality is reported as fair to good.

Cauliflower

Market a bit softer with good supplies and moderate demand. Quality is reported as good.

Celery

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Cilantro/Parsley

Market is steady on Cilantro and parsley with moderate to good demand. Quality reported as fair for cilantro and fair to good on the parsleys.

Grapes

Plenty of all varieties and great quality on grapes on both coasts and expected to remain that way for multiple weeks now.

Citrus

Lemons- Supplies are plentiful, quality is excellent, demand is fair to good, and the market is steady. All sizes available and quality is excellent.

Oranges- Supplies are good, quality is excellent, demand is good, and the market is steady. Large sizes are in limited quantities.

Limes - Supplies are steady, quality is fair to good, demand is fair, and the market is steady but expected to be higher by the weekend.

Lettuce Iceberg

The market is a bit lower as warmer weather has begun to improve yields. Quality is reported as good.

Lettuce Romaine

The market is softer, with good supplies expected into next week on Romaine. Hearts steady currently. Quality is reported as fair to good on both.

Onions

Supplies are good and are expected to hold through spring. Whites are lighter in supply this season. Demand has slowed on all colors on all colors. Quality has been good, with good sizing. Prices are lower on all red and yellow.

Potatoes- Russets

Supplies are good and look to be so thru the season. Sizing is heavy to large with most growers being lighter on small sizes. Quality is good. Prices are steady.

Squash

East -zucchini supplies plentiful, quality is excellent, demand is good, and market is decreasing; yellow squash supplies good, quality good, demand is good, and the market is good. West good availability of zucchini, with yellow lighter, demand fair, quality excellent.

Tomatoes

Round, roma, grape, & cherry markets remain stable with good availability and quality both east and west. Quality is good on all varieties.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Strawberries

Supplies are slowly recovering from rain last week in California. Florida is expecting brief rain this week and Mexico is over the peak but still producing good volume. Overall supplies will improve. Quality is good. Prices are lower.

Bananas

Supplies are light but demand is getting covered. Some rippers are behind and shipping greener fruit. 150 Ct petites are limited from some.

Pineapple

Supplies are tight, quality is fair to good, demand is strong, and the market is increasing. Expect supplies to remain snug for the next 4-6 weeks.