



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!

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Poultry

Most offerings are seeing tighter supply because of increased demand, smaller birds, and the closing of plants. Breasts of all sizes are seeing increases in demand. Tenders demand has exploded due to breast prices. Wings are readily available and the best value in chicken. Thigh and leg meat has been seeing heavy demand.



Pork

Ham markets are rebounding with improved interest from Mexico. Bellies remain unsettled. 42's are unsettled as availability is not clear, while 72's are steady. Loins are mostly steady. Butts are steady. Spareribs are steady while Louis and backs are not.



Beef

585-595K harvest was expected and a 564K harvest was reported to end last week. Packers continue to tweak harvest levels to minimize inventory levels and maintain the leverage. Middle meats continue to possibly be plateaued. End cut inventories continue to be a concern and drag on the cut out. Grind position remains steady.



Dairy

Shell egg markets for Jumbo/EXLarge are down this week and Large/Medium are flat. California eggs are down. Medium and extra-large eggs supply has grown. The Block & Barrel are up. Butter is flat. A delay in further US tariffs (excluding China) has reduced near-term risk to US dairy exports and supported price.



Grains / Oil

The soybean oil market was higher last week but moved lower toward week's end. Canola will not be hit with tariffs, but palm oil will. China has imposed retaliatory tariffs on the US which could hurt US exports to China.

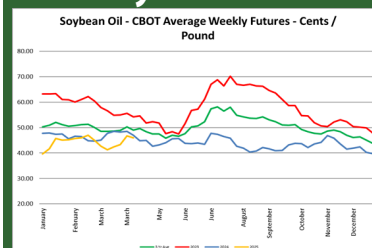


Seafood

Multiple seasons in the shellfish category are coming in season: Lobster, Scallops, and Snow Crab. There are hopes of increased inventory to alleviate some pricing increases.

Market HEADLINES

Soy Bean Oil



Oils

Tariffs have been avoided for Canola. Palm oil is expected to get hit with tariffs.

Chicken

Expect for Broiler production to remain tight and for boneless offerings to continue to see high demand.

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Asparagus

Challenging supplies out of Mexico continue as many fields close. This week expected to be extremely limited as shippers struggle to fill orders. Market is much higher on the east coast as tariffs and limited Peruvian supply stress market.

Avocado

Mexico -Inventories are higher this week, as packers work to get ahead of the limited production expected for Holy Week. The market for 60ct and larger are slightly lower. Small fruit demand remains high; supplies and market are holding steady.

Bell Peppers

East - supplies are good, quality is excellent, demand is good, and market is decreasing. Red and yellow market steady. West - Quality concerns due to end of season and weather. Volume on green is declining, and market is higher. Color Peppers volume declining, market steady.

Broccoli

Market active but down a bit. Salinas supplies are a bit light, but it is meeting demand. Quality is reported as good.

Cauliflower

Market is active and firming up as supplies continue to be up and down. Quality is fair to good.

Cilantro/Parsley

Market is lower on Cilantro and steady on parsley with moderate to good demand. Quality reported as good on both.

Grapes

As the Chilean season draws to an end, the market for both red and green remains elevated. Quality continues to be fair on greens as they always show color issues sooner than red at this time of year.

Celery

Market is mostly steady with good supplies and moderate demand. Quality is reported as good.

Citrus

Lemons- Supplies are good, quality is excellent, demand is good, and the market is higher. Small has tightened up as sizing has shifted to 115s and larger. Expect this trend to continue for about a month until central California ramps up.

Oranges- Supplies are good, quality is excellent, demand is good, and the market is increasing. Small fruit is starting to tighten as smaller independent suppliers are finishing up.

Limes - Supplies will be lower, due limited harvesting this week in observance of Holy Week. That will result in a lower overall volume for beginning of next week, demand is still not optimal, anticipating pricing will remain stable.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market higher as Salinas is starting out with lighter supplies through this week. Quality is reported as fair to good.

Lettuce Romaine

Market is softer but expected to be a little up and down as we settle in Salinas. Heart market is steady, and quality is fair to good for both.

Onions

Supplies are good. Idaho is winding down. Washington will go thru May. Texas dried out after the rains and what was not flooded looks good. California is starting next week. Prices are steady in all areas with no quality concerns.

Potatoes- Russets

Supplies and quality remain good. Sizing is spread across all sizes making for consistent pricing from large to small. Quality is good. Prices are steady.

Squash

East - supplies are plentiful on both yellow and zucchini, quality is excellent, demand is good, and the market is steady. Georgia production to start in a light way this week. West- Decent supply with moderate demand. Market is steady and quality is fair to good.

Tomatoes

Markets continue to improve on rounds both east and west due to additional availability in both central FL and Mexico. Grape, cherry, & roma markets remain steady.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Brussel Sprouts

Market has spiked upward, and this will likely be the trend for the coming 2-3 weeks due to very low yields. Quality is reported as fair to good.

Green Beans

East- supplies are limited, quality is good, and demand strong for Easter and the market is increasing. West- Limited supplies continue out of Mexico as crop struggles to recover from cooler weather. Quality is fair. Market higher.

Pineapple

Supplies are tight, quality is fair to good, demand is strong, and the market is increasing. Crownless and Organic are also in tight supply.