



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!

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Poultry

We are seeing better availability across the industry. Breasts of all sizes are starting to steady out. Tenders demand has increased due to breast prices. Wings are readily available and the best value in chicken. Thigh and leg meat has been seeing heavy demand and tight supplies.



Pork

Hams are steady with export interest remaining strong. Bellies are back up but softened a bit from the unseasonal climb. Trim is strong with both 42's & 72's. Ribs are steady supply with Back ribs continuing to strengthen. Loins are now steady, and markets are flat. Butts are up, supply is steady, demand is strengthening.



Beef

The tone remains firm, driven by reduced harvest. Grading continues inverted, as Prime and Upper 2/3rd Grade increase, leaving Select and No Roll boxes limited supply. Middle meat pricing continues to be driven by grade imbalances. End cuts are mustering price increases. Grinds are experiencing higher demand.



Dairy

Shell egg markets are down. California eggs are down. The Block & Barrel are up. Butter is up and cream is still available but tightening seasonally.



Grains / Oil

Last week the soybean oil market experienced significant volatility, influenced by speculative trading and shifting expectations around U.S. renewable fuel policies. Canola moved directionally with soybean oil. Palm oil was down with stocks building.



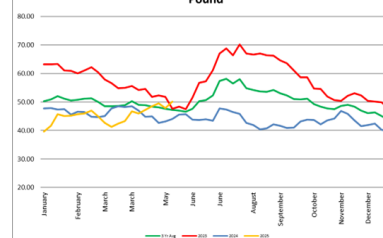
Seafood

Spring pack season for N. Atlantic lobsters should be in full swing by the start of next week. Various seafood markets dependent on international supply chains are seeing upward pressure on pricing.

Market HEADLINES

Soy Bean Oil

Soybean Oil - CBOT Average Weekly Futures - Cents / Pound



Beef

Heifer percentages continue to dwindle. This is impacting our Ranch & Grill and Butcher Imperial programs, especially over the last 4-5 months. This pattern of reduced inventories will continue.

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Asparagus

Mexican production is lower than expected with Washington filling the gap. Peruvian supply is steady. Quality overall has been good, markets about steady.

Avocado

Mexico -Supplies and quality are good, demand is fair to good, and market is steady to slightly lower; 32s/36s are still limited in supplies, while 40s - 70s are plentiful. California – continues to harvest strong with 32s/36s limited supplies, and better volume of 40s and smaller.

Bell Peppers

East - green supplies and quality are good, demand is strong, and the market is steady to slightly higher. Colored peppers supplies tight, demand good and the market is increasing. West -quality is good on all varieties, desert is underway with good production on green and red.

Broccoli

Market a bit lower as production remains steady, supplies look good into next week and should keep up with demand. Quality is good.

Cauliflower

Market is mostly steady with good supplies and steady demand. Quality is good.

Cilantro/Parsley

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

Grapes

The market for both red and green is active and remains elevated. Chile finishing and quality poor supply extremely short for reds with fair quality. Mexico and California starting up next week.

Celery

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

Citrus

Lemons- Supplies are good, quality is good, demand is good, and the market is steady to higher. Small size lemons are in demand exceed supply. Relief expected to arrive with imports in early July and the transition to district 2. Peaking 95s and larger.

Oranges- Supplies are good, quality is fair good, demand is strong, and the market is increasing. Valencia's have started in a small way and suppliers will be transitioning from Navels to Valencia's over the next 2 weeks.

Limes - The market has stabilized for now. Supplies continue to be very limited on 110s/150s/175s but should meet demand on 200s/230s/250s. Quality overall better than usual for this time of year. As a result, very light supplies of #2s/large juicing limes.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market is higher as supplies are lighter and demand has strengthened. Quality is reported as good.

Lettuce Romaine

Market is mainly steady as we settle in with good supplies and moderate demand. Heart market is steady, and quality is fair to good for both.

Onions

Supplies are good. California and Texas have good availability of new crop. Washington will have some suppliers packing thru May while others have finished. 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 plentiful on yellow and green, quality good, demand good and the market is steady. West - Volume increasing as California harvest gets underway. Market is lower, quality is very good.

Tomatoes

Round markets have stabilized out east due to increased availability out of the central Florida growing region. Out West, grape & cherry markets remain unchanged, but roma markets continue to improve due to increased availability.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Brussel Sprouts

The market high and continues be very active; total industry supplies are well below normal due to quality issues impacting yields. Quality is reported as fair.

Green Beans

East – Supplies are steady, quality is good, demand is good, and the market is decreasing. Limited supplies due to cooler weather and water supply issues. Quality is fair and market is high. No expected relief for 10-12 days new crop start.

Pineapple

Supplies are tight, quality is good, demand is strong, and the market is steady. The industry is still dealing with vessel congestion at the Panama Canal and container inventory is still running low.