



# Market CORNER

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## Poultry

We are seeing better availability across the industry, except for tenders. Breasts of all sizes are starting to show improved availability. Demand for tenders remains extremely high, and supply is tight. Wings are readily available and continue to be the best value in chicken. Availability of thigh and leg meat has also improved.



## 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

Reduced harvest and a short shipping week so the market remains firm. Middle meats continue to creep higher. End cuts are mustering price increases, supported by the need for lean material. Grinds, continue to enjoy solid demand along with a reduced harvest week, pricing strength could hold for few more weeks.



## Dairy

Shell egg markets are down and California eggs are down. USDA's monthly Chicken and Eggs reported 287 million egg-laying birds on hand. The Block & Barrel are up. Butter is up.



## Grains / Oil

The soybean oil market was very choppy. Most of the inputs are surrounding the biofuels RVO, as we don't have a definitive answer as to what the mandates may be from the EPA. Canola is moving along with soybean oil. Palm moved up slightly last week after several downward weeks.



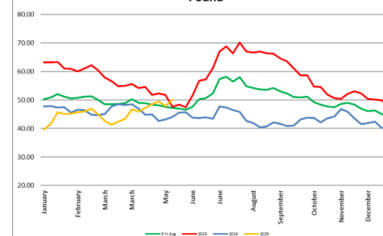
## Seafood

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

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.61 million head, 3 percent below 2024. 700-799 LBs were 370,000 head; 800-899 LBs were 443,000 head. Fed cattle during April totaled 1.83 million head, 3 percent below 2024.

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## Asparagus

Mexican volume not enough to meet demand, expected relief by the first week of June. Local asparagus is helping fill as market has increased slightly. Peru continues to see cold weather hampering growth and production. Market is higher, quality fair to good.

## Avocado

Mexico -Supplies are good, quality is good, demand is light to good, and market is steady to slightly lower. 32s/36s are still limited in supplies, while 40s thru 70s are plentiful. 32s/36s slightly lower, while 40s-70s are steady. California continues with good volume.

## Bell Peppers

East - green supplies plentiful, quality good, and the market steady. Red & Yellow supplies tight, quality fair to good, and the market is higher. West - Green harvest is lighter as regional shift takes place in two weeks, market is higher. Market steady for color peppers.

## Broccoli

Market a bit higher as production has slowed. Market not expected to trend much higher and should keep up with demand. Quality is good.

## Cauliflower

Market a bit higher as production has slowed with cooler weather. Market not expected to trend much higher and should keep up with demand. Quality is good.

## Cilantro/Parsley

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

## Grapes

Very active Green Grape market as Chilean quality is fair at best and Mexican fruit is still small in sizing and tart. Reds are still much more attractive on pricing and quality.

## Celery

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

## Citrus

Lemons- Supplies good, quality good, demand strong, and the market steady to higher. Small size lemons are in demand exceed supply. Relief to arrive with imports in July and the transition to district 2.

Oranges- Supplies good, quality is good, demand 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 few weeks.

Limes - Supplies continue to be very limited on 110s/150s. Majority of volume in 230s/250s. Rain in Mexico causing harvest delays, reducing availability and will increase oil spots/skin breakdown on inbound fruit.

## Lettuce Iceberg

Market is mostly steady as supplies are fair but meeting demand. Quality is reported as good.

## Lettuce Romaine

Market is mainly steady with good supplies in Salinas on moderate demand. Heart market is higher with stronger demand, and quality is fair to good for both.

## Onions

Supplies are good on new crop from California and New Mexico. Washington will have some suppliers packing thru May while many 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, quality good, demand good and the market is steady on both yellow and zucchini. West demand is good for green squash, supplies are steady and market is slightly lower. Yellow demand is stronger, market is firm, quality is fair to good on both.

## Tomatoes

Round and roma markets are lower with better availability both east and west. Cherry markets remain unchanged, with good availability.

## PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

### Brussel Sprouts

The market remains elevated but continues to trend down as supplies begin to improve. Quality is reported as fair.

### Corn

East - supplies are plentiful, quality is good, demand is good, and the market is steady. West continued limited supply and high markets. Less acreage planted in California will cause higher markets throughout the summer season.

### 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.