



# Market CORNER

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## Poultry

Tenders remain the hardest to get offering and are expected to be in short supply through the summer. Wing demand has started to pick up and availability is tightening. Jumbo and medium breasts have good availability. Availability of thigh and leg meat has also improved.



## Pork

Bellies are strengthening again with increased demand. Trim steady and strong as materials are still tight. Ribs are steady supply with Back ribs continuing to strengthen and spareribs now following, St. Louis staying steady. Loins are steady. Butts continue to gain momentum.



## Beef

Higher cattle prices are leading to further reduced harvests and a firm market. Middles are mixed, with the rib steady, and the strip and top butt continuing to work higher. End cuts continue to find their way into the grinder as ground beef is the star of the summer show. Thin meats continue their upward trajectory.



## Dairy

Shell egg markets are flat and California eggs are flat. The Block & Barrel are down. Butter is up.



## Grains / Oil

Soybean oil continues to trade within a range, so sideways. We still await the EPA decisions regarding biofuels. Canola oil is very tight with well below expected stocks causing higher cash values. Palm oil has moved higher with increased demand.

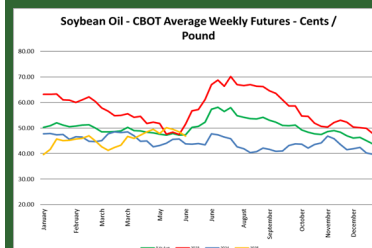


## Seafood

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



### Beef

New World Screwworm (NWS) has re-emerged in cattle and is spreading rapidly north through Central America and Mexico. While not yet present in the United States, the threat is significant and measures are being taken.

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## Asparagus

Steady market, volume slightly higher out of Mexico, steady from Peru. Some local production finishing but no flux in market expected as supply is meeting demand across the board. Some quality issues surfacing, mostly fair to good.

## Avocado

Supplies are steady, quality is fair, and market is steady. We are approaching the end of the old crop season. The market is holding at current levels now, but we expect with transition coming that field prices will begin to increase.

## Bell Peppers

East - Green supplies are plentiful, quality is excellent, market is steady to slightly lower. Red supplies good, market steady. Yellow supplies tight and market steady. West - Green are steady supply with a lower market. Color higher due to quality issues impacting yields.

## Broccoli

Market is down a bit as production has improved some this week and is expected to keep up with demand. Quality is good.

## Cauliflower

Market holding as production numbers are fairly steady and should keep up with demand. Quality is good.

## Cilantro/Parsley

Market on parsley is steady with good supplies. Cilantro is up as production yields are down with several growers. Quality reported as good on both.

## Grapes

Continue with fair quality at best on Greens and extremely short. Reds fair to good, but a wide range in quality and price depending on growing region and we still have product from Chile, rained on product from Mexico and new crop CA.

## Celery

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

## Citrus

Lemons- Supplies good, quality fair to good, demand strong, and the market steady to higher. Small size lemons are still tight, imports expected to arrive third week of June and Mexico is just around the corner.

Oranges- Supplies good, quality good, demand strong, and the market is increasing. More suppliers are finishing up on Navels and starting Valencia oranges. Expect full transition by early July. (Heat will come into play & regreening soon.)

Limes -Supplies good, quality good, demand is good, and the market is steady to slightly lower. The lime market has flatlined in the U.S., especially on small-sized fruit. Pricing continues to decline across the board.

## Lettuce Iceberg

Market is a bit lower as supplies are better and continue meeting demand. Quality is reported as good.

## Lettuce Romaine

Market is up as some growers are tight between plantings, but demand should be met. Heart market is steady at higher levels and quality is fair to good for both.

## Onions

Supplies are good on new crop from California and New Mexico. We will transition from Southern CA to Central Cal next week. Prices are lower on yellows from NM. Quality is good in all areas.

## 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 good, quality good, demand good and market steady on both yellow and zucchini squash. West abundant supply with weakening market for zucchini, yellow squash volume is lower as fields finish.

## Tomatoes

Round markets continue to improve with additional availability out of South Carolina and north Georgia. Out West; grape, cherry, & roma markets are stable with good availability.

## PRODUCE MARKET Updates

### Garlic

Domestic supplies from California are winding down and supplementing from Mexico is needed to fill in. Market is expected to be active until new crop is harvested.

### Cucumber Field

East - Supplies are plentiful, quality and demand are good, and the market is steady. West - Lighter supplies expected as production declines due to regional shift and labor shortage. Market is expected to increase into next week, for now steady.

### 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.