



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!

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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 continue to climb. Trim is steady to strong. Ribs are steady. Back and spareribs continuing to strengthen. St. Louis staying steady. Loins are steady. We're starting to see the seasonal trend of Butts increasing as demand is going up with summer right around the corner.



Beef

Reduced harvest and higher cattle prices are basis for steady to firm market. Middle meats are steady. End cuts continue to hold value. Thin meats due to the reduced harvest, are firm to stronger. Grinds, continue to enjoy steady demand and continued reduced harvest, pricing strength could hold thru the weeks ahead.



Dairy

Shell egg markets are up, and California eggs are up. Many suppliers are still working through scheduled flock rotations, with several birds not yet sized up. The Block & Barrel are down. U.S. is on the soft side, but exports are good. Butter is up.



Grains / Oil

The EPA released its biofuel mandate proposal, which was bullish for the market. Also, the conflict between Israel and Iran has pushed crude oil higher and impacting soybean. Canola cash values continue to move higher with very tight stocks. Palm oil moved higher.

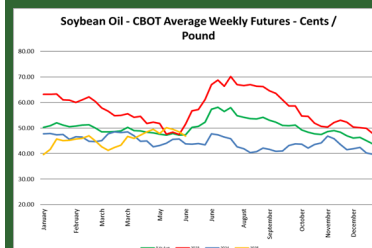


Seafood

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

Mexican volume has increased with a good array of sizing. Peruvian production is about steady. Quality is good on all. Market is about steady to slightly lower.

Avocado

Mexico -Supplies are steady, quality is fair to good, demand is fair to good, and market is steady. 32s/36s limited supplies. 48s are down slightly due to large demand for 60s and 70s. California – Supplies are steady, quality is good to excellent, demand is good, and the market is steady. 32s/36s limited supplies.

Bell Peppers

East – Supplies steady good, quality good, demand good, and market increasing; Red & yellow supplies steady, quality good, demand good, market increasing. West – Desert heat has curtailed production as product shifts for greens, with reds and yellows to start next week. Quality fair. Demand improving. Market higher on yellow.

Broccoli

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

Cauliflower

Market holding mostly steady as production numbers are a little up and down but 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 higher as yields are lower from the field and demand is slightly higher. Quality is reported as good.

Lettuce Romaine

Market is up on both romaine and hearts as growers are tight as we move into lighter plantings. 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 – Yellow supplies steady, quality is fair, demand strong, and the market increasing. Zucchini supplies good, quality good, demand good, and the market slightly higher. West Light demand with strong volume market is steady on zucchini, yellow squash shortly in supply.

Tomatoes

Round markets are stable out east 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 plentiful, quality is fair to good, demand is good, market steady to slightly higher. West – Transition in progress with quality outlook to improve into next week. Demand is moderate.

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.