



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 really pickup and availability is tightening. Breasts of all sizes are starting to show improved 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

Reduced harvest and a short shipping week are basis for steady to firm market. Middle meats are steady. End cuts are faring about the same, supported by the need for lean material from processors / grinders. Grinds, continue to enjoy solid demand along w/ 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.



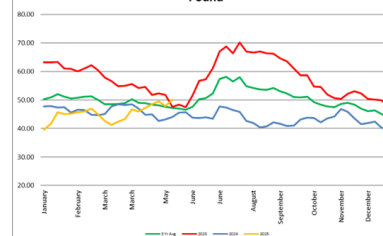
Seafood

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

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 increasing slowly with some local programs starting to wind down. Peruvian growing regions are in transition. Markets are about steady. Quality is 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

West – Green pepper supply in transition north market expected to improve. Quality is fair to good. Color pepper market is about steady. East Red peppers are limited with fair quality, demand is strong market higher. Green plentiful with good quality.

Broccoli

Market higher as production numbers are lower this week but should keep up with demand. Quality is good.

Cauliflower

Market lower as production numbers are better and should keep up with demand this week and into next week. 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

Tropical storm in Mexico has decimated the crop, mostly effecting the reds. Supplies, expected to be extremely light and what is harvested and shipped will have considerable damage upon receipt. Expect the entire month of June to be challenging.

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 and market remains elevated. Majority of volume in 230s/250s and that market remains steady.

Lettuce Iceberg

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

Lettuce Romaine

Market is up but should not trend much higher as some growers are tight between plantings, but demand should be met. Heart market is higher, 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 and into June 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

West - multiple regions showing good supply, market is flat, quality good. Eastern zucchini supplies are plentiful with excellent quality and good demand, that market is steady. Yellow quality is fair, market stronger.

Tomatoes

Round markets are stable out east due to good availability out of the central Florida growing region. Out West, grape & cherry markets are stable with good availability. Roma markets continue to improve due to increased availability.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Brussel Sprouts

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

Corn

West - moderate to light demand, market is steady with light supplies. East - supply is good, quality and demand good, market is 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.