



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 picked up and availability is tightening. Jumbo and medium breasts have good availability. Availability of thigh and leg meat has also improved.



Pork

Expect Butts and Ribs to continue to soften post-holiday. Bellies reversed the climb upward. Trim held at strong level. Loins are steady. As expected, Ham reversed as interest softened due to high markets.



Beef

This week's harvest numbers are expected to rebound to pre-holiday levels. Product availability looks to be increasing, so some prices are softening a bit. Middle meat price declines are led by the rib complex but followed closely by strips, with tenders & top butts holding steady. End cuts are mixed.



Dairy

Shell egg markets are up, excluding Medium, and California eggs are up, excluding Medium. The Block market is up and U.S. exports on the year are up. Butter is also up; cream remains readily available.



Grains / Oil

Last week saw the soybean oil market move higher, again, with the concern that the RVO. We may be importing soybean oil, but with the RIN value of soybean oil being worth half of domestic. Palm and Canola are slightly higher.

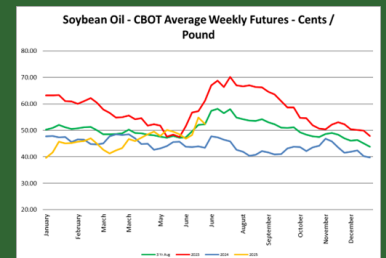


Seafood

Operators are revamping menus now to gear up for the summer crowd and beach business. Fish to feature for summer menus: Wild Salmon, Tuna, Swordfish, Grouper, Snapper, Lake fish (Rainbow trout, Perch, Walleye), and bass (Barramundi & Bronzini) are all great options.

Market HEADLINES

Soy Bean Oil



Beef

With these beef boxes available early & normal harvest levels returning, there is hope that this market will begin to soften over the next week or two.

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Asparagus

Market is sluggish post holiday and should hold steady for 2-3 weeks depending on any inclement weather situations arising. Heat may factor into quality out of Mexico. Peru supplies are steady.

Avocado

Mexico - Supplies, quality and demand is good. Market is steady to increasing. 32s/36s limited supplies. 48s and larger are oversupplying the market, while 60s and 70s are in good demand, resulting in a strong market. California -Supplies are steady to good, market steady.

Bell Peppers

East - All peppers are extremely tight in supplies, quality fair to good, demand strong and market rapidly increasing. West – All varieties are demand exceeds; market is much higher. Quality is fair at best, expected shortage to last two weeks.

Broccoli

Market remains firm as production is down in multiple regions from recent milder weather but is expected to keep up with demand. Quality is good.

Cauliflower

Market is down as production numbers have improved some and is expected to keep up with demand. Quality is good.

Cilantro/Parsley

Market on parsley is steady with good supplies. Cilantro is up slightly. Quality reported as good on both.

Grapes

Grape supplies finishing up in Mexico with the start of the San Joaquin Valley in CA. Slightly slow start on harvest is keeping the green market very active and high. Reds good as well but trailing behind greens on pricing.

Celery

Market is up but with good supplies and steady demand it is not expected to climb too much. Quality is reported as good to very good.

Citrus

Lemons- Supplies steady to tight, quality fair to good, demand strong, and the market higher. Smaller sizes are becoming more plentiful with the transition to D2 growing district, while larger lemons are tight. Market will reflect supply.

Oranges- Supplies steady, quality good, demand strong, and the market is increasing. Navels have officially concluded for the season and Valencia oranges are in full swing. The industry is seeing some regreening, causing extended gas time.

Limes - Supplies good, quality good, demand is good, and the market is steady. Significant rain still in Mexico, has allowed fruit to gain size. Crop peaking 200/175/150.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market remains elevated and active as yields are lower from the field and demand is higher. Quality is reported as good. Mexico lettuce supplies have improved slightly but still very snug.

Lettuce Romaine

Market on romaine and hearts still elevated with romaine steady and hearts a bit stronger. Quality is fair to good for both.

Onions

Yellow and red markets are stable to slightly stronger. The white market has tightened up over the past week and will likely see some slow increases in the next week. Overall quality and availability are good.

Potatoes- Russets

The large count (40-70) market is higher on short supply. The market is currently in a demand exceeds supply situation likely into mid-August. The 80- count market is starting to move upward as well. Small sizes are mostly steady.

Squash

East - Yellow Squash and Zucchini supplies are tight, quality fair to good, demand is strong, and the market is increasing. West - Markets are higher as supply is limited especially for yellow squash. Demand is good, quality fair.

Tomatoes

Out east, availability is light on all varieties due to a delayed start in Tennessee and Virginia. Florida, Ga, and South Carolina have wrapped up which has led to a reduction in availability. Out west, availability out of California and Baja MX is good with improved quality.

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 tight, quality is good, demand is strong, and the market is increasing. West – Strong demand with plentiful supplies, market is steady. Quality is good.

Brussel Sprouts

The market continues higher as heat has impacted yield and lower production numbers. Quality is reported as fair to good.