



# 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 exploded and availability is very tight. Jumbo and medium breasts have good availability. Availability of thigh and leg meat has also improved.



## Pork

Markets continue to soften on butts & spareribs have started to trend down. Bellies have leveled off and have started to fall aggressively. Trim held at strong levels; demand is strong. Loins are steady, demand is mixed, market has softened slightly. Ham is starting to rebound as Mexico was reporting elevated hog prices.



## Beef

Harvest is expected to be robust this week. Middle meats are under pressure to "correct" from recent record highs. End cuts, due to the need for lean grinding material continues mostly steady. Grinds also losing steam; although, packers continue to be able to keep inventory under control.



## Dairy

Shell egg markets are up, excluding Medium, and California eggs are up. The Block market is down. Butter is also down; cream remains readily available.



## Grains / Oil

Soybean oil was very flat. Volatility had diminished dramatically. Last week the WASDE report was released and ending stocks remained the same. Biofuel demand was reduced, and food demand was increased and exports decreased also.

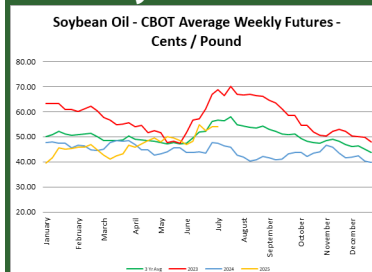


## Seafood

More quota cuts for groundfish in the Barents Sea will continue putting upward pressure on pricing for all groundfish species, even if that species isn't caught in the Barent's sea, due to raw material availability, globally. Tariffs suspended, once again, until August, as of the latest tariff news.

## Market HEADLINES

### Soy Bean Oil



### Beef

USDA had planned a phased re-opening of the southern ports as early as July 7; unfortunately, a newly reported NWS case in Beef has led to a pause in the planned port reopening till further notice.

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## Asparagus

Steady supplies and market. Seeing some quality issues due to weather but overall quality is good. Market expected to hold two weeks.

## Avocado

Mexico - supplies steady, quality good, demand good, market steady to slightly higher. With more 60s and 70s harvested, prices are expected to soften in the coming weeks. A decrease in #2 fruit is expected with the new crop. California - 70% of crop now harvested.

## Bell Peppers

East-supplies are extremely tight on all colors, quality good, demand strong and market is increasing. West – Greens are limited due to increased eastern pressure. Market is higher. Large product is extremely limited, mostly smalls and choice. Color volume is improving.

## Broccoli

Market remains firm but has started to soften, supplies are snug but is expected to keep up with demand. Quality is good.

## Cauliflower

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

## Cilantro/Parsley

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

## Grapes

Grape supplies improving as it quality as we move in to harvested product out CA Central Valley. Greens still in shorter supply than reds, but plenty of volume coming on.

## Celery

Market is mainly steady with good supplies and steady demand. Quality is reported as good to very good.

## Citrus

Lemons- Supplies are tight; quality is fair to good, demand is strong, and the market is increasing. Industry waiting on imports to arrive in large quantities. Smaller sizes are tightening up.

Oranges- Supplies steady, quality good, demand strong and the market is increasing. Regreening is causing some delays in run time, to accommodate gassing and creating some loading delays.

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 is lower as supplies begin to improve. Quality is reported as good. Mexico lettuce supplies have improved slightly.

## Lettuce Romaine

Market on romaine and hearts is softer as supplies begin to improve. Quality is fair to good for both.

## Onions

Yellow red and white markets are steady. The 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. Smaller sizes are mostly steady.

## Squash

East - yellow supplies are tight, quality fair to good, demand strong, market increasing. Zucchini supplies, quality and demand are good, market decreasing. West Green squash limited supplies, steady demand, market is steady. Yellow squash limited, firm market still.

## Tomatoes

Out east, availability remains light on all varieties due to a delayed start in TN & VA. Florida, GA, and SC have wrapped up which has led to a reduction in availability. Out west, availability out of CA 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 steady, quality good, demand good, and the market is steady. West – Stronger market due to increased demand. Production is slightly lower creating a two tier market. Possible gap in supply early August.

### Brussel Sprouts

The market continues higher as heat has impacted yield and lower production numbers. Demand exceeds supplies anticipated for several weeks. Quality is reported as fair to good.