



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 started to tighten. Availability of thigh and leg meat has also improved.



Pork

Markets continue to soften on butts. Bellies popped back up again and are volatile- trading in wide ranges. Trim held at strong levels all of July; demand is strong. Expect increases in trim based products for August. Loins are steady. Ham continues to climb. All rib types have softened.



Beef

Harvest was down 14,000 head last week vs week prior & down 60,000 head for the same week last year. Prime & Upper 2/3rds Choice items are beginning to tighten up as unfavorable temperatures are affecting the grow out. Middle meats remain mixed. End cuts are currently steady. Grinds moved lower last week, with spot opportunities.



Dairy

Shell egg markets are all down including California eggs. The Block market is up. Butter is also down; Cream remains readily available.



Grains / Oil

Soybean oil is locked in a range but on the higher side of the range. Still awaiting clear word from EPA regarding biofuels. Crop is looking good. Canola is needing some inputs for market direction. Palm has moved higher.

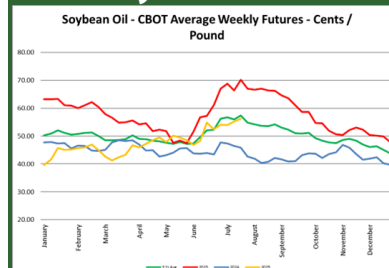


Seafood

Seafood markets are experiencing firm conditions due to seasonal demand, delayed harvests, and tightening supply. Tariff impacts are beginning to influence pricing expectations, particularly for crab and canned items. Continued supply constraints may shape availability through early fall.

Market HEADLINES

Soy Bean Oil



Beef

The USDA's Cattle on Feed Report was bullish. The Cattle Inventory Report showed the lowest cattle herd in history. Ranchers are continuing to push off herd retention.

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Asparagus

Weather related issues in both Peru and Mexico have caused asparagus to move into a demand exceeds category with extremely limited availability of larger sizes. Expect this to hold through Mid-September when new growing regions help alleviate. Quality is fair.

Avocado

MX - Supplies are good, quality is good, demand is good, and market is decreasing. Overall market conditions remain steady. CA - Supplies are good, market steady to decreasing.

Bell Peppers

West - Green volume has improved, market is lower. Red and yellow are in demand exceeds for two weeks. Market is much higher, quality if fair. East -supplies are steady to tight, quality good, and the market is decreasing. Colored pepper tight, quality.

Broccoli

Market is down, supplies remain snug with some growers dealing with insect pressure, however it is expected to keep up with demand. Quality is good.

Cauliflower

Market is mostly steady with good supplies this week. Quality reported as good.

Cilantro/Parsley

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

Celery

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

Grapes

All grapes in very good supply with great quality. Expect that to continue for the next month.

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 fair to good, demand good and the market is steady. Mexico continue to experience rainfall, over the next 10 days. As a result, a shift in fruit sizing, with the crop peaking on 175ct, 200ct, and 150ct sizes. Styler breakdown.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market is very active and has moved back up as we get back into lighter supplies. Quality is reported as good.

Lettuce Romaine

Market on romaine is higher, and hearts are also moving up on fair to good supply. Quality is fair to good for both.

Onions

Yellow red and white markets are steady. The overall quality and availability are good. A few early suppliers are starting packing next week in Washington and Idaho with the rest starting one to two weeks later.

Potatoes- Russets

The potato market has stabilized but 40-70ct are still in short supply. Smaller sizes are plentiful. Quality in some lots is starting to suffer with others remaining good. Prices are steady. New crop is coming soon with first pack Aug 5.

Squash

West this week market is steady but outlook into next week is supplies will tighten up and an active market will come into play. Seeing quality issues due to heat. East -squash supplies good, quality good, demand good and markets steady.

Tomatoes

Out east, availability is improving on rounds with production out of TN, VA, AL, & NC. Out west, availability remains steady out of both Mexico and Northern CA.

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.

Corn

West - Yellow demand exceeds, white and bi color limited. Market is high and steady. Quality is good. East - supplies are tight, quality fair to good, demand strong and the market is steady to slightly higher.

Brussel Sprouts

The market remains elevated but supplies are slowly improving and expect market to turn as we get into next week. Quality is reported as fair to good.