



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 but are expected to stop falling entering Labor Day. Bellies continue with volatility. Trim markets are leveling out & could soften slightly. Boneless loins are down due to wavering demand. Ham markets remained strong last week but are starting to soften. Ribs are steady.



Beef

Beef prices continue to rise sharply & harvest levels are expected to hold steady. Seasonal grade reductions keep Prime & Upper 2/3rds items in tight supply. Middle meat prices are all higher. End cut price increases are led by the chuck roll, while all other cuts are on more of a gradual move. Grinds also moved higher last week.



Dairy

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



Grains / Oil

Soybean oil closed lower last week on average. Speculators have liquidated much of their position in anticipation of the WASDE report due out this week. This is an important report with biofuel news that is still unclear. Canola has moved lower with soy. Palm was higher.

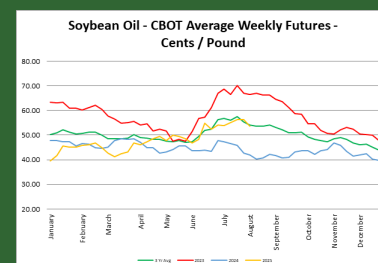


Seafood

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

Ground beef prices are increasing, along with everything else. It is suggested to get ahead of orders with Labor Day approaching & increase current pricing to margin up before a higher priced product is received.

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Asparagus

Demand exceeds from both Mexican and Peruvian supply. Heat in Mexico and Peru transitional growing regions are hampering production. US demand is strong with pressure from Asian and European markets adding more pressure to limited supplies. Market continues to climb.

Avocado

Mexico - Supplies good, quality good, demand good, and market is steady to lower. California - Supplies good, quality good to excellent, demand good, and the market is steady to decreasing.

Bell Peppers

East - Green supplies, quality and demand are good, market steady. Red and Yellow remain on Alert with limited supplies, fair quality, strong demand and market is increasing. West - Green supply and market are steady with good quality. Color demand exceeds.

Broccoli

Market is steady, supplies remain adequate growers continue dealing with some insect pressure; however, it is expected to keep up with demand. Quality is good.

Cauliflower

Market is higher on tighter supplies and stronger demand 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 steady with good supplies and steady demand. Quality is reported as good to very good.

Grapes

All grapes in great supply and very nice quality. Expecting that to continue for weeks to come.

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. The market has stabilized.

Limes - Supplies steady, quality fair to good, demand fair to good and the market is increasing. Growers are currently seeing about an 8-10% shrink due to quality issues like styler, oil spotting, and skin breakdown; adding extra pressure.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market remains active and is rising, as yields are lower and lighter heads have supplies tighter. Lower production expected for several weeks. Quality is reported as good.

Lettuce Romaine

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

Onions

Yellow red and white supplies are good. Idaho and Washington harvest is well underway. California will continue thru Sept. with New Mexico ending soon. Quality is good in all areas. Prices are slightly lower in the Northwest.

Potatoes- Russets

Potato supplies are good. Some sheds have started new crop with others starting next week. Quality on new crop is good with minor skinning. Sizing covers small to large with no issues. Prices are higher especially #2's which are limited in new crop.

Squash

East - zucchini supply good, quality good, demand good and the market steady to higher. Yellow supplies, quality, demand are good and the market steady to higher. West Stronger market as demand has increased. Volume is steady with yellow showing some quality issues.

Tomatoes

Markets are active both east and west on all varieties (round, roma, grape, & cherry) due to reduced availability. Markets are expected to remain active through August. Quality will vary greatly amongst shippers.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Banana

Volume overall is lighter due to declining volume from Costa Rica and Ecuador. Demand is very good. However, supplies should keep up with demand.

Pineapple

Supplies tight, quality fair to good, demand strong, and the market is increasing. Pineapple volume has started to decrease and will continue until Labor Day.

Brussel Sprouts

The market remains elevated, but supplies are slowly improving, and market is down. Quality is reported as fair to good.