



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!

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Poultry

Tenders have started to free up in the open market. Wing demand continues to be solid. Jumbo and medium breasts have better availability. 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

Harvest levels dropped again last week, with totals coming in at 530,000 head. Buyers are still facing very high prices across the animal, paired with limited availability. Middle meat prices continue to increase, led by the ribeye & tenderloin. End cut prices also continue to appreciate. Ground beef prices rallied again.



Dairy

Shell egg markets are mostly flat including California eggs, medium eggs are up, including California. 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.

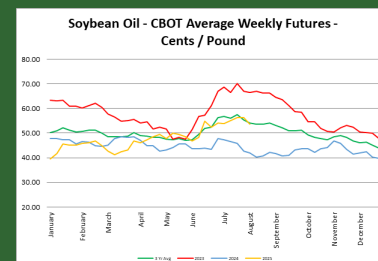


Seafood

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

Buyers cannot replace inventory at steady prices. Packers are shorting orders across the country. Beef looks to continue to have inflationary pressures for the foreseeable future.

Turkey

Turkey supply remains very tight across the complex. Whole bird and Ready to Cook Turkey breasts are in high demand and are hard to find if you haven't booked your holiday needs.

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Asparagus

Peru volume continues to decline. MX volume remains snug, and the industry will continue to be short until likely mid-September on all sizes, especially towards larger sizes.

Avocado

Mexico - Supplies good, quality good, demand good, and market is steady to lower. #2 fruit all sizes are very limited. California - Supplies good, quality good to excellent, demand good, and the market is steady to decreasing.

Bell Peppers

West - Green supply and quality are good, market steady to slightly lower. East - Green supplies good, quality good, demand is good, and the market is steady. Alert - Red and Yellow are critically short both coasts; demand exceeds supplies.

Broccoli

Market is higher, supplies tighten up a bit as growers are 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 good on 72s & larger, tight on 88s & smaller, quality is fair to good, demand is strong, and the market is increasing. Regreening is causing some delays in run time, to accommodate gassing.

Limes - Supplies are steady, quality fair to good, demand good and the market is increasing. The current lime crop is nearing its end, with the next cycle expected to begin gradually around the second week of September.

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 steady, and hearts are continuing to move 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. Most sheds are in new crop with a couple starting next week. Quality on new crop is good with minor skinning. Sizing covers small to large with no issues. Prices are steady. #2's are higher as #1's are shipped.

Squash

West - zucchini volume will be lighter this week. Yellow squash will be plentiful. East - zucchini supply good, quality good, demand good and the market steady. Yellow supplies are good, quality good, demand good and the market steady to higher.

Tomatoes

Round market continues to escalate due to declining availability out east combined with increased demand out west. Grape, cherry, and roma markets continue to improve due to increased availability.

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 continues to decline as supplies are improving. Quality is reported as fair to good.