



# 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

Last week saw another 14,000 head decrease. Packers are battling increasing live cattle costs with lower harvest levels & higher box prices. Prime & Upper 2/3rds Choice availability remains tight. Middle meats continue to show mixed. End cuts are starting to increase, particularly the chuck roll. Grinds were lower again last week.



## Dairy

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

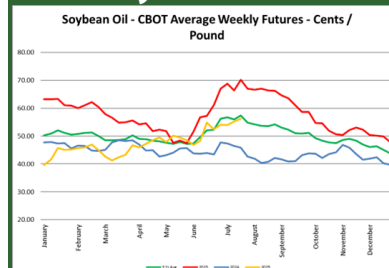


## Seafood

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

Packers are expected to keep a cap on weekly harvest numbers & raise prices to move closer to regaining profitability. The next few weeks could bring on more shortages, making order fulfillment very tough.

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## Asparagus

Mexican asparagus is very limited and will continue with insufficient supply for the market through August. Peru is facing challenges in production due to cold weather and transition. Market is strong. Quality is fair at best. Expect sub requests, delay loading.

## Avocado

MX - Supplies are good, quality is good, demand is good, and market is decreasing. Overall market conditions remain steady. The transition to the new Crop is underway in MX, with good supply of large, medium, and small fruit. CA - Supplies are good, market steady.

## Bell Peppers

West - Green market is lower as supply is much improved. Quality is excellent. Color peppers continue into demand exceeds with high markets, volume expected to improve into next week. East - Green market is lower due to improved production. Both Red and Yellow remain on Alert.

## 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 mostly steady with good supplies this week. Quality reported as good.

## Cilantro/Parsley

Market on parsley is steady with good supplies. Cilantro supplies a bit tighter and market up. 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 and the market is increasing. Regreening is causing some delays in run time, to accommodate gassing and creating some loading delays.

Limes - Crossings into the U.S. have declined for the second consecutive week, and extensive regrading is placing additional strain on the availability of quality fruit, particularly U.S. #1 grade. Stronger demand and tighter supplies market is trending up.

## Lettuce Iceberg

Market remains active and has come back down a bit as we get back into a little better supplies. Quality is reported as good.

## Lettuce Romaine

Market on romaine is higher, and 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. Transitioning to Washington and Idaho has started. California will continue through Sept. with New Mexico ending soon.

## 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. One shed into new crop. Others are 1-2 weeks away.

## Squash

West stronger market for both zucchini and yellow squash as cooler weather is affecting production. Quality is fair to good. Demand is steady. East - zucchini tighter supply with increasing market and strong demand. Yellow supplies are good with fair quality and increasing.

## Tomatoes

Availability remains steady on large sized round fruit both east & west, however small sized round fruit availability is declining. Roma, grape, & cherry availability is stable both east and west.

## 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.

### Corn

West - Yellow demand exceeds, white and bi color limited. Market is steady. East -limited supplies, fair to good quality, strong demand and increasing market.

### Brussel Sprouts

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