



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!

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Poultry

Cooler weather is helping to improve bird weights and it's causing supply to improve around the country. 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 have strengthened on butts. Bellies continue with volatility. Trim markets continue to soften. Loins remain steady. Ham markets have softened per trend. Ribs are steady, back ribs are still inflationary year over year. Rib booking is proving to be competitive in terms of costs.



Beef

Grading percentages were steady to slightly higher. Overall boxed beef availability has still been limited to excess volume. Beef prices while still expensive, have slowed down the extreme price increase that we have seen over the past few weeks.



Dairy

Shell egg markets are flat. Jumbo is flat, Extra Large are down, Large are flat, Medium is flat. California eggs are all flat. The Block market is down. Butter is down. Cream remains readily available.



Grains / Oil

Soybean oil dropped nearly 6% last week following the previous week of higher markets, giving back all the previous week's gain. Canola moved lower, continuing the recent decline, as soybean oil moved much lower. Palm oil did move lower, too, with the soybean oil decline.

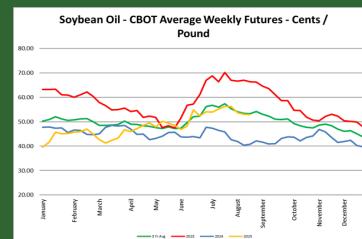


Seafood

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

With Labor Day on Monday 9/1, this week's beef production will be drastically lower. Currently packers are estimating a weekly harvest of 460K-480K Head. This will cause tight availability through next week's deliveries.

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

Improved volume from Peru as new fields open. Mexico continues to struggle but expected cooler weather should help. West coast still expecting shortages through this week, markets are steady. Quality is fair to good.

Avocado

Mexico: Good supply/quality/demand; market steady-lower. Peak sizes 48s/60s; 32s/36s limited, 60s abundant, #2s very tight (clean Loca crop). California: Good supply, excellent quality, good demand; market steady-decreasing. 32s/36s limited, short on 70s.

Bell Peppers

East – Green supply, quality and demand are good, market is steady. Both Red and Yellow remain on Alert with limited supplies, fair to good quality, strong demand, market is steady to increasing. West – Moderate demand on green, steady to lower market. Color pepper supply has improved but still limited, market is lower. Quality fair at best.

Broccoli

Market is higher, supplies tighten up a bit as growers continue to deal with insect pressure, and higher demand. Production is expected to keep up with demand. Quality is good.

Cauliflower

Market is steady with fair supplies keeping up with demand this week. Quality reported as good.

Cilantro/Parsley

Market on parsley is higher and cilantro is lower on strong supplies. Quality reported as good on both.

Celery

Market is higher with good supplies but increased 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.

Limes - Supplies are good, quality fair to good, demand good and the market is steady to decreasing. As we start to get into September, begin to see some new crop lime

Lettuce Iceberg

Market remains active but is down, as yields remain under budget. Lower production and active markets expected for several weeks. Quality is reported as good.

Lettuce Romaine

Market on romaine is steady, and hearts remain elevated but mostly steady on strong 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 continues. California will pack thru September. Quality is good in all areas. Prices are steady in all shipping regions.

Potatoes- Russets

Market is experiencing the typical "Harvest Market" decline this week in Idaho. Expecting it to continue for another couple of weeks as pack-outs and early volume is good. Washington market is mostly steady.

Squash

East – zucchini supply, quality and demand are good, market increasing. Yellow supplies, quality and demand are good, market steady to higher. West - Wide range in supplies and quality, market is lower. Cooler weather will stunt production, next week expected higher.

Tomatoes

Markets (round, grape, & cherry) continue to improve with increasing availability both east and west. Roma volume is declining due to overall lack of availability both east and west. Quality is also improving but can vary amongst shippers.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Strawberries

Supplies are starting to decline. Demand is stronger. Quality and sizing varies due to warmer temps and morning dew. Market is increasing. Demand exceeding supplies is expected in two weeks.

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.

Long English Cucumbers

East – Supplies are tight, quality is good, demand is strong, and the market is increasing. West – Improved quality, market is slightly lower due to higher volume. Demand is good and market is expected to improve into next week.