



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. Tenders have freed up in the open market with extra product available. Wing demand continues to be solid but there excess if needed. Breasts of all sizes are showing good availability. Availability of thigh and leg meat has improved.



Pork

Butt markets remain steady. Loins continue to trade side-ways. In the rib complex, Spareribs and Back ribs are seeing steady interest, while St. Louis ribs are softer. Bellies remain unsettled. Trim markets are sideways. Ham supply may start to tighten up as processors are seeing a spike in holiday demand.



Beef

We continue to see better opportunities & prices on middle meats, but that could change over the next few weeks. End cuts have shown price decreases lately and have been paired with abundant availability. Most all packers have ground beef available in bulk quantity but still are holding on to higher asking prices.



Dairy

The egg market is down across the board. California Jumbo, Extra-Large, and Large shell eggs are down. Medium shell eggs are down. The Block market is down. Butter is down. Cream remains readily available.



Grains / Oil

Soybean oil futures ended slightly lower last week. Canola oil moved higher last week. Seed futures moved lower as harvest is moving nicely. Weather and other conditions have been favorable. Palm oil moved lower. Production in Indonesia was reportedly a record high.

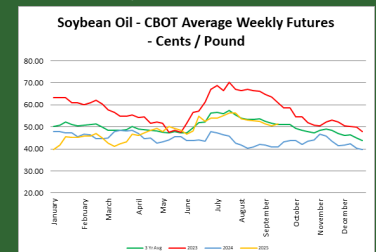


Seafood

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

USDA reports that the newest case of New World Screwworm is less than 70 miles from the US-Mexico border.

This is now the northernmost detection of NWS during this outbreak, and threatening to American cattle.

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

Due to recent heavy rain in MX, expected volume for this time frame did not develop. Peru short due to several containers not making vessel last week, however volume should increase late this week. Demand is strong.

Avocado

Supplies steady from all growing regions except Columbia demand is fair to good, quality overall is good to excellent.

Bell Peppers

East - Green pepper supplies plentiful, Red and Yellow supplies are good, overall pepper quality is good, demand is good and the market is steady. West - Large green limited through October market is strong, Color pepper market is trending down but as volume declines in the next two weeks will strengthen. Quality is fair.

Broccoli

Market is stronger with high demand, yields impacted with fluctuating temperatures, quality is fair.

Cauliflower

Market much stronger and looks to hold at higher priced levels.

Cilantro/Parsley

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

Celery

Market is higher as supplies are tighter and increased demand. Quality is reported as good to very good.

Grapes

All grapes in great supply and very nice quality.

Citrus

Lemons- Supplies are tight, quality is fair to good, demand is strong, and the market is increasing. Suppliers will continue holding to 10-week averages for the next 2-3 weeks until volume had ramped up.

Oranges- Supplies are tight, quality is fair to good, demand is strong and the market is increasing. Small sizes 88/113/138 will remain in short supply through the Valencia season. Suppliers holding to 10-week averages and requesting 72 hour minimum lead time.

Limes- Supplies good, quality good, demand fair to good, and the market is steady to lower. The lime market has stabilized. The crop has transitioned to the new production cycle, yielding small-sized fruit (250/230's) with improved coloring and shelf life.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market very strong, quality varies from fair to poor depending on growing location in the Salinas Valley. Supplies expected to be short and market active for the next few weeks.

Lettuce Romaine

Market active and up. Quality fair but wide range in quality based on different growing regions. Market to remain active for the next few weeks.

Onions

Yellow, red and white supplies are good. Idaho and Washington harvest continues. Quality is good in both areas. The outlook is for good availability all season. Prices have stabilized.

Potatoes- Russets

Minnesota and Idaho new crop are in good supply. Quality is good. Prices are steady.

Squash

East - Supplies are plentiful, quality is good to excellent, demand is fair to good, and the market is steady. West-lighter supplies for both green and yellow, quality is good, market steady to higher.

Tomatoes

Markets continue to improve on all varieties (round, roma, grape, & cherry) due to increased availability and normal demand both east and west. Quality is good on all varieties but can vary slightly amongst shippers.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Strawberries

Supplies have been lighter due to Central Cal winding down as well as high temps now compounded by up to ½ in. of rain. Southern Cal new crop is shipping but is not in full production. They are also expecting weather but not quite as bad as Central Cal. Prices are higher.

Pineapples

Supplies are improving as volume increases each week. Flexibility in sizing will remain key for the next few weeks. Anticipate much better supplies by mid-October.

Field Cucumbers

East - Supplies are plentiful, quality is excellent, demand is fair, and the market is steady. West - Quality is hit and miss; volume is lower causing a higher market. As Nogales increases market should steady.