



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!



Poultry

The ice storm last weekend affected production throughout the South another storm is expected this weekend that may affect production. Tender demand is increasing. Wings remain the best value in chicken as prices stay low and demand is starting to heat up. Breasts of all sizes are starting to tighten up. Thighs are higher.



Pork

Bellies seem to have increased supply that may lead to softer markets. Trim has tight supply dynamics but is leveling out. Loins have moderate retail interest with steady demand. Butts are leveling off. Spares remain tight in supply, while the other types are steady, but demand is up and markets are highly inflationary.



Beef

Cutout values remained overall steady. Middle meats seem to have found their high for pre-Valentine's Day. Most thin meats continue to drive higher on pricing. Outside cuts remain mixed as there is softness in the chucks as packers transition out of the high-volume grind period for Super Bowl, and rounds remain steady to higher.



Grains / Oil

Soybean oil prices remained relatively firm but closed weaker by week's end. The market is balancing weak exports, policy ambiguity around biofuels, and cost competition from heating oil—while underlying support persists via biofuel demand and U.S.-China trade recovery.



Dairy

Shell eggs are up. California – Shell eggs are up. The Cheese Block market is up. The Butter market is up. Cream remains readily available.



Seafood

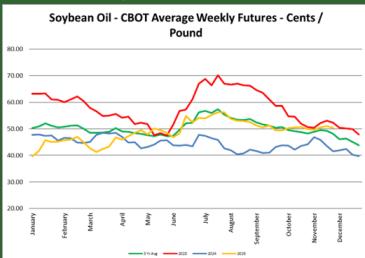
Seafood markets remain firm across key categories as seasonal harvests, regulatory enforcement, and global tariffs continue to shape supply and pricing. Shrimp, crab, lobster, and scallops are experiencing tight availability. Cod, haddock, and pangasius are under pressure. Lakefish conditions are mixed.



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Market HEADLINES

Soy Bean Oil



Beef

High demand is expected on Beef Ribs and tenders up to Valentine's Day.

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Asparagus

Larger sizes of west coast demand exceeds as cooler weather has limited production. Markets are higher and requests for substitution of sizing and delayed shipping are expected. This has affected markets for those sizes on the east coast as well.

Avocado

Mexico - Supplies steady, quality good, demand good, market mostly steady. Plenty of supplies on 48's and larger, strong demand for 60s and 70s keeping them tight. Strong supply of #2 avocados. Winter storm this week has caused logistical challenges in many areas.

Bell Peppers

East-Green are steady with excellent quality and good demand. Red and yellow remain tight with good quality and steady but elevated markets. West- Green have fair demand and a steady market, with supply expected to improve next week. Color peppers supplies moderate and higher market.

Broccoli

Market is higher as supplies tighten up from past rain and then heat and now colder mornings impacting quality and yields. Shorter supplies expected for several weeks.

Cauliflower

Market is higher as supplies begin to tighten up from cooler weather. Quality is reported as good.

Cilantro/Parsley

Market on parsley and cilantro mostly steady. Quality reported as good on parsley and fair to good on cilantro.

Celery

The market remains active but is trending lower with demand strong. Value added on the west coast is very tight and demand exceeds supplies. Quality is fair to good.

Grapes

Heavy supplies out of South America now on green and red. All varieties looking very strong. Market looks to hold steady for the next few weeks barring any issues on importing at the docks.

Citrus

Lemons- Supplies good, quality good, demand is good, and the market is steady. District 3 main source of volume with good supplies across the board, crop peaking on 115/140 and 165s/200s are starting to get tight.

Oranges- Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, market is steady to higher. Crop peaking on 56/72/48. Alert small fruit very tight 88s-138s. 72-hours lead time required. Suppliers are subbing 113s for 138s and 88s for 113s.

Limes- Supplies, quality, demand good, market steady. Weather continues to slow the growth and development of new crop in Mexico. As a result, sizing remains skewed toward larger 110/150/175s from remaining old crop while smaller sizes mainly new crop.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market is rising as supplies are expected to tighten up this week and into February. Quality is fair to good.

Lettuce Romaine

Market is higher on romaine and hearts with moderate to snug supplies on both romaine and hearts. Quality is fair to good.

Onions

Yellow & red supplies are good. Quality is good. The outlook is for good availability all season. Yellow demand is slightly better. Prices are steady on red & slightly better on yellow. White prices steady on limited availability.

Potatoes- Russets

Supplies remain good on all sizes across the board. Sizing is still running to the large side. The outlook is for good availability all season. Quality is good. Prices have stabilized on all sizes in Idaho.

Squash

East - Zucchini supplies steady but tight, quality good, demand good, and the market is steady; yellow supplies steady, quality good, demand good and the market is steady to higher. West-Both green and yellow are showing active markets due to cooler weather impacting supply.

Tomatoes

Extreme cold weather in Florida and rain in Mexico have all impacted available supplies on both coasts. Available supplies have tightened up. Markets are very active and will remain volatile.

PRODUCE MARKET Updates

Green Beans

East - Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, and market high. West - limited supplies, higher market due to rain, cold, quality is fair.

Sweet Baby Broccoli

Market elevated, with production below budget and demand exceeding supplies.

Brussel Sprouts

Market remains elevated, with supplies slow to come on and sizing trending to the smaller sizes. Should start to see volume pick up week over week.

