



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!



Poultry

Supply is tighter across the industry. Tender are holding steady. 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. Thigh and leg meat demand is increasing.



Pork

Ribs are staying strong. Bellies are volatile, but supply continues to increase. Loins are following normal season trends, with a softening to flat market the last few weeks. B/L Butts have retail support and therefore are holding level, the fall of trim has leveled off, with 72's taking a slight rebound spike back up.



Beef

The boxed beef market started the year mostly steady. End cuts remain firm on tight supplies, while middle meats are under pressure as demand lags and availability remains ample. Loins are holding steady but below last year's early strength. Thin meats and coarse grinds remain steady on limited supply.



Dairy

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



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.



Seafood

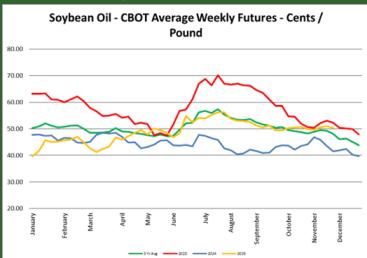
Seafood markets remain firm across key categories as seasonal harvests, regulatory enforcement, and global tariffs continue to shape supply and pricing. Shrimp, crab, lobster, and scallops are experiencing tight availability. Cod, haddock, and pangasius are under pressure. Lakefish conditions are mixed.



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Market HEADLINES

Soy Bean Oil



Beef

The price of cattle has moved higher \$10-20 over past two weeks and will have the packers closely looking at how many hours they will be running for the first half of January.

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Asparagus

Mexican supplies remain limited especially to the larger sizing. Peruvian volume has helped to bridge the gap. Quality is fair to good from both regions. Market is steady on the east coast and higher on the west.

Avocado

Mexico - Supplies good, quality good, demand good, and the market is increasing. Strong harvests are planned to resume after the holidays. The current size curve remains strong on medium and large fruit.

Bell Peppers

East - Green supply and quality are good, demand fair to good, market steady to slightly higher. Red and Yellow tight, quality good, demand fair to good, market steady. West Green supply strong, steady market, yellow steady supply, market lower, red supply weaker, market higher.

Broccoli

Market is elevated but down a bit as quality challenges continue impacting yields. Quality is fair to good.

Cauliflower

Market is mostly steady on fair supplies and moderate demand. Quality is reported as good.

Cilantro/Parsley

Market on parsley and cilantro is up as recent weather has slowed production. Quality reported as good on both.

Celery

Heavy rain in Oxnard will keep this market active and higher on limited supplies with demand remaining strong. Value added on the west coast is very tight and demand exceeds supplies. Quality is fair to good.

Grapes

Supplies increasing as more South American fruit arrives. Green and Red with strong quality.

Citrus

Lemons- Supplies good, quality good, demand is good, and the market is steady to higher. District 3 main source of volume with good supplies across the board, crop peaking on 115/140/165. District 1 has been facing inclement weather.

Oranges- Supplies are tight, quality good, demand strong, and the market is increasing. Alert on small sizes to start the week, fields are wet and harvesting is limited. Crop peaking on 88/72/56. Suppliers are going to averages on 113s/138s.

Limes- Supplies good, quality fair to good, demand good, and the market is increasing. Overall volume and availability are projected to decline throughout January and into February. Transitioning to new crop, which will consist of smaller-sized fruit.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market is steady as supplies and weights are slowly improving each week. Quality is fair to good.

Lettuce Romaine

Market continues to soften on both romaine and hearts. Quality and lighter weights continue to be reported as additional trimming is still needed in some lots.

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 increasing on limited availability.

Potatoes- Russets

Supplies are good on all sizes across the board. Sizing is very large. The outlook is for good availability all season. Quality is good. Prices are steady.

Squash

East - Zucchini supplies steady, quality good, demand good, market steady to slightly higher. Yellow supplies good, quality good, demand good, and the market is steady. West-Stronger markets for all varieties as demand has improved. Quality ranges from fair to good.

Tomatoes

Eastern availability is steady on round, cherries and Roma's. In the West, the Mexico volume is improving and market stabilizing.

PRODUCE MARKET Updates

Green Onions

Market remains elevated but should start to ease as supplies start to improve as we get into next week. Quality reported as good.

Snap and Snow Peas

Steady demand and markets remain elevated as production is under budget the next few weeks due to early rains. Quality reported as fair for both.

Brussel Sprouts

Market remains elevated; however, supplies look to improve as we get into next week and we should start to see a market correction. Quality remains fair.

