



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!

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Poultry

Supply has stabilized coming out of the Super Bowl and ice storms. Tender demand is increasing. Wings remain the best value in chicken as prices stay low and demand is strong. Breasts of all sizes are starting to tighten up. Thigh and leg meat demand is increasing.



Pork

Bellies are trading in wide price & are volatile. Trim has tight supply dynamics but is leveling out. Loins have moderate retail interest with steady demand. Butts are leveling off from declines as retail interest is up. Spares remain tight in supply, while others are steady, but demand is up and markets are highly inflationary.



Beef

Live cattle have climbed higher over the last few weeks. Harvest levels have remained steady despite climbing live cattle prices. Due to President's Day next week, we could see a slightly lighter kill. Grading continues to perform with over 89% at choice or higher. Light kills and reduced availability are driving thin meats higher.



Dairy

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



Grains / Oil

The higher market was supported by 45Z announcements. While preliminary, the biofuel policy only must go through a commentary period. Lent is helping to rally the market. We are also not far from March madness, so demand is moving higher in the food sector.

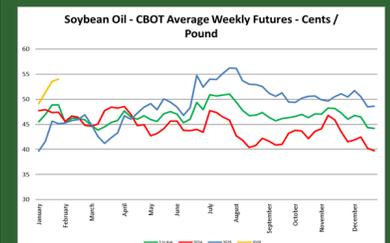


Seafood

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.

Market HEADLINES

Soy Bean Oil



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Asparagus

Jumbo and extra-large sizing still limited out of Mexico, markets are stronger on both coasts, supplies should be sufficient to cover averages with some prorates and sub sizing requests possible. Quality remains good from both growing regions.

Avocado

Supplies steady, quality good, demand good, and the market is steady. Overall industry inventory is down post super bowl and expected go lower this week as harvest is lighter. 70's and 84's remain tight but still available, while larger sizes are more plentiful. #2 fruit availability continues to increase.

Bell Peppers

East- Green supplies steady, quality and demand good, market is increasing; red and yellow tight, quality good, demand strong and the market rapidly increasing. West – Varying reports for supply, most quoting sufficient green with shortening supplies of color. Market is higher.

Broccoli

Market is higher as supplies tighten up from past and current weather conditions impacting quality and yields. Shorter supplies expected for through February.

Cauliflower

Market moved up quickly as supplies are lower and expected to be the next several weeks. Quality is reported as fair to good.

Cilantro/Parsley

Market on parsley mostly steady and cilantro market is higher. Quality reported as good on both parsley and cilantro.

Celery

The market is higher with limited supplies and demand increasing. Weather issues continue to impact yields, and some growers have demand exceeding supplies. Quality is fair to good.

Grapes

Great quality all varieties and supplies look to stay strong for the next month.

Citrus

Lemons- Supplies, quality and demand is good, with the market steady. District 3 will be wrapping up the end of this month. District 1 will be the main source until the end of March/April. Peaking 140/165/115. Smaller fruit will start 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 limited, quality fair to good, demand strong and the market increasing. Due to weather the last several weeks, quality issues continue - skin breakdown, and some oil spotting. Shippers are regrading/running fruit prior to shipment to mitigate quality issues.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market is rising as supplies will be very light for the next few weeks mainly due to lighter yields. Fields have been pushed forward due to weather conditions creating production shortages.

Lettuce Romaine

Market is higher on romaine and hearts as production will see decreased supplies at least the next two weeks on both. Quality is fair to good.

Onions

Yellow & red supplies are good. Quality is good. The outlook is for good availability all season. Prices remain steady on all three colors. White availability is limited to steady business in the Northwest.

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 decreased on all sizes in Idaho and Washington.

Squash

East - Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong and the market is increasing on both green and yellow. West-Strong demand with markets higher, Expect continued strain supply. Wide range in quality and condition.

Tomatoes

Florida growers are continuing to work through the impacts of the late January freeze. Supplies are expected to trend lighter as shippers work through pre-freeze inventory. Mexican supplies are fairly steady, with growers nearing seasonal availability.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Green Beans

East - Supplies limited, quality good, demand strong, the market is high, and continues to increase. West Limited supply with a strong market, quality is showing some russetting. Market is higher.

Sweet Baby Broccoli

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

Strawberries

Demand is slowing as and Florida is recovering from the freeze with waim weather and increasing supplies. Mexico is on the downward trend for the season. Quality is good. California seeing little rain this week and several days next week, volume will be limited then.