



# Market CORNER

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## Poultry

There is good availability on the front half of the bird while the back half is tighter. Tender demand remains steady. Wings remain the best value in chicken as prices stay low. Breasts of all sizes are showing some availability. High and leg meat demand is strong.



## Pork

Bellies are steady as there is limited spot market availability. Trim is steady with strong demand. Loins have moderate retail interest with steady demand. Butts have started their steady ascend into spring and summer. Spares are correcting and descending- softer sentiments are present, while the other types are steady.



## Beef

There is an impending strike at the JBS Greeley plant. The Greeley plant is not harvesting the week of 3/9 or 3/16 and the union has given their 7-day notice of intent to strike. This news has further supported already high boxed beef prices, despite cheaper cattle prices. All cuts across the animal are trading steady to higher.



## 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.



## Grains / Oil

Both soybeans and soybean oil moved higher last week with soybean oil taking the prize for highest percentage. This makes sense as oil increases continue as energy prices continue to move higher due to the conflict with Iran

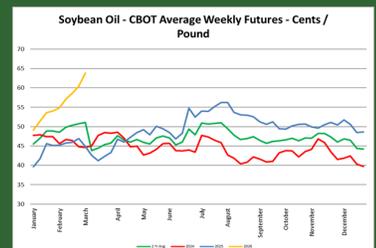


## Seafood

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



## Beef

News of a potential strike at the JBS Greeley facility is further reducing the already low harvests. These light harvests will further impact thin meat availability headed into Cinco de Mayo. Pricing should remain high.

## Oil

Sharp increase in futures prices with expected biofuel policy on the horizon geopolitical tensions.

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## Asparagus

Market has continued to decline but will improve as holiday pull demand increases. Quality has been excellent with favorable weather for growing conditions. Good run of sizing available.

## Avocado

Mexico - Supplies are steady, quality good, demand good, and the market is mostly steady. California supplies are tight, quality is fair to good, demand is fair, market is increasing, growers expecting a premium for their fruit, volume expected to increase in April.

## Bell Peppers

East - All pepper supplies remain tight, quality is fair to good, demand is strong, and the market continues to increase. West - Green continue with demand exceeds; quality is fair at best with maturity evident, yellow and red production and markets are steady.

## Broccoli

Market is lower on moderate demand and improved production from the desert and Mexico. Quality is good.

## Cauliflower

Market is softer with lower demand, but expect it remain active to the end of Yuma as supplies remain snug. Quality is reported as fair to good.

## Cilantro/Parsley

Market on parsley mostly steady and cilantro market has settled this week. Quality reported as good on both parsley and cilantro.

## Celery

Market trending lower from prior highs but still at elevated levels. Increased harvest volume is helping to relieve recent lower volume. Quality reported as fair to good.

## Grapes

Great quality all varieties and supplies look to stay strong for the next month. Expecting to see quality and supply fall off a bit on Greens over the next 3 weeks.

## Citrus

Lemons- Supplies good, quality good, demand good, and the market is steady. District 1 will be the main source until the end of March/April. Peaking 140/115. Smaller sizes 165s and 200s tightening up.

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. Suppliers are subbing 113s for 138s and 88s for 113s.

Limes- Market continues to rise as warmer weather boosts demand while overall supplies remain limited. Larger sizes are becoming increasingly scarce, as the new crop is producing mostly smaller fruit with reduced volume; mostly 230/250/275s.

## Lettuce Iceberg

Market is lower on weaker demand, but we expect to see the market remain active as production is expected to be up and down week to week as we finish the Yuma season.

## Lettuce Romaine

Market has moved up on romaine as we head into lighter supplies for the next few weeks. Quality is fair to good.

## Onions

Yellow & red supplies are good. Quality is good but pack out shrink is increasing and reducing yields. Prices have stabilized.

## 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 but pack out shrink is increasing and reducing yields. Markets are steady.

## Squash

East - Yellow supplies are tight, quality fair to good, demand strong, market steady to higher, Zucchini supplies steady, quality good, demand strong, market steady to higher. West - Zucchini market strong, yellow about steady. Improved production predicted.

## Tomatoes

Overall tomato supplies continue to trend lighter. However, markets were unable to sustain the elevated pricing levels seen last week. Both Florida and Mexico markets have moved lower due to light demand.

## PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

### Green Beans

East - Supplies remain critically short, quality fair to good, demand exceeds, and the market remains extremely high; do not expect any relief until mid-April. West - Continued demand exceeds, market is steady and high. Expected shortage for the next four weeks.

### Sweet Baby Broccoli

Market elevated, but supplies are improving and have started to catch up with the demand.

### Honeydews

Demand exceeds supplies with sizing flexibility needed. Limited volume expected throughout the month. Quality is good.