



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!

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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. Thigh and leg meat demand is strong.



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

The cutout continues to surge higher. What started as a supply driven market two weeks ago, quickly flipped to a demand driven market last week. Cuts across the carcass continue to trade higher. Thin meats continue to lead the way and trade at record high levels. The anticipation is that they will continue to trade higher this summer



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

Bellies are trading in wide price & are volatile. Trim has tight supply dynamics. Loins have moderate retail interest with steady demand. Butts have started their ascent into spring and summer. Spares are correcting and descending while the other ribs are steady, but demand is up.

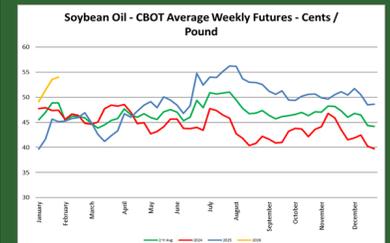


Seafood

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

Packers continue to tout curtailed harvest levels throughout the month of March. Items across the carcass will see a lift in pricing over the next two-three weeks. Thin meats are of particular concern on availability.

Oil

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

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Asparagus

Market is steady to lower as Mexican volume improves with favorable weather in the forecast volume will meet demand. Quality is good to excellent with sizing improving.

Avocado

Mexico - Supplies are steady, quality good, demand strong, and the market is mostly steady. There was limited harvesting last week due to security concerns in Mexico, which firmed up prices. With operations now fully reopened, anticipate a strong harvest this week.

Bell Peppers

East - All pepper supplies are tight, quality is fair to good, demand is strong, and the market continues to increase. West Green and yellow are extremely limited with excessive demand on all market is higher.

Broccoli

Market is softer with lower demand, and improved yields. Mexico is also helping to supplement supplies in the market as well. Quality is good.

Cauliflower

Market is softer with lower demand but remains elevated with supplies still very snug. Quality is reported as good.

Cilantro/Parsley

Market on parsley mostly steady and cilantro market is lower. 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 is reported fair to good.

Grapes

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

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- Supplies are tight, quality is fair to good, demand good and the market is increasing. While occasional issues still arise and require selective grading, the volume of fruit needing rework has decreased; tightened the availability on #2 fruit.

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 well into March.

Lettuce Romaine

Market is steady on romaine and a bit lower on romaine hearts as production is currently keeping up with demand on both romaine and hearts. Quality is fair to good.

Onions

Yellow & red supplies are good. Quality is good but pack out shrink is increasing. 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. Prices are steady.

Squash

East - Yellow supplies are tight, quality is fair to good, demand is strong, market increasing, Zucchini supplies are tight, quality good, demand is strong, market increasing. West-Strong market for all as demand increases and volume remains steady to low.

Tomatoes

Weather issues continue to plague tomato supplies both east and west, harvests are light, the market has risen sharply again and is expected to remain volatile over the next couple of weeks. The market remains on alert status.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Green Beans

East - Supplies remain critically short, quality fair to good, demand exceeds, and the market is extremely high; do not expect any relief until mid-April. West demand exceeds, market is higher, quality is fair.

Sweet Baby Broccoli

Market elevated, with production below budget and demand exceeding supplies with relief not expected until mid March.

Honeydews

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