



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!

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Poultry

Availability is starting to tighten on almost all offerings. Tender demand is picking up. Wings remain the best value in chicken as prices stay low. Breasts of all sizes are tightening. Thigh and leg meat demand is strong.



Pork

Bellies are correcting from unseasonal spikes expect decreases to normalize. In trim- 42's are limited on supply, while 72's are seeing excess. Loins are correcting. Butts are expected to have a strong season with upside in the market until August. Spare ribs are on the rise again, ribs continue to be inflationary YOY.



Beef

Grilling season is a few weeks out and buyers are buying hand to mouth and supplies are building on middles. End cuts continue to require lower pricing to move product. Thin meats are still limited and pricing remains steady. Grinds vary from packer to packer, allowing for pricing opportunities, all things relative.



Dairy

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



Grains / Oil

Energy markets were the dominant influence for soybean oil last week, whether it was the higher crude oil prices escalating due to the Middle East tensions, or the biodiesel influence with the latest biofuel mandates having been released.

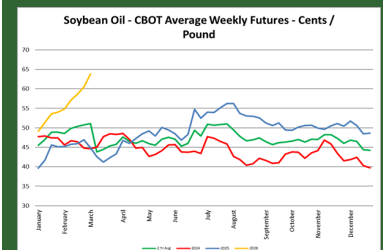


Seafood

SCOTUS tariff ruling is now in effect, canceling the previous tariff structure and replacing it with a 10% tariff on seafood imports from non USMCA countries, with the potential to rise to 15%. North Atlantic Lobster Supply Tails Are Tight On Prime Sizes.

Market HEADLINES

Soy Bean Oil



Beef

JBS-GREELEY STRIKE UPDATE~ workers have agreed to come back to work and renew negotiations.

Oil

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

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Asparagus

Market remains high with low supply levels. Mexico in transition with Peru off to a very slow start with minimal production from excessiver. heat. Current exports are lower than traditional yields. Sizing is small with quality issues. Expected relief in two weeks.

Avocado

Mexico - Harvesting resumed on Monday after shutting down for Holy week, anticipate a strong week. Demand continues to be robust and market higher. California - production is ramping up quickly in response to stronger field pricing. Rain could limit harvest.

Bell Peppers

East - Supplies are tight on all pepper, quality is good, demand is strong and the markets remain elevated. Alert West -Market is strong on green and reds due to availability. Yellows have started to decline. Quality is just fair at best with limited large. New district will be stronger quality and an expected decline in the market.

Broccoli

Market is higher on stronger demand and fair to tight supplies the next 2-3 weeks as the desert has finished up. Quality is improving.

Cauliflower

Market is higher as supplies tighten up and expected to be lighter for 2-3 weeks. Quality is fair to good.

Cilantro/Parsley

Market steady on parsley and cilantro is a little lower. Quality reported as good on both parsley and cilantro.

Celery

Market is higher on stronger demand and tighter supplies the next 3-4 weeks as the desert has finished up. Quality is fair to good.

Grapes

Stronger markets as volume decreases. Green is limited; red volume is in better shape. Quality is fair.

Citrus

Lemons- Supplies steady, quality good, demand strong, and the market is mostly steady with small sizes increasing. District 1 and 2 main California growing regions, crop peaking 115/95s. 165s & smaller are getting tight; especially 200s.

Oranges- Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, market is increasing. Crop peaking on 56/72/48. Small fruit extremely tight. Suppliers are subbing 113 for 138ct, and demand exceeds supplies.

Limes- The market remains highly elevated, particularly on larger sizes where availability is extremely limited. Fruit sizing is currently concentrated in the 230/250/275 count range. Supply on #2 grade fruit continues to be short from limited harvesting.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market is higher as yields are down from recent heat event. Quality is reported as fair to good.

Lettuce Romaine

Market active on both romaine and hearts with romaine down and hearts up on lighter supplies for the next 2-3 weeks. Quality is fair to good.

Onions

Yellow & red supplies are declining in Idaho as the season winds down. Washington will go thru May. South Texas is recovering from rain over the weekend. Prices are trying to strengthen. Quality is good from most sources.

Potatoes- Russets

Supplies remain good with steady demand. Quality is good but pack out shrink is increasing. Prices are steady.

Squash

East - Supplies are good, quality is good, demand is fair to good and the market is steady. West - Good supplies, good quality, flat market.

Tomatoes

Market prices for round tomatoes are continuing to surge. Roma markets are somewhat steady, but we see some shippers pushing markets higher, grape, and cherry tomatoes remain steady, at elevated levels. Flexibility on sizes will be needed.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Green Beans

East - Supplies are steady, quality is good, demand is strong and the market is steady. West -Limited to moderate volume with new growing region ready to scratch. Post holiday demand is low, market expected to trend down with the desert start up.

Strawberries

Supplies remain steady. Southern California volume is drifting downward with Central Cal gradually increasing. Quality is good. There is a couple days of light rain in the forecast for later in the week which may cause disruption with harvesting. Prices remain steady.

Cucumber

East - Supplies extremely tight, quality good, demand strong, market is still elevated; Florida production starting, expect supplies to improve next 2 weeks. West Wide range in price and quality as lighter demand has market stabilizing.