



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!

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Poultry

There is availability across the board. Tender demand is in balance. Wings remain the best value in chicken as prices stay low. Breasts of all sizes are available. 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

The beef market continues to experience softer tones. Middles continue to slide, as packers look for retail and foodservice demand to pick-up leading into summer grilling and Mother's Day. The end cuts continue to look for support as well, as seasonality has slowed "pulls." Grinds continue to vary from packer to packer.



Dairy

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



Grains / Oil

Soybean oil futures trading was volatile. It managed to trade over 70 but ended the week with a lower tone. Soybean oil moved lower because of a lower oil market. The failed negotiations with Iran caused the oil market to bounce back up and lifted the soybean market.

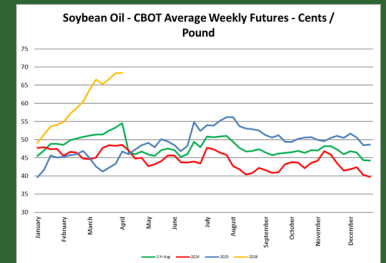


Seafood

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

Live cattle weights decreased by 2 pounds to 1476 pounds.

Dressed weights held steady at 903 pounds.

Oil

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

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Asparagus

Demand exceeds supplies industry wide as growers are all impacted. Anticipation of better supplies in 7-10 days. Quality is poor. Mexican regional growing transition in play and Peruvian volume is down 40 to 50 percent for this time last year.

Avocado

Mexico - Supplies steady, quality good, demand good and the market is steady. California - Supplies good, quality good, demand good, and the market is steady.

Bell Peppers

East - Green pepper supplies remain tight, quality good, demand good, and the market steady to lower. Colored pepper tight, quality good, demand strong and market is high. West limited supplies with green volume expected to increase next week. Markets are higher.

Broccoli

Market is higher on stronger demand and tight supplies the next 2-3 weeks as we head into a bit of a supply gap. Quality is good.

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. Quality reported as good on both parsley and cilantro:

Celery

Market is higher on stronger demand and tighter supplies are expected into May. Quality is fair to good.

Grapes

As the import program gets closer to an end, we continue to see Green grapes with fair quality and the market high. Reds continue with decent supply and fair to good quality.

Citrus

Lemons- Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, and the market is increasing on 115s and smaller weekly. Crop peaking 115/95s. Smaller size 140s, 165s & 200 are getting tight on both fancy and choice grades.

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- Supplies remain limited on 110s, 150s and 175s; majority of volume is in 250s, 230s and 200s. The market trending downward due to lower post-holiday demand. Weather conditions appear favorable again this week. No major issues with quality.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market is higher as yields are down from recent heat event that continue to reduce yields at the field level. Quality is reported as fair to good.

Lettuce Romaine

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

Onions

Supplies are very limited. Idaho is almost done for the season. Washington is also declining. The rain in Texas last week has cut them back dramatically this week but they will recover by this weekend. California is also starting slowly with yellows. Market is higher.

Potatoes- Russets

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

Squash

East - Supplies good, quality good, demand good, and the market is steady to slightly higher. West - Improved demand has market rebounding, supplies are about steady to slightly lower, quality is good.

Tomatoes

Overall supplies for category remain extremely limited. Market conditions continue to escalate, for both round and Roma tomatoes reaching new, unprecedented highs. Availability remains inconsistent, and pricing continues to be volatile and elevated.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Green Beans

East - Supplies are steady, quality is good, demand is good and the market is lower. West - limited supplies with high market. Waiting on desert start up in 7-10 days to relieve this category.

Strawberries

Over all supplies are down this week as Southern Cal is beyond their peak and Central Cal is recovering from rain last weekend with another shot coming Monday. Supplies are back to normal until the next round. Quality is good sizing is good. Market is higher.

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.