



Market CORNER

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Poultry

There is availability across the board on most offerings besides dark meat. Tender demand is slower. 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 volatile-demand and supply optics are mixed. In trim- are leveling out, some spot offers were trading at a discount. Loins and demand is steady. Butts are expected to have a strong season with much more upside in the market until August. Spareribs are on the rise, ribs continue to be inflationary YOY with demand support.



Beef

The beef market continues to try and shift into spring and summer grilling focus. Middles remain soft as light ribs appear to have found a bottom. Strips and top butts continue to struggle. End cuts continue looking for support as seasonality has slowed. Grinds continue to vary from packer to packer.



Dairy

Shell eggs are flat. California Shell eggs – Hold price for Jumbo and Mediums and down on Ex-larges and Larges. The Cheese Block market – is down. The Butter market – is up. Cream remains readily available.



Grains / Oil

Soybean oil trading was volatile last week but ended the week lower. The trading in the earlier part of the week was stronger on energy market influences but as the week progressed and news came out about supply disruptions in the Middle East, being eased, the oil market retreated.

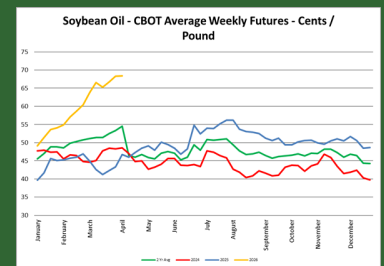


Seafood

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

The April 17, 2026, Cattle on Feed report shows a 1% year-over-year decline in total cattle on feed to 11.6 million head, with March placements dropping 7%.

Oil

Soybean oil prices remain elevated and are expected to be even higher.

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Asparagus

Demand exceeds all sizes both west and east coasts. Expecting delayed shipping and requests to sub sizing from all growers. Quality is poor with increased seeding/spreading prevalent. Some new regional growing regions to start late next week.

Avocado

Mexico - Supplies are good, quality is good, demand is strong and the market is steady. California - Supplies are good, quality is good, demand is strong and the market is steady. Colombia - Supplies are tight, quality is fair to good, demand is light and the market is steady.

Bell Peppers

East - Green supplies are good, quality is good, demand is good and the market is decreasing; Red & Yellow tight, quality and demand good, market remains elevated. West Green production out of the desert has increased and market has stabilized. Red and yellow markets lower.

Broccoli - ALERT

Market has increased and demand has been very strong and exceeds supplies. Markets are expected to continue to rise as industry production is very low. Quality is good.

Cauliflower - ALERT

Market is higher as supplies tighten up and demand exceeds supplies. Production is expected to be light 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 reduced yields keeping supplies tight the next 3-4 weeks. Quality is fair to good.

Grapes

Getting closer to Mexico and California new grapes. Green Grapes remain short in supply and quality only fair with continued high pricing. Reds much more stable on pricing, quality and supply.

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 are good, quality is good, demand is lighter, and the market is trending lower. Most of the volume is in 230s/250s/200s with 175s/150s/110s remaining tight in supply.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market is higher as yields are down from recent heat event that also pushed fields 10-15 days ahead of schedule. Supplies are struggling to meet demand. Quality is reported as fair to good.

Lettuce Romaine

Market higher on both romaine and hearts with lighter supplies and stronger demand. Quality is fair to good.

Onions

The weather has cleared in Texas, but growers are trying to get caught up on harvest. Supplies look to remain short for at least another week. California is still ramping up. Washington will go thru May. Quality looks to be good. Prices are steady.

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 good, demand good and the market is trending higher. West - Moderate supplies, with increased demand, market is higher due to heat in Mexico. New growing region to start next week.

Tomatoes

Overall supplies continue to be extremely tight for the category. Availability and pricing remain highly volatile and elevated. Market continues to surge again reaching unprecedented highs for round and roma tomatoes.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Green Beans

East - Supplies are steady, quality is good, demand is strong and the market is steady. West - Market is lower with more product and better quality available with moderate demand this week.

Strawberries

Rain in Central California has crippled supplies for the rest of the week. Southern Cal got little to no rain. Quality is fair to good depending on location. Markets are 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.