



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 could soften. 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 leveling off from market correcting, while the other types are steady, demand is still steady along with more adequate supply. Hams- markets are soft.



Beef

Early estimates on the kill are 530 this week and 540 next week. With a possible softening in the cutout, packers may adjust kills due to the higher live cattle cost and lighter boxed beef demand. Cooler cleanings may begin to adjust harvest levels on a short-term basis. The JBS strike has not affected the market as much as thought



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

Soybean oil volatility continued last week, and the price ran higher the first four days of trading and turned down on Friday. It looks like profit taking by fund traders as their contract volume is at a record level. The EPA finally released its biofuel mandates.

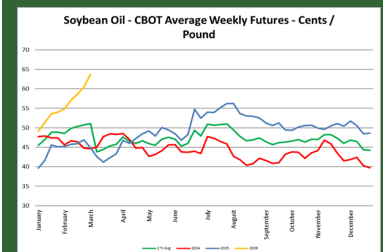


Seafood

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

Grinds are expected to trade at higher levels during the summer months.

Oil

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

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Asparagus

Demand exceeds all sizes of asparagus due to limited production due to heat in the growing region. Delayed shipments, sub sizing and prates are expected through this and next week. Quality issues are prevalent.

Avocado

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

Bell Peppers

East - All pepper supplies are tight, quality is good, demand is strong and the market is increasing. West - All peppers will remain limited for at least the next two weeks with a transitional growing period in view. Quality is struggling with heat related issues.

Broccoli

Market is active on stronger demand and fair supplies. Quality is good currently, but recent high heat will impact it negatively.

Cauliflower

Market is softer with moderate demand, and supplies harvesting from both Yuma and Salinas. Quality is reported as fair to good.

Cilantro/Parsley

Market on parsley mostly steady and cilantro market is steady. Quality reported as good on both parsley and cilantro.

Celery

Market is lower from prior highs. Harvest volume is moving north as the desert starts to wind down. Quality is fair to good.

Grapes

Expect Green quality to continue to fall off until we get back to Domestic supply. Reds continue with good supply and quality.

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- Supplies are limited, quality fair to good, demand strong and the market continues to escalate rapidly, 110/150/175s extremely short, production heavy to 230s/250s/275s and supplies on number #2 Limes very short especially on 110s/150s.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market is steady on moderate demand and with supplies harvesting from multiple regions. Quality is reported as fair to good.

Lettuce Romaine

Market has come off on romaine hearts as supplies have improved. Romaine is mostly steady with good supply. Quality is fair to good.

Onions

Yellow & red supplies are good. Quality is good but pack out shrink is increasing. Prices have stabilized. We will start to transition some Sites to new crop in S Texas next week.

Potatoes- Russets

Supplies remain good with improved demand. Quality is good but pack out shrink is increasing. Prices are slightly higher on large sizes, and steady on others.

Squash

East - Supplies are steady, quality is good, demand is good, and the market is steady. West- Improved production has caused some relief to market and availability. Quality is good to fair. Market is lower.

Tomatoes

Markets have risen sharply due to significantly reduced supply across all growing regions. Availability and pricing are expected to remain volatile and elevated through March and into April.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Green Beans

East - Supplies remain tight, quality is fair to good, demand is strong and the market is coming down but remains elevated. West Limited product with high market, quality is poor.

Pineapple

Supplies have tightened up as demand increases for Easter and the market is increasing. 6/7ct supplies very tight. Another 2-4 weeks before supplies improve.

Honeydews

Next week should bring relief as more supplies are arriving. Sizing is larger, quality has been good.