



# 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- both leans are leveling out. Loins demand is steady. Butts are expected to have a strong season with much more upside in the market until August. Look-out for spareribs some pressure on market exists and prices are unusually high.



## Beef

The beef market continues to have supply outpacing demand. Buyers are continuing hand to mouth purchasing on value cuts. Middles remain softer than it should be for this time of the year; the exception is light ribs. Strips, top butts, and end cuts all continue to look for a bottom. Grinds continue to vary from packer to packer.



## Dairy

Shell eggs – Down. California Shell eggs – Down. The Cheese Block market – is Up. The Butter market – is Down. Cream remains readily available.



## Grains / Oil

Customers with soybean oil or vegetable oil exposure should be prepared for continued price volatility and consider coverage strategies while markets remain supported.

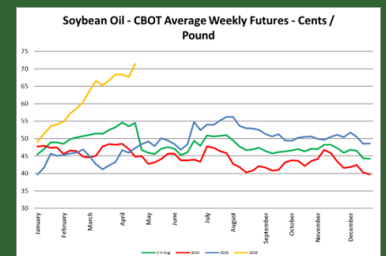


## Seafood

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

Labor tensions are escalating at Cargill's Fort Morgan, Colorado, beef processing plant. There are unconfirmed reports of a wildcat strike.

## Oil

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

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## Asparagus- ALERT

Extremely limited Mexican supply as Baja transition expected to help with demand exceeds in two weeks. Washington has started and Peru volume is steady but not near enough to cover demand. Volatile market is high.

## Avocado

Mexico - Supplies are plentiful, quality good, demand strong and the market is steady. California - Supplies are good, quality good, demand good 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 remain moderate and limited on larger sizes. Colored peppers are moderate in volume.

## Broccoli - ALERT

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

## Cauliflower - ALERT

Market is higher as production is extremely short and demand exceeds supplies. Volume is expected to be lighter for 2-3 weeks.

## 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 2-3 weeks. Quality is fair to good.

## Grapes

Green grapes continue with marginal quality and higher pricing. Reds continue to be good in quality and steady. Domestic grapes only a week or two away now!

## Citrus

Lemons- Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, and the market is increasing. Crop peaking 115/95s. Availability tight on smaller sizes 140s, 165s, 200 & 235s on both fancy and choice grades.

Oranges- Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, market is steady. Crop peaking on 56/72/48. Small fruit extremely tight. Suppliers are subbing 113 for 138ct, and demand exceeds supplies. Valencia's are becoming available, starting with 113s/138s.

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. Suppliers 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 - Alert

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 has started.

## 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 - Moderate volume out of Nogales and with the desert in production supplies are more consistent with decent demand.

### Strawberries

N California has recovered from the rain, but cool weather is keeping volume down. S Cal is declining. Overall volume is improving but so is demand. Quality is good.

### 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.