



Market CORNER

Ingredients For Your Success!

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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.



Seafood

Prices of Cod continue to strengthen due to overall high global demand and less raw material availability. Pollock is a great substitute, although demand is increasing for all sizes due to the lack of Cod. Pangasius is facing inventory challenges due to increased demand, compounded by extended lead times from Vietnam.



Beef

No urgency to step into a forward market that has been muted. Packers create a two-tier pricing model- quick ship allows higher ask; while out-front pricing reflects steady to lower pricing, or back to pre-holiday levels. Most of the country was impacted by weather; reducing demand and adding product to the supply chain.



Pork

Bellies still have softer demand and surplus supply. In trim- both leans continue to level out. In Loins demand is steady, markets rebounded and are mostly stable. Butts are expected to have a strong season, but markets are peaking exponentially. With spareribs- pressure on market exists and prices have been unusually high, could correct and drop. Ribs continue to be inflationary YOY with demand support.



Grains / Oil

Soybean oil prices were mostly flat to slightly weaker, as profit taking, volatile crude oil markets, and uncertainty around China trade limited. The broader market remains bullish. Overall, soybean oil is in a near-term consolidation phase within a still constructive medium term outlook.

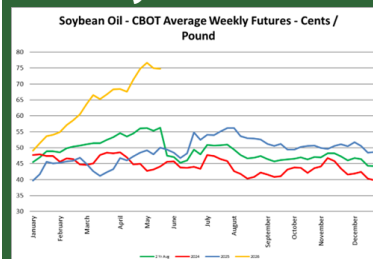


Dairy

Shell eggs – are up except Extra Larges and Larges. California Shell eggs – are up. The Cheese Block market – is Down. The Butter market – is Down. Cream remains readily available.

Market HEADLINES

Soy Bean Oil



Beef

USDA Cattle on Feed headlines may be misleading: total inventory rose 2% year-over-year to 11.6 million head, marking the first increase in 18 months. Does it mean good things ahead, no. This short-term increase is due to cattle being brought into feed yards and lingering at heavier weights due to ongoing drought and industry feeding adjustments.

Oil

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

Asparagus

Supply is starting to get better. Michigan and Washington have started, as well as Oaja. This has helped bridge the gap until central Texas gets started around the 1st-2nd week of June. Once that region starts, we will have domestic, Texas and Peru which should help calm the market.

Avocado

Tejico - Supplies are tight, quality is good, demand strong and the market has rapidly increased. California - Supplies are good, quality is excellent, demand is strong, and the market is increasing. Peru - Arrivals are starting to hit the US and will increase each week.

Bell Peppers

East - All pepper supplies are tight, quality is good, demand strong, and the market is steady to higher. West - Oregon peppers remain short, Tejico and Coachella winding down. Colored bells remain moderate in volume with yellow bells limited.

Broccoli

Markets continue to soften as supplies improve from stronger yields and moderate to softer demand. Quality is good.

Cauliflower

Market is down slightly as demand has eased off and supplies are steady this week and into next week. Quality is reported as good.

Cilantro/Parsley

Market lower on cilantro and mostly steady on parsley. Quality reported as good on both, but minor occasional yellowing noted on cilantro.

Celery

Market is lower and demand is moderate, however reduced yields are keeping supplies tight in Unghard. Salinas harvest should start in the next few weeks. Quality is fair to good.

Grapes

East - Supplies are steady, quality is good, demand is good and the market is steady. West - Zucchini market has leveled out, good supplies out of Santa Maria, the Central Valley starting this week. Yellow squash still struggling on quality and availability is day to day.

Potatoes - Russets

Availability on larger sizes is starting to decline. Prices have increased on these. Good availability and steady pricing on all others. Quality is good. Still shipping mostly porkota.

Citrus

Lemons - Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, and the market is increasing. D2 is the active growing region peaking on 11-12. Expect supplies to remain tight for the next 6 weeks until imports arrive.

Oranges - Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, market is steady to higher. Pavep crop peaking on 11-12 and Xalencia crop peaking 8-11-12. Supplies on 11-12 remain tight until Xalencia are fully available.

Limes - Supplies are limited on 11-12, crop peaking on 2-3-4-5-6. Market adjusting downward in response to post elevated Memorial Day demand. Quality issues - oil spotting and skin breakdown being noted in some lots.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market is higher and active as colder weather and disease pressure is impacting yields, but overall meeting demand. Quality is reported as good.

Lettuce Romaine-ALERT

Limited supplies on both romaine and romaine hearts as an industry. Demand exceeds supplies with several growers. Quality issues at the field level and cooler temperatures have reduced yields.

Onions

The market has stabilized as the ship points have condensed to mainly California and New Tejico. Quality is good. Market is lower.

Squash

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Tomatoes

Markets have now stabilized on round, roma, grape, and cherry tomatoes both east and west. Florida volume is picking up, in particular large sizes, however Tejico production continues to decline as the Sinaloa season winds down.

PRODUCE MARKET Updates

Green Beans

East - Supplies good, quality good, demand good and the market is steady. West - Supplies are improving, demand has eased and the market is slightly lower, but remains elevated.

Strawberries

Supplies remain mainly light due to continued below normal temps and the lingering effects of rain and heat last month. Quality is good but misshapen fruit is being seen. Market is steady to higher.

Cucumber

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