



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 has steadied out and supply is tightening. Wings remain the best value in chicken as prices stay low. Breasts of all sizes are available. Thigh and leg meat demand is strong and supply is tight.



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 market continues to have ample supply and limited demand. Buyers are continuing hand to mouth purchasing. Middles did click up slightly, as packers attempt to limit losses as cattle futures. End cuts remain lackluster but are garnering buyers' attention for value cuts. Grinds continue to cleanup as packers are starting to see out-front demand heading into the Memorial Day.



Dairy

Shell eggs – Down, except Jumbo are up. California Shell eggs – Down, except Jumbo are up. The Cheese Block market – is Up. The Butter market – is Down. Cream remains readily available.



Grains / Oil

Soybean oil prices stayed firm last week, supported by strong bio-fuel demand and solid crush margins, with market sentiment remaining bullish despite rapid U.S. planting progress.

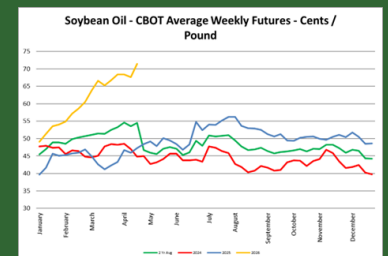


Seafood

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

As Memorial Day approaches, work ahead on ordering sourced/branded Beef grinds for delivery week of May 18th, 25th, and June 1st deliveries.

Oil

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

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Asparagus

Continued demand exceeds, still two to three weeks away from good supplies on the west coast. Peru volume is about steady with some r. sizing shortages reported mostly larger. Quality is improving. Markets are higher on both coasts.

Avocado

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

Bell Peppers

East - Green supplies are good, demand is strong and the market is higher. Red and yellow supplies tight, demand strong and the market is steady. West Green supply and quality are good; color pepper volume is limited as Mexico winds down. Markets steady to higher.

Broccoli - ALERT

Markets remain active and are expected to continue another week or two as the industry production is very low. Quality is good.

Cauliflower

Market is beginning to soften as volume and sizing is starting to improve. Quality is reported as 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 2-3 weeks. Quality is fair to good.

Grapes

Nearing the start of California Grapes. However, imports remain as only supply and quality is far on greens and good on reds.

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 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 steady, quality good, demand good and the market is steady. Current production is heavily weighted toward 200-count and smaller fruit. Availability of large-sized fruit 110s, 150s, 175s remains limited and command a premium.

Lettuce Iceberg

Market remains elevated and active form reduce yields impacting industry supplies. Quality is reported as fair to good.

Lettuce Romaine

Market higher on both romaine and hearts with lighter supplies from lower yields and stronger demand. Hearts very limited and supplies are struggling to meet demand. Quality is fair to good.

Onions

Quality out of all regions is good, and the market is holding steady at new trading levels following recent weather-driven price spikes. South Texas will start to wrap up, Uvalde is starting, New Mexico start 5/11 Southern Cal will wrap around 5/18 and move into Central California.

Potatoes- Russets

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

Squash - Alert

East - Supplies steady, quality good, demand good, and the market is increasing. West- Production out of California has started. Market is higher through transition; quality is fair to good. Demand is steady.

Tomatoes

Markets are lower, but still at elevated levels. Florida supplies have improved as growers are harvesting spring crops. Mexico supplies are transitioning over to the Baja with better supplies over the next few weeks.

PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

Green Beans

East - Supplies are steady, quality is good, demand is strong and the market is increasing. West: Market is high and steady due to limited volume. New region to start next week. Quality is fair to good. Demand is steady.

Strawberries

Strawberries continue to be snug due to weather events. Volume expected to improve into next week as is quality. Market is steady to 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.