Market Corner

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POULTRY

The market is starting to tighten on certain items. Tender pricing is being driven down by further processors. The World Cup and lower production is putting pressure on wing supply. Breasts of all sizes are tightening. Thigh and leg meat demand is starting to weakening as schools are out.

SEAFOOD

U.S. pasteurized crab meat markets (Blue & Red) are expected to remain firm to higher, as regulatory-driven supply constraints and peak seasonal demand continue to support elevated pricing levels and intensify competition for available volume. Cod and haddock prices continue to strengthen due to high global demand and reduced availability of raw materials. Pollock is a great substitute, although demand for all sizes is increasing due to the lack of Cod.

BEEF

As expected, the boxed beef market continues to move lower this week. The Choice cutout value has lost approximately $10 so far this week, signaling lower prices across the animal as a whole while availability is growing.

*To learn more, contact your local Sales Consultant.

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PORK

Following the 4th of July holiday, Rib and Butt markets softened in line with seasonal trends. Bellies remain volatile, while Trim rebounded this week after recent declines. Ham markets continue to strengthen due to increased export demand from Mexico and retail holiday bookings.

GRAINS & OILS

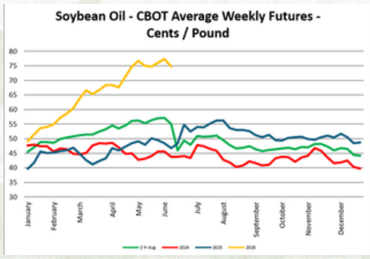
Last week was moderately bullish for soybean oil. Prices firmed on strong biofuel demand expectations, supportive USDA balances, and weather uncertainty. However, the market remains constrained by expectations for a large U.S. soybean crop and expanding crush-driven soybean oil supplies.

DAIRY

Shell eggs – are Flat except for Jumbos, which are Down; California Shell eggs – are Flat except for Jumbos, which are down; the Cheese Block market – up; the Butter market – is up; and Cream remains readily available.

MARKET HEADLINES

SOY BEAN OIL



BEEF

Live cattle weights declined 5 pounds to 1450 pounds. Dressed weights declined 2 pounds to 889 pounds.

SEAFOOD

Domestic Shrmp Supply Tightens on Small PUDs Due to Water Closures, Texas Brown Prices Trending Downward in Anticipation of New Season

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PRODUCE MARKET Updates

ASPARAGUS
Large sizes are in demand, exceeding supplies with all growers. Volume is lower, with no expected relief through July. Rains and high heat in Mexico and cold weather in Peru are the main causes of supply disruptions and high prices. Stock sizing up remains a struggle.

AVOCADO
Mexico - Supplies are tight, quality is fair to good, demand is good, and the market is higher; 48's and larger are short, #2's are tight, and new crop volume is heavy for 60's and smaller. California - Supplies are good, quality is excellent, demand is good, and market is steady.

BROCCOLI
Markets active but lower as supplies remain just adequate this week and into next to meet the moderate to strong demand. Quality is good.

CAULIFLOWER
The market is lower with softer demand and good supplies this week and into next week. Quality is good.

CILANTRO/PARSLEY
Market steady for parsley as supplies are good. The cilantro market is active, as quality issues in various regions are impacting yields. Quality is reported as good on parsley and fair to good on cilantro.

CELERY
Supplies are a little tighter, and markets have started to strengthen; demand is fair to moderate. Quality is good.

SQUASH
East - Supplies are good, quality is fair to good, demand is good, and the market is higher on both yellow and zucchini. West - Plentiful volume, markets are lower, demand is fair. Quality product market is stronger for yellow.

LETTUCE ROMAINE
Romaine market is steady, and hearts are lower as demand is softer and regional growers come online. Quality is reported as fair to good.

LETTUCE ICEBERG
Markets are lower and appear to be leveling out as supply is expected to meet demand this week and next. Quality is good.

CITRUS - ALERT
Lemons - Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, and the market is steady to higher. Lemons are all in D2, peaking at 95/115/140 Choice; Fancy are tight. Imports are beginning to arrive on the West Coast. Mexico is getting started.
Oranges - Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, market is steady. Valencia crop peaking 88/113/72. Small fruit will remain tight as demand increases.
Limes - Supplies good, quality is fair to good, demand good, and market is steady. Weather remains a key factor. Continued high temperatures and humidity have reduced pack-out yields on U.S. #1 grade fruit, with crop peaking at 150/175/200, with fewer at 230/250.

BELL PEPPERS
East - Green supplies are steady, quality is good, and demand is good, with the market steady to lower; colored supply is tight, quality and demand are good, and the market remains elevated. West Green volume is steady; demand is strong, keeping the market elevated. Colored supply is down, and the market is higher.

POTATOES - RUSSETS
Availability of larger sizes 40-70ct remains limited. The market is increasing weekly. The smaller sizes and #2 grade remain in good supply. Quality is good on most lots. Both Norkotahs and Burbanks are being shipped.

ONIONS
The market remains strong, and demand is good for California and New Mexico. Volume is adequate on yellows and lighter on reds and whites. Quality is fairly good. Markets are higher.

GRAPES
Supply has moved to the San Joaquin Valley, but we are seeing limited supply on Greens. Quality on green and red is great.

TOMATOES
Eastern round and Roma tomato markets remain steady. Mexico markets are steady; we are seeing a slight uptick in the California round market, and grape/cherry tomatoes have a weaker undertone. Overall, continued steady supplies for the category.

GREEN BEANS
East - Supplies are tight, quality fair to good, demand is strong, and the market is steady to higher. West - Strong market as volume declines, quality is good, demand

BUSH BERRIES
Blackberry: Supplies remain very light and will not improve for a few weeks. Quality is fair to good. Market is steady.
Blueberry: Supplies are improving weekly. Quality is good. Market is declining.
Raspberry: Supplies remain light but will start to improve in a couple weeks. Quality is fairly good. Markets are steady.