Market Corner

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POULTRY

The market is starting to have excess products on most offerings. Tender pricing is being driven down by further processors. The wing market is starting to improve as the World Cup has ended. Breasts of all sizes are starting to free up. Thigh and leg meat is weak 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 overall high global demand and reduced raw material availability. Pollock is a great substitute, although demand for all sizes is increasing due to the lack of Cod.

BEEF

It is shaping up to be yet another buyer-favoring beef market this week. Live cattle prices have dropped $20+ combined over the past month, & packers continue to make boxes that are stacking up around them while box prices are still declining.

*To learn more, contact your local Sales Consultant.

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PORK

Ribs and Butts are following seasonal trends of softer markets with butts up on the week. Back rib demand does remain strong. Bellies are on a climb upward, which should continue for a couple of weeks. Trim is rebounding from deflationary trend.

GRAINS & OILS

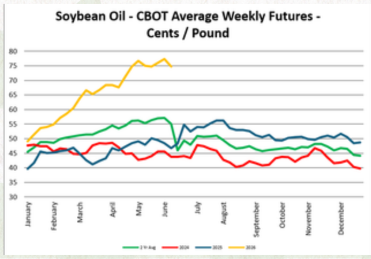
Soybean oil futures increased again this past week, with the same basic inputs: Increased military action with Iran and strong biofuel demand. Strong biofuel demand is lifting the entire soybean complex.

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 2 pounds to 1448 pounds. Dressed weights declined 2 pounds to 887 pounds.

PORK

Ham Booking is live- secure yours now, as demand is increasing: Please see SMS Comms and/or COP Chat

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PRODUCE MARKET *Updates*

ASPARAGUS
Demand exceeds continues as growers from both Peru and Mexico struggle with quality and sizing. This trend will continue through at least mid August with some shippers now saying September. Markets are strong and holding at higher levels

AVOCADO
Mexico supplies good, quality is good, demand good and the market Is steady to higher; 48's and larger are tight while small fruit is plentiful. Category 2 fruit is tight. California supplies good, quality good, demand good, and the market is steady.

BROCCOLI
Markets are lower as supplies remain 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 reported as 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 good, demand is good, and the market is steady on both yellow and zucchini. West - Pricing is starting to steady as growers forego harvest due to poor market conditions. Quality is good, and demand is weak as local and homegrown factor into this category.

LETTUCE ROMAINE
The romaine market is lower, and the heart market has stabilized and is steady. Quality is reported as good.

LETTUCE ICEBERG
Markets are a bit softer as volume looks to meet the moderate demand this week and into 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 starts to increase.
Limes - Supplies good, quality is fair to good, demand fair and market is steady. Weather continues to impact U.S. No. 1 yields. Crop peaking 150/175/200 with fewer 230/250.

BELL PEPPERS
East - green supplies are steady, quality is good, demand is good, and the market is lower; colored bells supplies are tight, quality is good, demand is good, and the market is higher. West - steady supplies of green, improving red but limited yellow. Some quality issues surfacing due to heat. Quality should improve as Central California harvest kicks in.

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
Demand is good for all colors from California and New Mexico. Volume is lighter due to crop gaps in California and rain in New Mexico. Washington and Idaho will start between July 27th and Aug 6th. Prices are higher.

GRAPES
Quality good to very good on all, supplies of Greens fair but Reds very good.

TOMATOES
Tomato markets are fairly stable overall, with Roma and cherry tomatoes both east and west. We have fruit available from TN, NC, AL, and VA out east, and California and Mexico out west. Grape tomatoes are escalating but will ease as eastern production ramps up.

GREEN BEANS
East - supplies are tight, quality fair to good, demand strong and the market is steady .West About steady production and market. Volume expected to decrease into next week. Quality good to fair.

CORN
East - Supplies are tight , quality is fair to good, demand strong and the market is steady to higherWest-Limited volume, markets are higher, most available is white. Quality is fair, demand is strong.

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