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 are expected to remain firm to higher. Cod 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

This week's boxed beef market seems to be settling a bit. We have seen a few prices start to break where inventory has slowly become more available. I would expect to see more of the same over the weeks ahead.

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** Market Corner Produce information reflects both U.S. and Canadian markets. All other commodity information is based solely on U.S. market data.

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PORK

Bellies are volatile again with slower demand and adequate supply. Trim is softer with adequate supply as well. Butts are steady for now. Loins & ribs remain steady.

GRAINS & OILS

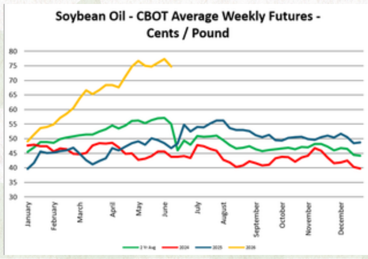
The soybean oil market entered July in a consolidation phase. Strong biofuel demand continues to provide support, but favorable crop weather, ample global vegetable oil supplies, and pressure from palm oil kept rallies limited. The market will remain sensitive to U.S. weather, biofuel developments, and exports.

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 1455 pounds. Dressed weights remained steady at 891 pounds.

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The Trump administration was jawboning the CEOs of the nation's supermarkets regarding lowering beef prices. Walmarts CEO responded by obligating to lowering prices. These actions have proven in the past to be temporary fixes in achieving long term goals.

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ASPARAGUS
Canada harvest finishes this week, placing national demand on Peru and central Mexico. This is keeping the market elevated until Peruvian supply increases. Jumbo and XL sizes will remain very tight, with demand exceeding supplies and subbing to alternate sizes prevalent.

AVOCADO
Mexico - Supplies tight, quality good, demand good, and the market is higher on 48's larger. California - Supplies are plentiful, quality is excellent, demand is strong, and the market is steady.

BROCCOLI
Markets are active and up as supplies are just adequate this week and into next, with moderate to strong demand. Quality is good.

CAULIFLOWER
The market is a bit higher, as supplies are only fair this week and next. Quality is reported as good.

CILANTRO/PARSLEY
Market steady on parsley as supplies are good. The cilantro market is higher due to high heat impacting yields. Quality reported as good on both.

CELERY
Supplies are a little tighter, but markets are mostly steady, with demand 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 - Yellow squash is shorter this week, with quality suffering, and zucchini to a lesser extent; moderate supplies and demand.

LETTUCE ROMAINE
Supplies and quality are getting better, bringing markets down to more normal levels for both romaine and romaine hearts. Quality is reported as fair to good.

LETTUCE ICEBERG
Markets are lower as volume eases back to more normal production. Quality is getting better, but there are still some signs of virus issues throughout the Salinas Valley, not enough to affect things, with demand down to mid-summer levels.

CITRUS - ALERT
Lemons - Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, and the market is steady to higher. D2 is the active growing region, peaking on140/165/115. Imports have started to arrive on the West Coast.

Oranges - Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, market is steady. Valencia crop peaking 88/113/72. Small fruit will continue to remain tight.

Limes - Supplies are good, quality is good, demand is good, and the market is steady. Sizing now trending toward 150s/175s and 200s, while the availability of 230s and 250s continues to tighten. Weather remains a key variable for availability of US #1 Grade fruit.

BELL PEPPERS
East - Supplies are tight, quality is good, demand is strong, and the market is steady to higher. West - Bell pepper market on all colors remains strong. Fresno and Santa Maria are set to start this week.

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 has stabilized as they begin to recover from a crop gap. Quality is fairly good. Markets are steady.

GRAPES
San Joaquin Valley coming into production of several varieties of both green and red seedless. 100+ degree temps this week will push additional volume to mature. Market a bit active.

TOMATOES
East supplies are transitioning to Virginia and North Carolina. California supplies are good. Markets in the East remain relatively steady despite weather-related harvest delays. In the West, increased availability has led to softer markets.

PRODUCE MARKET Updates

CANTALOUPES - ALERT
Central California has started although supplies remain light especially on the small sizes, Cantaloupe volume is slowly increasing. Quality is good with size profile LRG to M/L.

HONEYDEWS - ALERT
Honeydews have started for some growers and others coming soon. Sizing is M/LMarket is easing and is lower on both.

GREEN BEANS
East - Supplies are tight, quality is good, demand is strong and the market is increasing. West - Light production out of Baja and Santa Maria, moderate demand and the market steady to higher.