Market Corner

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POULTRY

Supply is available but we are starting to hear of some tightening. Tenders continue to look for the floor. The wing market is holding steady on all sizes. Jumbo breasts are tightening. Small breasts are readily available. Thigh and leg meat have started to level 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

The boxed beef market largely mirrored the subdued trading activity seen the previous week, as market participants maintained a cautious approach. Typical late summer seasonality continued to shape trade, resulting in mixed price movement across the cutout.

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PORK

Ribs and Butts are following seasonal trends of softer markets with not much change in the market on butts. Back rib demand does remains strong. Bellies may have hit their summer time high and we should start to see them coming down. Trim is rebounding from deflationary trend.

GRAINS & OILS

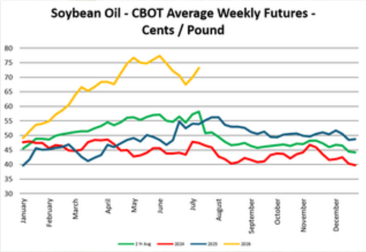
Soybean oil sentiment has improved on strengthening energy markets, while soybeans remain rangebound ahead of Wednesday's USDA report, with favorable weather offsetting strong Chinese demand and crush fundamentals.

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

Value meals and promotions have been the industry's most reliable traffic driver for the past two years as consumers squeezed by inflation sought cheaper meals. But results showed the strongest performers paired bargains with menu innovation, quality improvements and a smoother customer experience.

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Live cattle weights were down 2 lbs to 1443 pounds, carcass weights were up 1lb at 888 pounds.

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ASPARAGUS
Jumbo is virtually non existing with sizing being difficult for all packs. Overall shipments are down from both regions. Expected shortages especially larger sizes, quality issues, delayed shipments and requests to sub sizing through at least mid September.

AVOCADO
Mexico - Supplies tight, quality is good, demand is strong, and market is steady, expect good arrivals at the end of the week. California - Supplies are steady to tight, quality is excellent, demand is good, and the market is steady to higher.

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

CAULIFLOWER
Market active with higher undertones with stronger demand. Supplies this week and into next week should meet demand. Quality is reported as good.

CILANTRO/PARSLEY
Market steady on cilantro and parsley as supplies are good. Quality reported as good on parsley and fair to good on cilantro with occasional yellowing in some lots.

CELERY
Supplies are a better this week and the market has come down. Demand is fair to moderate. Quality is good.

SQUASH
East - Supplies are steady, quality is fair to good, demand is good and the market is steady to higher on both yellow and zucchini. West- Good demand, less volume due to heat and subsequent quality issues. Markets are higher and will hold into next week

LETTUCE ROMAINE
Romaine market is steady and heart market has stabilized and steady as well. 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 steady, quality good, demand is strong and the market is steady. Influx of imports from Argentina and Chile. Mexico's season beginning with strong supplies small fruit, while larger size fruit remains limited.

Oranges - Supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, market is steady. Valencia crop peaking 72/56/88. Small fruit will remain tight for the remainder of the season. Supplier will hold to averages on 113s/138s with increased demand for schools.

Limes - Supplies tight, crossings continue to decline, current crop cycle winding down. Recent rain has contributed to an increase in quality issues; stylar-end breakdown, skin deterioration, oil spotting; as a result market has become increasingly Active.

BELL PEPPERS
East - Green supplies are plentiful, quality is excellent, demand is fair to good, market steady. ALERT Red and yellow supplies tight, market is climbing higher. West weak demand and strong production have this market lower, quality is reported as good to excellent.

POTATOES - RUSSETS
Demand remains strong on larger sizes 40-70ct. Pricing is increasing. The smaller sizes and #2 grade are showing better availability. Quality is good on most lots. Norkotah's and Burbank's are being shipped.

ONIONS
Demand is good for all colors. Washington and Idaho have started and volume will be increasing from these areas. California and New Mexico volume is steady. Quality is good from all areas. Markets are lower.

GRAPES
Strong supply and quality on green and red grapes. Supplies look to remain steady for a few weeks.

TOMATOES
Tomatoes are steady on all round, roma, and cherry tomatoes both east and west. We see a bit of upward pressure out east due to rain. We have fruit coming from TN, NC, AL and VA, as well as Calif and Mexico out west..

PRODUCE MARKET Updates

GREEN BEANS
Supplies are steady, quality is good, demand is strong and the market is steady. West Market is steady to slightly higher as warm temperatures are causing a dip in production. Quality is fair to good. Demand is steady.

CORN
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