Market Corner

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August 27, 2026

POULTRY

Supply is available but we are starting to hear of some tightening. Tenders continue to have good supply and is the best value in chicken. The wing market is preparing for football season and expecting supply to tighten. Breast of all sizes are staying in balance. Thigh meat is seeing high demand as schools start.

SEAFOOD

Cod and haddock markets remain firm, supported by strong global demand and tighter raw material availability. To navigate these tight market conditions, consider alternative species such as pollock, flounder, hoki, barramundi, pangasius, tilapia, blue whiting, and snapper to support menu flexibility, value, and supply continuity.

BEEF

The boxed beef market extended its firming trend last week, underpinned by tightening supplies and preholiday positioning ahead of Labor Day which has largely come to a close.

*To learn more, contact your local Sales Consultant.

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PORK

Ham pricing is soft as export demand has slowed. Belly increases are leveling off as peak demand is behind us seasonally. Trim is leveling; loins are softening as cold storage increases. Rib demand stays strong, especially spares. Butts are following seasonal trends, which may see some strength in the coming weeks.

GRAINS & OILS

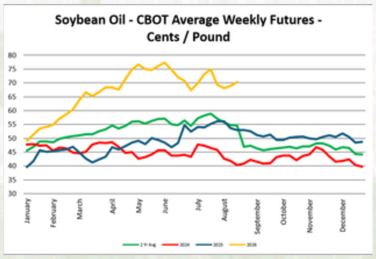
A larger-than-expected U.S. soybean crop estimate and bearish EPA/RIN developments are pressuring soybean oil prices lower, although strong export demand, renewable diesel economics, and supportive global vegetable oil fundamentals remain constructive longer term.

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 – is up; the Butter market – is up; and Cream remains readily available.

MARKET HEADLINES

SOY BEAN OIL



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Looking ahead, sentiment turned more cautious as participants questioned whether demand could sustain current momentum following the Labor Day holiday.

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Live cattle weights declined 1 pound to 1437 pounds. Dressed weights were steady at 885 pounds.

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PRODUCE MARKET Updates

ASPARAGUS
Expect volume to improve on both coasts after Labor Day. Smaller sizes prevail; quality issues; demand exceeds supply. All sizes are affected, with smalls showing the most availability. The market is higher.

AVOCADO
Mexico - Supplies are good, quality is good, demand is good, and the market is steady. California - Supplies are good, quality is excellent, demand is good, and the market is steady. Peru - Supplies are steady, quality is fair to good, demand is fair to good, and the market is steady.

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

CAULIFLOWER
The market is is steady,, with supplies good this week and into next. Quality is good to very good.

CILANTRO/PARSLEY
Market higher on cilantro and parsley as supplies tighten up. Quality is reported as good for parsley and good to very good for cilantro.

CELERY
The market is steady, with supplies good this week and into next. Quality is good.

SQUASH
East - Squash supply is tight, quality is fair to good, demand is strong, and the market is steady to higher for both yellow and zucchini. West - Split market, as better quality is bringing a premium. Quality is fair to good; demand is strong.

LETTUCE ROMAINE
Romaine and heart markets continue to be steady. Although disease pressure persists quality is reported as good.

LETTUCE ICEBERG
Markets are higher as demand picks up, and yields remain low at the field level. Quality is fair to good.

GRAPES
Green and Reds continue with strong quality. The market is steady, and supplies look good for the next few weeks.

CITRUS - ALERT
Lemons - Supplies good, domestic fruit quality fair, demand is good, and the market is steady. Imports from Argentina/Chile are arriving with good quality, good volume, and a spread of sizes; heavy to 140/165/200. Mexico: good quality and volume, heavy to small fruit.
Oranges - Supplies are tight, quality is good, demand is strong, and the market is steady. Valencia crop peaking 88/113/72. Small fruit will remain tight as demand starts to increase with schools starting.
Limes - Supplies are good, quality is fair to good, demand is fair to good, and the market is steady. Ongoing weather is driving fruit sizing toward 110/150s, resulting in reduced supply of smaller-sized fruit, as well as lower-grade fruit, in the marketplace.

BELL PEPPERS
East – Green supplies are steady, quality is good, and the market is steady to higher; color supplies are tight, quality is good, and the market is steady to higher. West - Green volume is decreasing with slightly higher markets; no gapping is expected; quality is good. Color supply is good, demand is strong, and markets are higher.

POTATOES - RUSSETS
All suppliers are in the new crop. 40-50 ct are currently tight but are expected to improve as the harvest progresses. Quality is very good. #2 availability is very light in the new crop, and pricing is significantly higher, as most is #1 grade.

ONIONS
Demand remains very good for all colors. We have not seen the expected flush of volume as the new crop started. Smoky skies and limited sunlight have hampered growth, causing growers to delay harvest. Large sizes are very limited in the early harvest but should improve.

TOMATOES
East supplies continue to be light. Last week's wet weather has slowed harvest, and yields are down. Supplies are expected to remain snug into early September. Western supplies are light amid increased demand. Markets are steady with upward pressure for Romas.

STRAWBERRIES
Supplies remain extremely limited as fields are converted to freezer due to quality conditions and reduced yields. Volume will not increase until the southern areas start over the next few weeks. Prices are increasing. .

BRUSSEL SPROUTS
Market is stronger as demand remains strong and growers continue to deal with some quality issues at the field level are impacting yields.