

Market Corner

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September 3, 2026

POULTRY

Supply is available, but we are starting to hear of some tightening. Tenders continue to have good supply and are 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 and leg meat is seeing higher demand.



SEAFOOD

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



BEEF

With Labor Day just around the corner, the bulk of holiday buying has been completed, leaving the boxed beef market to contend with a stretch of subdued demand.



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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

Ribs and Butts are following seasonal trends, with little change in the market for butts. Back rib demand does remain strong. Bellies remain strong but should start to soften as peak bacon demand passes; trim is mixed, with more strength in 42s vs. 72s. Loins have leveled off, while hams remain in.



GRAINS & OILS

Soybean oil was volatile early in the week but finished strongly higher, supported by improving biofuel demand expectations and strength across the broader soybean complex. Futures initially came under pressure from uncertainty surrounding U.S. renewable fuel policy, but sentiment improved sharply later in the week.

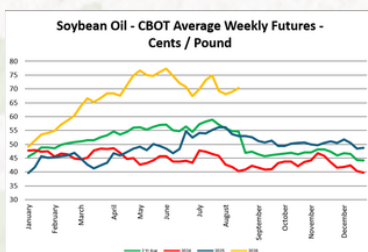
DAIRY

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

Retail features varied considerably, with some participants reporting lighter activity compared to the Labor Day period in 2025.

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Live cattle weights increased 1 pound to 1438 pounds. Dressed weights were steady at 885 pounds.

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ASPARAGUS

Supply remains critical and is expected to be for the next two weeks, when we should see increased volume from both Peru and Mexico. Larger sizes remain extremely limited. Quality is fair.

AVOCADO

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

BROCCOLI

Markets are slightly stronger as supplies are down somewhat from lower yields this week. Quality is fair to good.

CAULIFLOWER

The market is higher because supplies are impacted by insect damage, lowering yields. Quality is fair to good.

CILANTRO/PARSLEY

Market higher on cilantro on tighter supplies. Parsley is steady. Quality is reported as good for parsley and cilantro.

CELERY

Market mostly steady as supplies are good this week and into next. Quality is good.

SQUASH

East - Supplies are tight, quality is good, demand is strong, and the market is steady to higher on both yellow and zucchini; no relief until Georgia volume starts. West - Both Zucchini and yellow squash are in high demand, with large sizes especially limited. Relief expected in two weeks.

LETTUCE ROMAINE

Romaine market is higher, and heart market remains steady. Although disease pressure persists, quality is reported as good.

LETTUCE ICEBERG

Markets are higher as demand is picking up, and lower yields continue at the field level. Quality is fair to good.

GRAPES

Supply is good for both Green and Red. Some Green varieties are starting to run low as we get closer to the end of domestic supply.

CITRUS - ALERT

Lemon: Supplies good, domestic fruit quality fair, demand fair to good, and the market 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.

Limes: Suppliers are good; quality is fair to good; demand is fair, and the market is steady. Weather continues to impact U.S. No. 1 yields, with much of the crop packing as U.S. Combination. New crop production has started but remains light; quality will improve.

Oranges: Supplies are tight, quality is good, demand is strong, and the market is steady. Valencia crop is peaking at 88/113/72. Small fruit will remain tight as demand increases with schools starting.

BELL PEPPERS

East - Green supplies steady, quality good, demand fair, and the market is steady to higher; colored pepper supplies tight, quality good, demand strong, market steady to higher. West supply is about steady for all colors and sizes. Quality is fair to good; demand is stronger. The market is expected to increase in the coming week.

RUSSET POTATOES

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

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. Large sizes are very limited but should improve.

TOMATOES

Round, Roma, Grape, and Cherry tomatoes are generally holding steady, with no major market disruptions expected unless weather events impact supply. Overall quality is fair, with typical late-summer challenges.

PRODUCE MARKET Updates

STRAWBERRIES

Supplies remain extremely limited as Central Cal fields are converted to freezer due to quality conditions and reduced yields. Volume will not increase until Southern Cal gets going. Prices are steady.

BRUSSEL SPROUTS

Extremely limited as fields converted to ship to freezer processing due to weather and quality conditions. Market is stronger. Expecting demand to exceed supplies into next week.