

Market Corner

INGREDIENTS FOR YOUR SUCCESS!

October 8, 2026

POULTRY

Supply is available on most offerings. Tenders continue to have good supply and is the best value in chicken. The wing market is holding steady with solid supply. Breast of all sizes are readily available. Thigh and leg meat is seeing higher demand and tight supplies.



SEAFOOD

October is National Seafood Month. It is a perfect opportunity to excite your guests with delicious, responsibly sourced seafood. Make the most of this month by highlighting signature seafood dishes, introducing limited-time offers, or creating a special seafood feature menu. Whether it's wild-caught favorites or creative new recipes, showcasing seafood helps tell a story your guests will love and come back for.



BEEF

The beef market has firmed back up a bit after the volatility we saw late summer. Live cattle futures reached their highest levels since mid-September this week, and the fundamental supply story really hasn't changed—we simply don't have a lot of cattle coming behind us.



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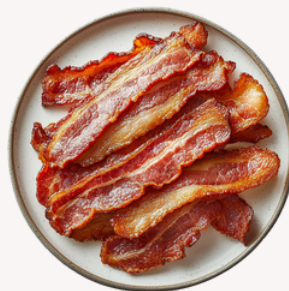
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PORK

All cutouts are relatively status quo and leveling per season outside of bellies. Bellies hit a low point and are starting to rebound though volatility is still present and futures call the market to rebound going into december. How long a unseasonal low will stick around in the markets until then is unknown.



GRAINS & OILS

Last week the overall soybean oil market was bullish, albeit, slightly. Weather in the growing region has stunted harvest and have caused nearby tightness for beans and therefore, oil. Futures increases were tamed by cheaper and abundant competing feedstocks for biodiesel. Moving harvest forward is the main concern this week as crush margins have increased for soyben oil.

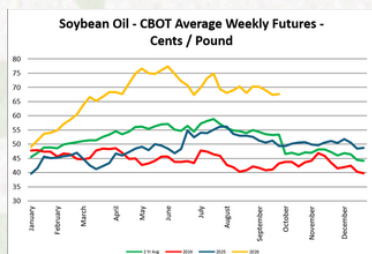
DAIRY

The weekly butter market average price for this week is \$1.3455 per lb. down \$0.0190 per lb. from the prior week. Despite elevated stock levels, butter prices continue to trade weaker than market fundamentals would typically suggest.



MARKET HEADLINES

SOY BEAN OIL



POULTRY

Whole Bird turkeys still remain in tight supply despite historically high pricing. Spot availability on hens remain extremely limited.

BEEF

Mexican cattle are starting to come back across the border. USDA has reopened the Santa Teresa, New Mexico inspection port following New World screwworm restrictions. That should eventually add some feeder supply, but it isn't an immediate solution for beef availability—those cattle still need months before reaching slaughter weight.

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ASPARAGUS

Supplies remain tight on Asparagus. Production from Peru and Mexico still fighting the El-Nino effects. Heavy rains have hit Mexico forcing some fields to start early which will help short term. Higher retail prices have slowed movement.

AVOCADO

Mexico - Supplies plentiful, quality is good, demand fair to good, and the market is steady. California supplies tight, quality is good, demand is fair, and market is steady.

BROCCOLI

Supplies remain fairly light, especially on crowns and short-cut crowns as insect pressure remains. Demand is moderate and the market is slightly higher.

CAULIFLOWER

Market is higher as insect pressure continues to be an issue and this market is expected to be in the coming weeks.

CILANTRO/PARSLEY

Market is steady on Parsley. Cilantro supplies have improved and that market is lower. Quality reported as good on parsley and cilantro.

CELERY

Market higher as supplies are tighter this week and into next with stronger demand.

SQUASH

East - Yellow supplies tight, quality fair to good, demand is strong and the market is higher; zucchini supplies steady, quality good, and market is steady. West - Active as rains knocked blossoms, expecting more shortages in the next 2 weeks.

LETTUCE ROMAINE

Market higher as supplies remain light with good demand. Romaine hearts market also higher as we now see tighter packouts and inconsistent yields.

LETTUCE ICEBERG

Market higher as supplies continue to decrease due to light weights and disease pressure. High heat will also impact growing conditions. Quality is just fair.

CITRUS - ALERT

Lemon: Supplies good, imports cleaning up on the east coast. production starting to ramp in D3 peaking on 140/115. Mexico production in full swing heavy toward smaller sizes, 235s, 200s and 165s.

Limes ALERT Supplies are steady, quality is good, demand is good and the market is steady but remains elevated. The new crop is producing primarily smaller sizes, particularly 250s, 275s and 230s larger size 110s and 150s are becoming increasingly scarce.

Oranges ALERT: Supplies tight, quality is good, demand strong, market steady to increasing. Small Valencia oranges will remain tight for the remainder of the season. Navels will start late next week.

BELL PEPPERS

East - green supplies tight, quality is fair to good, demand strong, and the market is higher; red and yellow supplies steady, quality fair to good, demand strong, market steady. West- supplies fair, demand strong, market higher.

RUSSET POTATOES

40-50 ct remain in lighter supply and high demand in Idaho with markets holding mostly steady. 60-70ct and #2's are higher. Harvest is almost done and quality remains good.

ONIONS

The market is lower on all colors fueled mostly by lower export demand to Mexico. Quality is good. Pricing is lower on all colors.

GRAPES

As we get closer to the end of the California grape season, quality is getting slightly weaker, but supplies remain high and quality over all good.

TOMATOES

Supplies are light across both East and West, due to seasonal declines and unfavorable weather. Tennessee finishes this week, Virginia by mid-October, North Florida has limited volume, California is finishing, Mexico supplies are weather impacted. Market are trending higher.

PRODUCE MARKET Updates

STRAWBERRIES

Warm weather has caused damage in all areas of California. Quality is suffering from the high temps. Market is stronger with many suppliers sold out for the week.

BRUSSEL SPROUTS

Market is higher as demand stronger and some quality issues at the field level are impacting yields. Expect lighter supplies the next 2 - 3 weeks.

GREEN ONIONS

The market is higher as heat and recent rain is impacting yields and harvesting from the field, currently supplies are meeting demand, and quality is fair to good.