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FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 24, 2017

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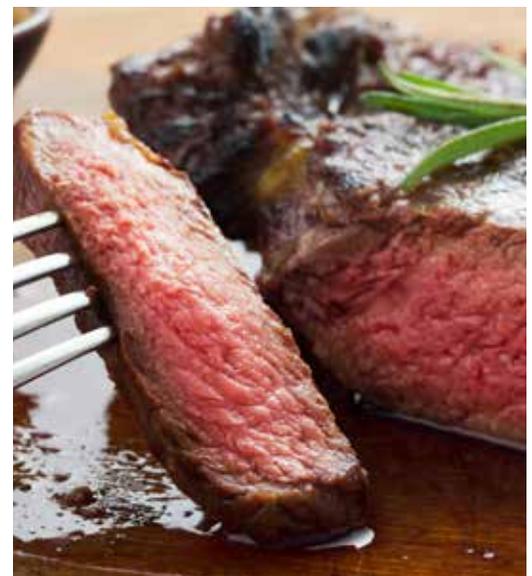
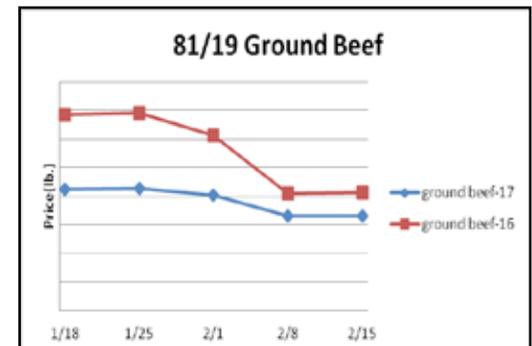
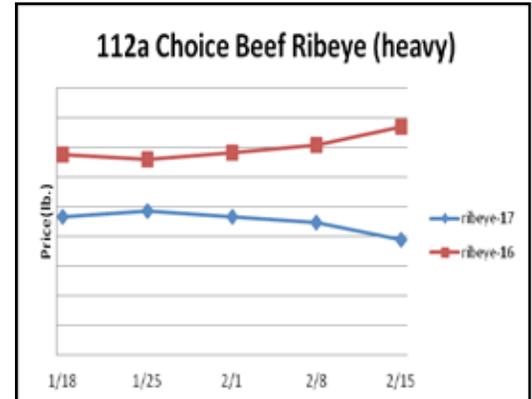
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Beef, Veal & Lamb

Beef production last week fell 3.9% but was 4.3% better than the same week last year. Cattle slaughter was the second smallest for any non-holiday week since April. Cattle supplies are expected to remain sufficient for the foreseeable future which should fuel solid year over year gains in beef output. Beef retail feature activity remains brisk with the four-week sum of forward beef sales 22-90 days out 35% better than the same period in 2016. This could temper any downside in beef markets in the near term. The U.S. was the biggest net exporter of beef during December since the fall of 2013. If this trend continues it could be supportive of lean beef trim and end cut prices.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Cattle (Steer)	Increasing	Short	Lower
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	Increasing	Short	Lower
Ground Beef 81/19	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Ground Chuck	Decreasing	Good	Lower
109 Export Rib (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
109 Export Rib (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
112a Ribeye (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
114a Chuck , Shlder Cld(ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
116 Chuck (sel)	Increasing	Good	Lower
116 Chuck (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
116b Chuck Tender (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
120 Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
120a Brisket (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	Increasing	Good	Lower
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121e Cap & Wedge	Decreasing	Good	Lower
167a Knuckle, Trimmed (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
168 Inside Round (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
169 Top Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
171b Outside Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
174 Short Loin (ch 0x1)	Increasing	Good	Lower
174 Short Loin (pr 2x3)	Increasing	Good	Lower
180 1x1 Strip (ch)	Steady	Good	Lower
180 1x1 Strip (pr)	Increasing	Good	Lower
180 0x1 Strip (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
184 Top Butt, boneless (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
184 Top Butt, boneless (pr)	Increasing	Good	Lower
185a Sirloin Flap (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (sel, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
189a Tender (ch, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Lower
189a Tender (pr, heavy)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
193 Flank Steak (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
50% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher
65% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Lower
75% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
85% Trimmings	Decreasing	Short	Higher
90% Trimmings	Steady	Short	Lower
90% Imported Beef (frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
95% Imported Beef (frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	Steady	Good	Lower
Veal Top Round (cap off)	Steady	Good	Lower



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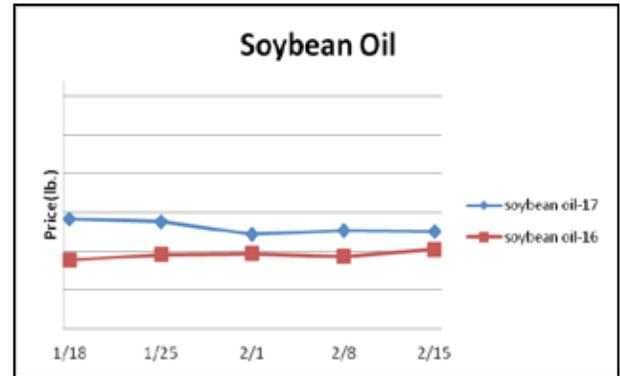
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Grains

World palm oil production is improving. During January, the world's second largest producing country Malaysia's output was 13% better than the previous year. World palm oil production should seasonally expand this spring which could weigh on the U.S. palm and soybean oil markets.

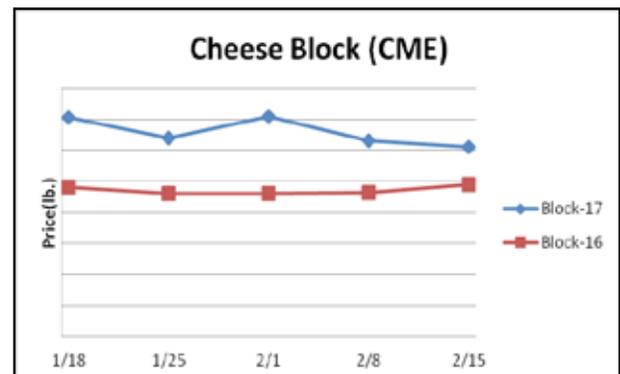
Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Soybeans, bushel	Increasing	Good	Higher
Crude Soybean Oil, lb	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Soybean Meal, ton	Increasing	Good	Higher
Corn, bushel	Increasing	Good	Lower
Crude Corn Oil, lb	Decreasing	Good	Lower
High Fructose Corn Syrup	Steady	Good	Lower
Distillers Grain, Dry	Increasing	Good	Lower
Crude Palm Oil, lb BMD	Decreasing	Good	Higher
HRW Wheat, bushel	Increasing	Good	Lower
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	Increasing	Good	Higher
Durum Wheat, bushel	Decreasing	Short	Higher
Pinto Beans, lb	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Black Beans, lb	Increasing	Good	Higher
Rice, Long Grain, lb	Decreasing	Good	Lower



Dairy

Cheese prices have softened as of late on the back of weakening nonfat dry milk prices. Unseasonably warm weather has caused the available milk supply to build. Further, nonfat dry milk exports are reported to be suffering. If nonfat dry milk prices move lower from here, it could temper the upside in cheese prices. That said, the downside may be limited in the cheese markets from here due to solid exports. December U.S. cheese exports were the largest for any month since the summer of 2014. The butter market is edging lower as well but could find support soon.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Cheese Barrels (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Cheese Blocks (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
American Cheese	Increasing	Good	Higher
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Mozzarella Cheese	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Provolone Cheese	Steady	Good	Same
Parmesan Cheese	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Butter (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Nonfat Dry Milk	Decreasing	Ample	Higher
Whey, Dry	Increasing	Good	Higher
Class 1 Base	Steady	Good	Higher
Class II Cream, heavy	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Class III Milk (CME)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Class IV Milk (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Higher



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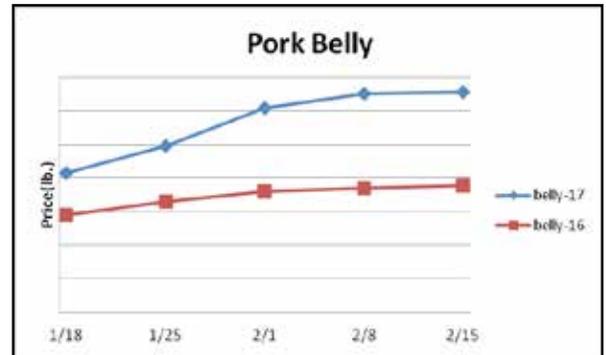
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Pork

Pork output last week rose 1.5% and was 4% larger than the same week a year ago. Strong year over year pork production gains are anticipated during the next several months. The USDA is projecting spring pork output to be a whopping 6.8% bigger than 2016. This should moderate any seasonal upward moves in the pork markets in the coming months despite the likelihood of persisting strong pork exports. Pork exports during December were 16.3% better than the prior year and a record for the month.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Hogs	Increasing	Ample	Higher
Sow	Decreasing	Ample	Lower
Belly (bacon)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Sparerib(4.25 lb & down)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Ham (20-23 lb)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Ham (23-27 lb)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Loin (bone in)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Babyback Rib (1.75 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Tenderloin (1.25 lb)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Boston Butt, untrmd (4-8 lb)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Picnic, untrmd	Decreasing	Good	Higher
SS Picnic, smoker trm box	Decreasing	Good	Higher
42% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher
72% Trimmings	Steady	Good	Higher



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Poultry

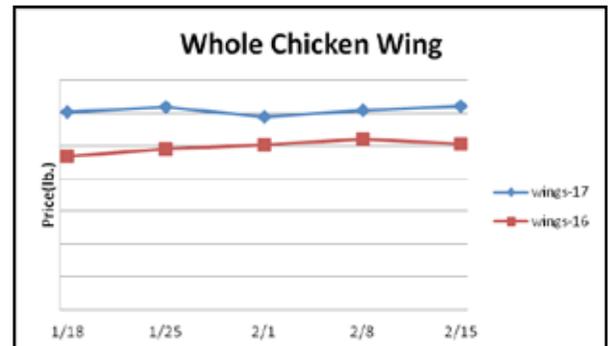
Chicken production for the week ending February 4th fell 2.4% from the prior week and was just .2% larger than the same week last year. The six-week running total of chicken output is down .3% from 2016. Chicken producer margins have been subpar due in part to deflated chicken breast prices. And indications are that lackluster chicken output growth may persist in the coming weeks. This could temper the seasonal downside move in the chicken wing markets. Chicken wing prices typically decline near 12% during the next 11 weeks. The ARA Chicken Leg Quarter Index has climbed to its highest level since May. Strong exports may continue to support leg quarter prices. U.S. chicken exports in December were 28% larger than 2015.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Birds (2.5-3 GA)	Steady	Good	
Wings (whole)	Steady	Good	
Wings (jumbo cut)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Wing Index (ARA)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Breast, Bone In	Steady	Good	
Breast, Boneless Skinless	Steady	Good	
Breast Boneless Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Tenderloin Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Legs (whole)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Leg Quarters	Steady	Good	
Leg Quarter Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Thighs, Bone In	Increasing	Good	Higher
Thighs, Boneless	Increasing	Good	Higher

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Turkey (8-16 lb)	Steady	Good	Lower
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknls	Increasing	Good	Lower

Eggs

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Large Eggs (dozen)	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Medium Eggs (dozen)	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Liquid Whole Eggs	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Liquid Egg Whites	Increasing	Short	Lower
Liquid Egg Yolks	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Egg Breaker Stock Central	Steady	Short	n/c



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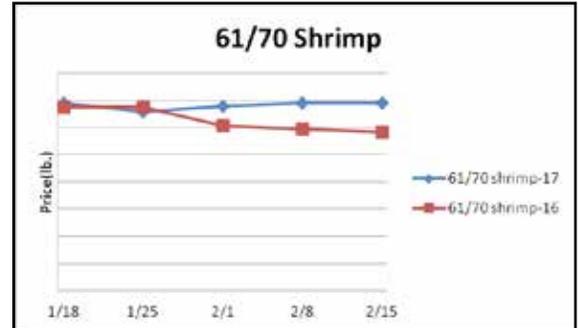
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Seafood

U.S. shrimp imports have struggled as of late despite an historically inflated value of the U.S. dollar. During December, U.S. shrimp imports were 3.1% less than the same month the previous year. If this trend continues it could be somewhat supportive of the shrimp markets.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Shrimp (16/20 frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Shrimp (61/70 frz)	Steady	Good	Higher
Shrimp Tiger (26/30 frz)	Steady	Good	Higher
Snow Crab Legs (5-8 oz frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Snow Crab Legs (8oz & up frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Cod Tails (3-7 oz frz)	Steady	Good	Lower
Cod Loins (3-12 oz frz)	Steady	Good	Lower
Salmon Portions (4-8 oz frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Pollock Alaska, Deep Skin	Steady	Good	Lower



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Paper and Plastic Products

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
WOOD PULP (PAPER)			
NBSK- Paper napkin	Increasing	Good	Higher
42 lb. Linerboard-corrugated box	Increasing	Good	Higher
PLASTIC RESINS (PLASTIC, FOAM)			
PS-CHH-utensils, cups, to-go cont.	Steady	Good	Lower
PP-HIGP-heavy grade utensils	Steady	Good	Lower
PE-LLD-can liners, film, bags	Steady	Good	Higher

Retail Price Change from Prior Month

Description	Jan '17	Dec '16	Nov '16
Beef and Veal	Decreasing	Decreasing	Decreasing
Dairy	Increasing	Increasing	Decreasing
Pork	Increasing	Decreasing	Decreasing
Chicken	Decreasing	Decreasing	Increasing
Fresh Fish and Seafood	Increasing	Decreasing	Decreasing
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Decreasing	Decreasing	Decreasing

Various Markets

The cocoa markets remain under downward pressure due to building world output. The nearby cocoa futures market fell to its least expensive level this month since the fall of 2008. The downside price risk in the cocoa markets from here is likely only nominal.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Peeled, Stand (6/10)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Tomato Paste-Industrial (lb)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Coffee lb ICE	Increasing	Good	Higher
Sugar lb ICE	Steady	Ample	Higher
Cocoa mt ICE	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Orange Juice lb ICE	Steady	Good	Higher
Honey (clover) lb	Steady	Good	Lower



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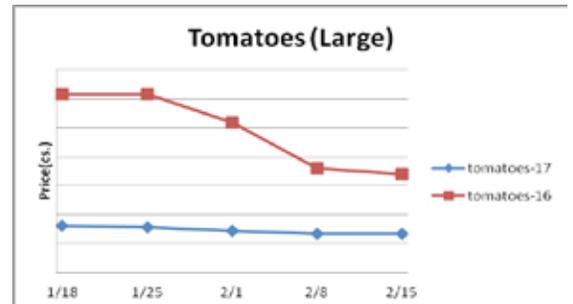
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Produce

Heavy precipitation has been limiting the California lettuce harvest bringing support to prices. Iceberg lettuce shipments last week declined 4.3% and were 20.6% less than the same week last year. Unfortunately, the precipitation has caused planting delays and slowed crop maturation farther north. This could cause an even bigger lettuce supply gap in the coming months. The lettuce markets could remain volatile into the spring. The tomato markets remain depressed due in part to favorable growing conditions in Florida. The previous month's adverse unstable weather conditions in the Yuma growing region is still causing quality problems with lower overall weights and yields in fields. The unusual weather has created industry wide shortages in supply on multiple items including: Cilantro, lettuces, and salad mixes. We do think this will get better within the next week or two. Avocados are back in an extreme market as supply is limited and prices are high.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Limes (150 ct)	Steady	Good	Higher
Lemons (95 ct)	Steady	Good	Lower
Lemons (200 ct)	Steady	Short	Lower
Honeydew (6 ct)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Cantaloupe (15 ct)	Steady	Good	Higher
Blueberries (12 ct)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Strawberries (12 pnt)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Avocados (Hass 48 ct)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Bananas (40 lb) Term	Increasing	Good	Lower
Pineapple (7 ct) Term	Increasing	Good	Higher
Idaho Potato (60 ct 50 lb)	Steady	Short	Lower
Idaho Potato (70 ct 50 lb)	Steady	Short	Lower
Idaho Potato (70 ct) Term	Increasing	Short	Lower
Idaho Potato (90 ct 50 lb)	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Idaho Potato #2 (6 oz 100 lb)	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Processing Potato (cwt)	Steady	Short	Lower
Yellow Onions (50 lb)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Yellow Onions (50 lb) Term	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Red Onions (25 lb) Term	Decreasing	Good	Lower
White Onions (50 lb) Term	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Tomatoes (lg case)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Tomatoes (5x6 lb) Term	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	Steady	Good	Lower
Roma Tomatoes (lg case)	Steady	Good	Lower
Roma Tomatoes (xlg case)	Steady	Good	Lower
Green Peppers (lg case)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Red Peppers (lg 15 lb case)	Steady	Good	Lower
Iceberg Lettuce (24 ct)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Iceberg Lettuce (24 ct) Term	Increasing	Good	Higher
Leaf Lettuce (24 ct)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Romaine Lettuce (24 ct)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Mesculin Mix (3 lb) Term	Steady	Good	Higher
Broccoli (14 ct)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Squash (1/2 bushel)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Green Beans (bushel)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Spinach (flat 24)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Mushrooms (10 lb lg) Term	Steady	Good	Higher
Cucumbers (bushel)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Pickles (200-300 ct) Term	Steady	Good	Lower
Asparagus (sm)	Decreasing	Good	Same
Freight (truck CA-Cty Av)	Decreasing	Good	Higher



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Produce

Apples & Pears

Demand and movement is steady with supplies readily available in most sizes and grades with the exception of golds and grannys. Supply remains tight on 100s and smaller on all grades except premium. 125s and smaller sizes in all varieties will continue to be tight all season. Demand and movement for pears are steady. Most supplies are now coming out of California. Prices remain high on D'Anjous, 100s and smaller whereas Bartletts have a much better value.

Artichokes

We expect good supplies of artichokes this week, as supplies industry-wide have increased. Better volume is expected in the upcoming weeks. Prices are steady but trending lower on some sizes. 36 counts are not readily available

Arugula

Supplies of both baby and wild arugula are light due to mildew.

Asparagus

Prices are still up as the end of the season approaches. We expect this to get better in a week or two. There is currently a widespread problem in Caborca, Mexico that is resulting in delayed harvest productivity in fields ranging from 50 – 55% BELOW the levels forecast for this time of year.

Avocados

EXTREME We continue to see a shortage in supply and prices rising. We expect this to continue to get worse particularly on larger fruit as the size mix shifts to the heavier fruit.

Bananas

Demand and quality are good and supply is steady.



Green Beans

East: FOB prices are steady but showing signs of weakening. West: FOB prices are seeing upward pressures.

Berries:

Blueberries

Quality is outstanding on blueberries from Central Mexico. Peak production will continue through February, with the season finishing by June. Baja California, Oxnard and Santa Maria will begin to increase their volume moving forward. Next week will be the final week of the Chilean season.

Blackberries

Cooler weather in Central Mexico has delayed the anticipated increase in production however, availability has improved slightly. We expect to have good supplies by late February.

Raspberries

Production volume remains strong in Central Mexico, supplemented by Baja California and Oxnard. Oxnard raspberries are grown by Driscoll under hoops, offering protection from weather.

Strawberries

Strawberries are in good supply from Central Mexico. Production remains well below average for California growers due to continuing weather events. Heavy rain (including the potential for flooding) and strong winds are in the late-week forecast for Oxnard. The Florida strawberry season will continue through mid-March and availability is plentiful.

Bok Choy

Quality is good and we are seeing some higher quotes on WGA cartons.

Broccoli

We saw improvement this week however, we are being told to expect a bumpy ride on this commodity over the next few weeks. Due to warmer than usual weather patterns plus the amount of rain that has fallen, we are seeing a gap in harvest schedules and supplies. Although we saw prices drop, we are seeing shortages in product.

Brussels Sprouts

The market and supplies are good this week. Quality is good.

Cantaloupe

Market is steady with good supplies of 9's and lighter supplies of 12's and 15's on both coasts, the overall quality is excellent with nice clean net and mostly green to straw color, the sugar content is very good and internal color is excellent. We expect the market to keep steady and continue to be a little tighter on the smaller fruit as most varieties are geared for retail.

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Produce *(continued)*

Carrots

Georgia carrots have arrived. Rain in Kern County, CA, has made the carrot market a bit more active in that region of CA, so please order ahead to keep a good supply. We are seeing a shortage of supply continue due to the rain.

Cauliflower

Quality is average. We are seeing yellowing. Supplies are down and prices are higher than normal.

Celery

We continue to experience rain events throughout California, with February historically being our "rain" month. In Oxnard, the result of these constant rains has caused the celery to develop many defects in the acres we are currently harvesting and will harvest for several weeks to come.

Cilantro

EXTREME Market - Supplies are very light. Quality is variable as there is still yellowing with some decay. Price are high and we are seeing shortages.

Corn

Florida sweet corn has seen a spike in pricing this week. There has been less availability as in previous weeks due to planting gaps and the cooler weather hindering maturity.

Cucumbers

East: Off-shore volume continues with relatively light volume. FOB prices are generally steady compared to last. Quality of the off-shore product remains variable.

West: Nogales crossing continue. FOB prices are steady to slightly lower. We expect FOB prices to begin to fall in the near future. Currently, the quality through Nogales remains good.

English Cucumber

Supplies have increased in Nogales and prices have eased from the recent highs.

Eggplant

East: FOB prices for both grades are generally steady. Quality is good.

West: FOB prices are lower again this week. Nogales crossings continue and quality is good.

Fennel

Supplies for the week will be light.

Garlic

We saw yet another rise in price. The supply of domestic garlic remains tight. Pricing on domestic peeled 4x5s is still

high. In the past week or two, we have observed a slight relief in demand. This is fairly normal after the New Year.

Ginger

Chinese ginger is in good supply. It is being offered at a substantial discount compared to ginger from Brazil.

Grapes

Market all over the board due to quality as some of the early flames had some rain on them and we are seeing some splits and light decay on some blocks upon arrival. There is other fruit that is in much better condition which is creating a two tiered market on reds especially. The green grapes look good but also a few lots are showing some issues also due to the early rains in Chile, but there are some lots that look very nice and there is a very good supply of greens here now and market has eased a bit. We expect the quality to get much better by the first of March as we move to new Chilean regions and also start to see more crimson seedless arriving as well. The outlook for the entire Chilean season is a good size crop and we should have good supplies until we start California and Mexico around the first of May.

Green Cabbage

Green cabbage is in good supply and should be steady this week. Quality is good.

Red Cabbage

Quality and sizing have been great, with good color. Overall, the market is strong.

Green Onions

The green onion supply for the industry is getting better. We are seeing prices come down.

Honeydew

Market is strong with fair supplies and overall quality is excellent with a nice green to cream cast and a beautiful light green internal color and excellent sugar. We expect the market to keep steady and strong for at least the next few weeks.



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Produce (continued)

Kale (Green)

Demand is steady and quality is average. We are seeing some mildew.

Lemons

Market is strong with excellent demand and still trying to get caught up on supplies from the past storms and like the oranges we are trying to get all the crews we can to get bins in the house to help us get through the next round of storms. The overall quality of the fruit is good, but again with the moisture around we will be fighting the clear rot and brown rot issue. We are also treating all orchards with fungicide and copper as well to try and kill back the spores, to help keep the fruit strong. The fruit size will continue to get larger as well with all the rain we have had, so some of the smaller sizes could get a little tight.

Lettuce:

Green and Red Leaf

Supplies on green leaf are extremely light. We are seeing a lot of dirt due to the heavy winds, seeders and tip burn. We are seeing very short supply on red leaf, however quality is good. Prices are high on both.

Iceberg Lettuce

Supplies of iceberg lettuce are well below average although slightly better than last week, quality is good to average, and we are seeing some mildew due to the rain. Expect shortages and high prices.

Romaine

Very tight with light supplies. We anticipate supplies getting tighter and more expensive. Quality is hit or miss with epidermal peeling.

Romaine Hearts

Supplies are light. We are seeing twisting with average quality, and peeling. Prices are rising.



Limes

Limes are available in good supplies, packing in Texas and California. Great quality and color.

Napa

Supplies are good and quality is excellent.

Onions

Pricing has remained sluggish as Mexican supplies on all three colors have continued to increase. The northwest is back to normal shipping and supplies are plentiful for the amount of season they have remaining.

Oranges

Market is steady to strong as rains stopped on Saturday and we have had dry weather but the ground is very saturated and it is tough to get into some fields some we are ok to pick borders and drive rows. The forecast looks like we will be seeing more rain starting Thursday of this week and forecasts show it will continue into the first of next week. We are very blessed to be getting this much rain but with it comes some obstacles, we will keep you posted and we hope to be able to get enough picked this week to hold our supplies up through this next event. The labor is really tough to get at this point as well due to all the fruit that needs to be picked and a lack of people available to pick. The overall quality of the fruit is very good with excellent sugar and juice content and a nice full brick orange exterior color they are eating like candy. With all this moisture in the ground we are treating all orchards with fungicide and copper to help slow down the mold spores when it is dry enough to get a tractor in the fields, but it is inevitable we will start to see clear rot, and brown rot issues and they are also calling for weather to warm up to the high 60's next week which is not great for the fruit as it will cause puff and crease as well.

Parsley (Curly, Italian)

Prices are normal and quality is average.

Green Bell Pepper

East: Limited supplies is causing FOB prices to be considerably higher for all sizes and grades compared to last week. The strong winds from several weeks ago caused bloom drop which has caused yields to be reduced at this time. This short supply is also due, in part, to growers letting their fields go when FOB prices were below the cost of harvesting. We expect pepper prices to remain active for the next few weeks. Quality is generally good.

West: Crossings are down compared to the past several weeks causing FOB prices to be much stronger. Quality is good.

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Produce (continued)

Jalapeños

East: FOB prices are generally higher this week. Quality is good.

West: FOB prices are steady to slightly stronger this week. Supplies remain good. Quality is good.

Red & Yellow Pepper

The market is inching up, but shouldn't rise as high as green bell prices; Mexican stocks (into Nogales, Arizona and South Texas) are a bit tighter than last week. Quality is very good: color is paler than normal.

Pineapple

The market is starting to inch up; supplies will tighten through April. Quality varies from fair to good: flavor is sweet, yet tangy. Sugar levels range from 13 to 16 Brix.

Idaho Potatoes

Demand on 40/70ct is moderate and almost everything else is just fair. We can expect the same for the next few weeks, and of course it's Potato Lovers month. This is what we have found to be typical business for this time of year. Prices have not really seen any significant changes up or down in the industry.

Radishes

Quality is good and supply is plentiful.

Salad Blends

Despite tight raw product supplies, the market is steady. Quality is average, yet dense texture, mildew damage, and weak tips remain quality problems in finished packs.

Snow and Sugar Snap Peas

Snow and sugar snap peas are in high demand with good quality.

Spinach (Bunched)

Supply is average, quality is only fair. We are still seeing some mildew in this product.

Spinach (Baby)

Baby and clipped spinach supplies are light. Quality is fair to good, with good prices. There are some reports of mildew.

Spring Mix

There is plenty of product with quality being average, but it has improved.

Green Squash

There has been considerable activity on both coasts in the green squash market since the Weekly Market Report was sent out last night. Supplies are starting to get tight and we expect them to continue to get tighter into the weekend and

early part of next week. In Mexico, the northern growing regions (Guaymas and Los Mochis) are winding down and expecting rain this weekend. The next growing region (Hermosillo) will not begin until the 1st week of March. Expect FOB prices for all size and grades to be higher next week.

Yellow Squash

East: FOB prices are moderately lower again this week. Quality remains variable.

West: FOB prices are lower again this week. Supplies remain strong. Quality is generally good.

Tomatoes

East

Rounds

Demand remains weak. Supplies are slightly weaker compared to past weeks. Quality remains very good. Mexico continues to dictate market prices and those prices remain at Suspension Agreement Minimums. FOB prices in the east are a couple of dollars higher on ex-large this week and steady to slightly higher on large and medium sizes. Barring a weather event, we expect prices to remain low and trade in a narrow range into March.

Romas

FOB prices for Romas are steady this week on extra-large and large sizes and slightly lower on mediums. Mexico is dictating Roma market prices also. We expect FOB prices to remain low and to trade within a narrow range into next month. Quality continues to be very good.

Grapes

FOB prices remain low but are slightly higher than last week. Quality is very good.

Cherries

Prices are slightly higher compared to last week. Mexico product has some quality issues which has caused re-packers to pull product from FL. Quality remains very good.



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West/Mexico

Rounds

Demand is abnormally weak. Good volume continues to cross at Nogales. Crossings also continue at McAllen. FOB prices remain at Suspension Agreement minimums. Quality is good. Barring a weather event, we expect the round tomato market to remain relatively stable for at least the next 2-3 weeks.

Romas

Nogales and McAllen crossings continue. Quality is good. FOB prices remain at Suspension Agreement minimums for all sizes. Prices should remain steady for the foreseeable future.

Grapes

Crossings primarily at Nogales. Quality is variable. Prices generally at Suspension Agreement minimums but have firmed up.

Cherries

Quality is variable. Prices are generally steady to lower compared to last week.

Watermelon

A little more production is occurring on seedless varieties. This has caused the market to slightly settle off its season-to-date highs. Supply should be consistent over the next 6-7 weeks from Honduras.

