



MARKET TRENDS

FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 5, 2017



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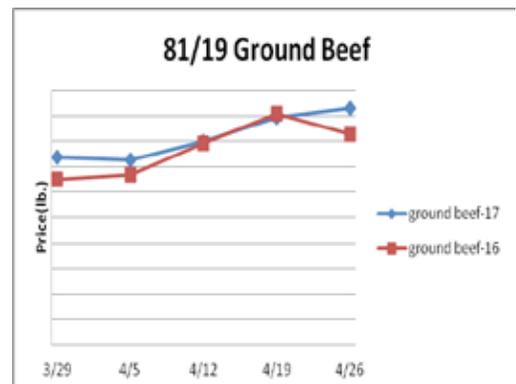
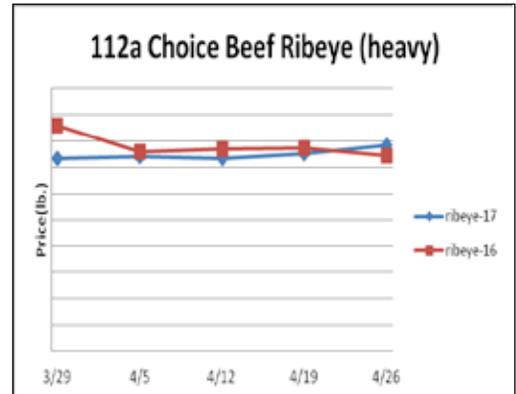
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Beef, Veal & Lamb

Beef production last week rose .2% and was up .8% from the same week last year. Solid year over year gains in beef output should endure. The April 1st cattle on feed inventory was .5% larger than 2016 with March placements into feedlots up 11.1%. There are signs, however, that overall cattle herd growth is at least slowing. On April 1st, 34% of the cattle on feed were either heifers or heifer calves which compares to 29% last year and was the highest for the date since 2013. The higher percentage suggests less female cows are being retained to breed. Heavy retail feature activity could support beef grind and trim prices this spring. Forward ground beef sales last week were the largest in two years.

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	Increasing	Good	Higher
Ground Chuck	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (pr)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
114a Chuck , Shlder Cld(ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (sel)	Increasing	Good	Lower
116 Chuck (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
116b Chuck Tender (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
120 Brisket (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
120a Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	Increasing	Good	Lower
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	Increasing	Good	Lower
121e Cap & Wedge	Increasing	Good	Higher
167a Knuckle, Trimmed (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
168 Inside Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
169 Top Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
171b Outside Round (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
174 Short Loin (ch 0x1)	Increasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (pr 2x3)	Increasing	Good	Lower
180 0x1 Strip (pr)	Increasing	Good	Higher
180 0x1 Strip (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
184 Top Butt, boneless (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
184 Top Butt, boneless (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
184-3 Top Butt, bnls (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
185a Sirloin Flap (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
189a Tender (sel, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (ch, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (pr, heavy)	Increasing	Good	Lower
193 Flank Steak (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
50% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
65% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Lower
75% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
85% Trimmings	Increasing	Short	Lower
90% Trimmings	Decreasing	Short	Lower
90% Imported Beef (frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
95% Imported Beef (frz)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	Steady	Good	Lower
Veal Top Round (cap off)	Steady	Good	Lower



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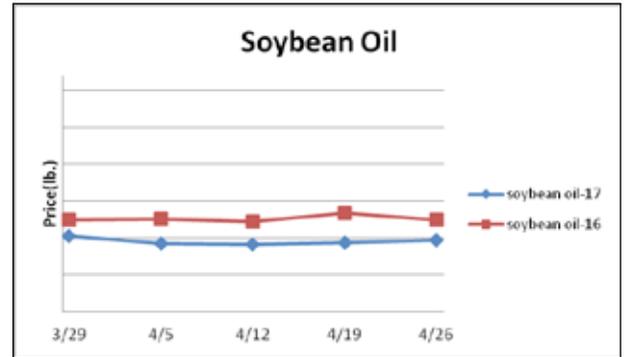
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Grains

The spring planting season is progressing but is modestly behind due to precipitation. In the case of spring wheat, just 22% of the crop had been sowed as of last Sunday which compares to the five-year average of 34% for the date. The wheat markets could find support during the next few weeks.

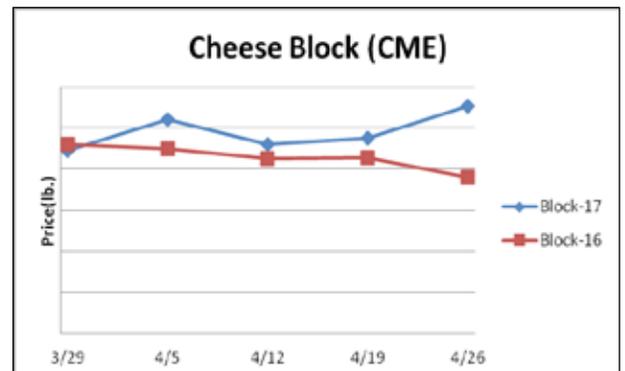
Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Soybeans, bushel	Increasing	Good	Lower
Crude Soybean Oil, lb	Increasing	Good	Lower
Soybean Meal, ton	Increasing	Good	Higher
Corn, bushel	Increasing	Good	Lower
Crude Corn Oil, lb	Increasing	Good	Lower
High Fructose Corn Syrup	Increasing	Good	Lower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



Dairy

Milk production growth slowed during March with output up just 1.7% from last year, the smallest annual gain since last summer. This was due to a 1.1% gain in milk per cow yields and a .6% larger milk cow herd. Farmers added a net 15,000 head to the herd during the month making it the biggest in two decades. The big milk cow herd should fuel adequate year over year expansion in milk production into the summer. The butter market is trading below the international markets which is sparking export interest. The near-term downside risk may be limited in butter prices from here.

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



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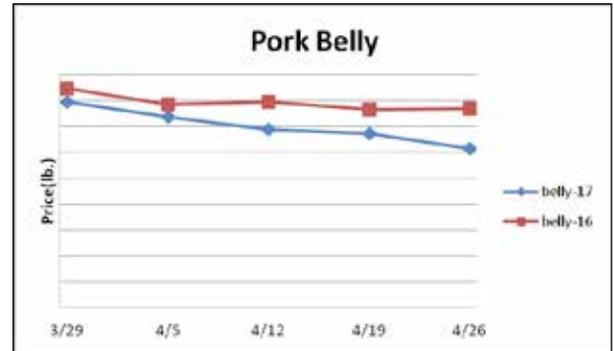
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Pork

Pork output last week rose .3% and was 1.9% larger than the same week a year ago. The USDA is forecasting spring pork production to be 5.1% bigger than the previous year which should weigh on the pork markets. Retailers have raised bacon prices in response to the rise in the pork belly markets this past winter. During March, the average retail bacon price rose 7.7% from February, was up 12.5% since bottoming in December, and was the most expensive since the fall of 2015. Pork belly stocks remain limited, though.

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



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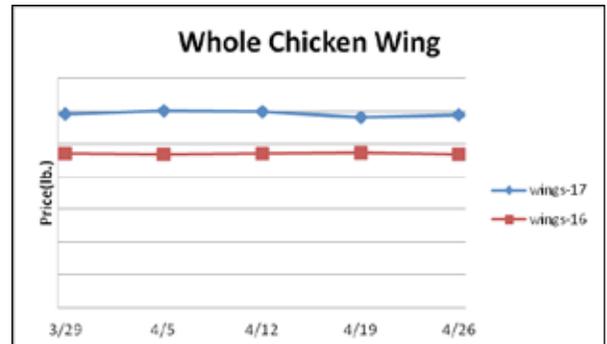
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Poultry

Chicken production for the week ending April 15th declined 1.3% from the previous week and was 1.2% lower than the same week last year. The average broiler weight was the lightest since September. The six-week total of chicken output is just .6% better than 2016. There are signals that producers are attempting to escalate year over year gains in chicken output for later this year. The April broiler layer flock was 1.1% larger than a year ago and the biggest in over six years. Further, the April broiler type chick hatch was 2% more than the prior year. The USDA sees chicken output growth compared to 2016 closer to 2% during the next several months. This could temper any further seasonal upside in chicken breast prices this spring.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Birds WOG-Nat	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Wings (jumbo cut)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Wing Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Breast, Bnless Skinless NE	Increasing	Good	Higher
Breast, Bnless Skinless SE	Increasing	Good	Lower
Breast Boneless Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Tenderloin Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Legs (whole)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Leg Quarter Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Thighs, Bone In	Increasing	Good	Higher
Thighs, Boneless	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)	Increasing	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	Steady	Short	Lower
Liquid Egg Whites	Steady	Short	Lower
Liquid Egg Yolks	Increasing	Short	Higher
Egg Breaker Stock Central	Steady	Short	n/c

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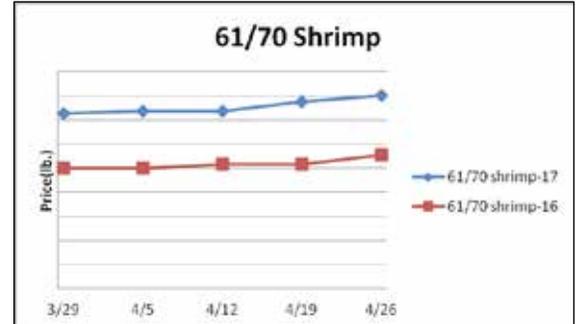
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Seafood

Salmon prices remain relatively inflated due in part to disappointing imports. During February, the U.S. imported 8% less salmon than the prior year. Imports of salmon filet and steaks were down 11.5%. Total salmon imports from Canada were lower by 23.5%. If the dollar continues to soften it may further support salmon prices from here.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Shrimp (16/20 frz)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Shrimp (61/70 frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Shrimp Tiger (26/30 frz)	Steady	Good	Higher
Snow Crab Legs (5-8 oz frz)	Steady	Good	Higher
Snow Crab Legs (8oz & up frz)	Steady	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)	Steady	Good	Higher
Pollock Alaska, Deep Skin	Steady	Good	Same



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Paper and Plastic Products

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

Retail Price Change from Prior Month

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

Various Markets

The Arabica coffee futures markets have fallen rather sharply during the last week with nearby futures trading at their least expensive levels in 10 months. Yet, world coffee supplies are currently relatively limited which could bring support to coffee prices shortly.

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



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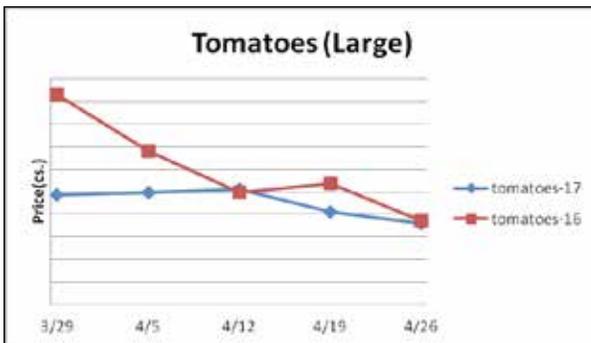


Produce

This month has been very unstable for the industry; we are seeing a lot of improvement and expect to see improvement every week. We are still experiencing escalated markets on **all** lettuce commodities, broccoli and cauliflower. Lettuce supplies remain tight due to earlier adverse weather. U.S. iceberg lettuce shipments last week declined 13.1% from the prior week and were 18.3% less than the same week in 2016. We are also still experiencing extreme markets with avocados, blueberries, celery, cilantro, garlic, lemons, and now certain sizes of asparagus. We anticipate prices will drop with each week that passes. The Idaho potato markets remain seasonally firm. As of April 1st, the number of potatoes in storage domestically was 6.1% larger than last year and the biggest for the date in over a decade. Idaho potato holdings were 13% more than 2016. Large potato supplies could mitigate any further seasonal potato price increases into the summer.

MARKET ALERT

- **Avocados – EXTREME**
- **Asparagus – LARGER SIZES**
- **Blueberries – EXTREME**
- **Broccoli – ESCALATED**
- **Napa Cabbage – ESCALATED**
- **Cauliflower – ESCALATED**
- **Celery – EXTREME**
- **Cilantro – ESCALATED**
- **Garlic – EXTREME**
- **Lemons – SIZING**
- **Iceberg Lettuce – EXTREME**
- **Romaine Lettuce – ESCALATED**
- **Parsley – ESCALATED**



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Produce

Apples & Pears

Apples: Demand and movement is steady on the larger sized fruit across all grades. Golds and Grannys remain extremely short with the industry still seeing better yields on 100s and smaller for all other varieties. We expect to see this continue through the rest of the season. Offshore deals remain steady; Galas are plentiful and the Granny volume is ramping up.

Pears: Bosc and Anjou are readily available domestically out of Washington. We expect to see California begin in July. Offshore Bosc and Packham supplies are steady.

Artichokes

We are seeing very high prices and very short supply. Quality is good.

Arugula

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

Asparagus

EXTREME - Peru is currently experiencing rain and unusually high temperatures which have combined to slow the production of large caliber spears. The vast majority of product being harvested is in the STANDARD caliber measurements and production of LARGE, XL, AND JUMBO has declined dramatically. It is expected that this condition will persist at least until May 15th.

Avocados

EXTREME MARKET

We anticipate an active market through early May despite the Cinco De Mayo pull already winding down. Long term market forecasts still show winter Mexican crop slowing down faster than expected while Peru and California are slow to ramp up making late spring a very active avocado market.

Bananas

Demand and quality are good and supply is steady.



Green Beans

East: Supplies are tighter this week and FOB prices are higher. We expect supplies to remain tight until the GA crop starts up which should be around May 5-10. Quality is good.

West: Nogales supplies are drying up. Desert fields have just start to produce but that volume cannot make up for the volume lost from Nogales. FOB prices are higher this week.

Berries

Blueberries

EXTREME MARKET We are seeing a slight increase in overall supply, as new areas begin to supplement existing growing areas (Georgia, Florida, Southern California, Baja California). The harvest in Central Mexico is on the decline; North Carolina will begin next week.

Blackberries

The harvest transition will soon be underway from Central Mexico to California; availability will continue to tighten.

Raspberries

Raspberries are in peak season production in Central Mexico and Southern California, with plentiful availability through mid-May. Central California growers are now harvesting as well.

Strawberries

Strawberries from Central and Southern California will be in good supply for Mother's Day. The size profile has increased with fields now yielding larger-sized berries. Stem strawberries have become available although supplies remain tight.

Bok Choy

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

Broccoli

ESCALATED We are seeing an improvement in this market, prices are starting to come down and product is becoming more available. Quality is good.

Brussels Sprouts

Higher prices and tighter supplies remain but are leveling out. Quality is improving.

Cantaloupe

Market steady with generally good supplies of 12's but a bit snug on the 9's and 15's due to good demand, the fruit quality looks very nice with excellent internal color and sugar and for the most part a nice clean green to straw netting and very firm. We expect to have good volume of the offshore fruit through April and then transition into the domestic fruit out of the Imperial Valley around the first week of May.

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Produce (continued)

Carrots

There is a good supply with solid quality.

Cauliflower

ESCALATED MARKET - We are seeing improvement in this market. Prices are coming down slowly and product is becoming more available. Quality is good.

Celery

EXTREME MARKET / EXTREME SHORTAGES

Unfortunately, we have not seen much improvement in this market. Prorates have been ranging between 35 %-50% this week. We are done in Yuma and the Oxnard crop is behind schedule. Quality is just fair. There will be issues for another 4-6 weeks.

Cilantro

EXTREME MARKET/EXTREME SHORTAGES - Quality is variable as there is still yellowing with some decay. Price are high and we are seeing shortages.

Corn

Florida Sweet Corn is plentiful out of Florida and pricing is fair to good, making it good for promoting. Quality is outstanding and the outlook should hold steady all the way through Memorial Day.

Cucumbers

East: FL fields continue to produce. FOB prices are generally lower on select. Quality is good.

West: Nogales crossings continue. Baja crossings have started but it will be the middle of May before volume gets completely ramped-up. FOB prices are lower compared to last week.

English Cucumber

Supplies from Eastern Canada are plentiful. Nogales shippers will have English Cucumbers through mid-May.

Eggplant

East: FOB prices are generally steady and trading within a narrow range. Quality is good.

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

Fennel

Supplies for the week will be light.

Garlic

EXTREME MARKET The supply of domestic garlic remains tight. Pricing on domestic peeled 4x5s is still high.

Ginger

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

Grapes

Market is strong on reds (Crimsons, Perlones, Timco) which are mostly 700 and 900 code and very few 500 code coming in. The overall quality of the reds is very good with full red color and clean with few to no splits and nice crunch to the berries with fair to good sugar content. The greens are looking fair with most lots needing to be repacked and we will continue to repack as most of the storage type fruit is just starting to arrive and it looks like we will be short on greens and that is starting now and prices will continue to climb on good solid fruit. We should have enough reds to get us through April and then we will start Mexico and Coachella Valley fruit around the first week of May, but the green grapes are going to be very tight and we could see a gap in supply in the next few weeks until we start Coachella and Mexico. The crop out of Mexico and Coachella looks excellent at this point but we will keep you posted as we learn more.

Green Cabbage

Green cabbage is in light 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.



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Green Onions

Iced: This market has leveled off with steady crossings last week. The crossings should remain at current levels with good supplies.

Iceless: This market has leveled off and should remain steady. Contracts and pre-commitments are holding the market firm.

Honeydew

Market is mostly steady as well with fair supplies on 5s, and a bit lighter on the 6-8's. The overall quality looks very good with a nice clean exterior condition with a green to cream color and excellent internal color and sugar and nice tight cavity. We will also have some good supplies going forward through April and transition into the Imperial Valley and Mexico volume around the second week of May. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

Jicama

Normal prices and quality is good.

Kale (Green)

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

Kiwi

Supplies are good. We are still seeing slightly higher prices with quality being average.

Lemons

Market very strong and demand exceeds supply, especially on 140's and smaller as we are seeing some very large fruit here in dist. 1 and also size picking in dist. 2 which is also yielding larger sizes keeping the smaller fruit very strong. The overall quality is good to fair, with some clear rot showing up due to all the moisture in the ground and warmer weather which promotes mold spores. We will see the market continue to increase as demand has been very good across the board, this will be the trend as we start heading further into the spring which is normal. We will finish here in dist. 1 around the end of April and then we will be dependent upon only dist. 2 fruit until we see the Chilean fruit arrive around the first of June and they will increase their volume by mid-July and then Mexico starting around the first of August going through October.

California Lettuce: Green and Red Leaf

Quality is better. We are seeing improvement but still have some shortages on supply. Red leaf is improving as well.

Butter

Prices are improving; supplies are very light but expected to get better weekly.

Iceberg Lettuce

EXTREME MARKET/EXTREME SHORTAGES - Supplies are tight. Quality is average although we are starting to see improvement. Expect some rib light, cracked rip, and pale color.

Romaine

ESCALATED - Still seeing light supplies. Quality has improved. Market is improving weekly.

Romaine Hearts

ESCALATED - Supplies are increasing weekly. Prices are high but coming down. Quality is improving.

Limes

Prices are high; demand for Cinco de Mayo is strong. Stocks will be tight until the second week of May, then increase to normal levels.

Napa

EXTREME MARKET Supplies are very tight.

Onions

Pricing has likely peaked on yellow and red onions out of all growing regions. The Imperial Valley growing area in California has started shipping this week and more growers will start next week. Onions remain in Idaho, Washington, and Texas. Texas continues to yield a small size profile heavy to mediums and small jumbos due to diseased fields. White onions have gotten very strong in price due to a lack of supply in the Northwest and less Mexican supply crossing through South Texas. We should see pricing relief on all three colors in the coming weeks.



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Oranges

Market is very strong and demand exceeds supply on 113's and 138's fancy and choice as we are into some of our late navel varieties that will be on the larger side. The fruit quality is good right now with excellent color and sugar and the fruit eats like candy, we are starting to see some puff and crease and some softer fruit due to the excessive amount of rains and the warm weather we have experienced. We are starting to see some fruit drop as well due to the bloom we are experiencing and the tree is trying to take care of the new set and the weaker fruit hanging on the tree will drop. We will for sure come up short of our original estimates for this year's navel crop, but will have supplies probably through May and not stretch it into July like last year. We have started some Valencia's and this year's crop looks like it is going to come up short as well and some of the most recent estimates are about 15-20% lighter than last year so we will probably see some strong prices starting out and do not expect to see things come off much but we will keep you posted as we go forward. Also with this lighter Valencia crop we are going to experience very light supplies on 113's and smaller through the summer and we expect August through mid-October until we start navels again, that we will be in a demand far exceeding supply on the smaller fruit.

Parsley (Curly, Italian)

ESCALATED - We are seeing prices remain VERY high and supplies being short.

Green Bell Pepper

East: The growing regions of all dry vegetable commodities on both coasts have seen very good growing weather. Sunny warm days (hot in MX) have increased yields. Supply of bell pepper remains good. Plant City continues to harvest. FOB prices are steady with some downward pressure. Quality is very good.

West: Better supplies are causing FOB prices to be lower this week. Nogales crossings continue as the desert starts up.

Jalapeño Pepper

East: We are seeing some insect pressure in the Florida fields and the market may get tight until the GA fields start producing. FOB prices are higher this week. Quality is variable.

West: FOB prices are steady to down slightly this week. Quality is good.

Red & Yellow Bell Pepper

Prices remain elevated; strong demand is keeping volume low on both coasts. Growers are in the process of moving to Coachella, California. Quality is very good: color is vibrant and flavors spicy, yet sweet.

Pineapple

Supply continues to be tight. Vessel delays have caused orders to be pushed back.

Idaho Potatoes

The demand on consumer packs in Idaho has been poor this week following the Easter holiday. The demand on larger counts, 40's thru 70's continues to be very good, very tight on those sizes. The demand on the 80's through 100's is fair. We have seen prices increase on the larger counts and the remaining cartons prices are steady. There are deals to be made on the smaller counts, not large price reductions but some operations have the smaller sizes to move. The growers are continuing to plant, however the weather is slowing this down and the forecast looks like continued rain for the next few days, possible snow, but light. The government indicated that they may have underestimated the yields on last year's crop that we are currently shipping and it appears we have an ample supply of fresh potatoes left to move.

Radishes

Quality is good and supply is slowing down.

Salad Blends

The market has begun to inch down. Iceberg is limited, but romaine volume is starting to increase. Quality will continue to improve over the next month.

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.



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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 good quality.

Green Squash

East: Good supplies and quality; weak demand. FOB prices are down several dollars on both the fancy and mediums and are close to rock-bottom levels. Quality is good.

West: FOB prices are lower again this week on both fancy and mediums. Quality is good.

Yellow Squash

East: Good supplies continue out of central FL. The south GA crop is also being harvested. FOB prices are lower than they were at this time last week due to the increased supplies. Quality is generally good.

West: CA desert fields have begun to be harvested and supplies are more plentiful. FOB prices are lower.

Tomatoes

East

Rounds

Central Florida is in full production while the south Florida fields continue to produce. This situation is causing an abundance of supply as demand remains relatively weak. This is causing FOB prices to be lower this week for all sizes. Quality continues to be very good and should continue to be very good for the foreseeable future.

Romas

Demand continues to be weak as supplies increase. FOB prices are several dollars lower on all sizes. Quality this week is very good.

Grapes

New and more supplies are causing FOB prices to fall again this week. Quality remains very good to excellent.

Cherries

FOB prices remain steady this week. Demand is good due to the fact that many western re-packers continue to come east for quality product. Quality remains very good.

West/Mexico

Rounds

Hot temperatures are bringing a lot of fruit to maturity. Supplies are strong and demand continues to be light. Crossings continue at Nogales, McAllen and Baja. FOB

prices remain at Suspension Agreement minimums. Quality is ok and sizing is on the small side out of Nogales. Fruit is larger out of the new Baja fields. We continue to use MX2-layers for the largest sizes and those FOB prices are lower this week. The California crop should begin in a small way during the second week of June.

Romas

Nogales, Baja and McAllen crossings continue. Prices remain at Suspension Agreement minimums. Quality continues to be variable.

Grapes

Quality is better and FOB prices are lower this week as new crossings continue at Baja.

Cherries

Quality is very variable and mostly only fair at best. There continues to be a wide range in FOB prices corresponding to the wide range of quality. Many re-packers are going east to find quality product.

Watermelon

The market is inching down; supplies will be abundant by next week. Quality is excellent: color is deep red, texture is firm, and flavor is mildly sweet. Sugar levels range from 12 to 14 Brix.

