



MARKET TRENDS

FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 22, 2018

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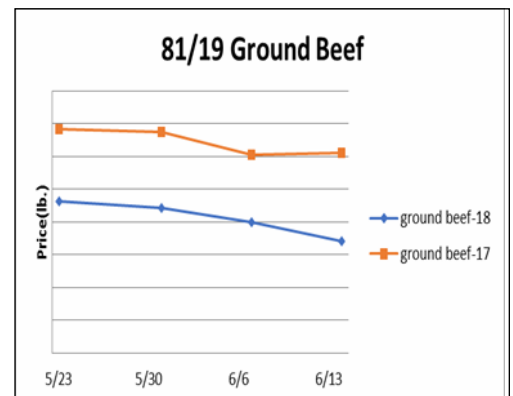
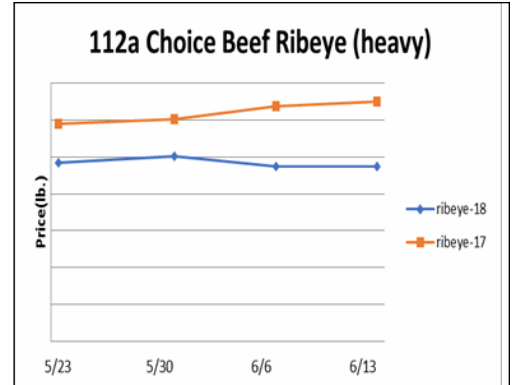
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Beef, Veal & Lamb

Beef production last week was 3.6% larger than the same week last year. Near slaughter ready cattle supplies are expected to remain readily available this summer. Currently, October cattle futures are at a 4.1% price discount to the June contract. So, lower beef prices should occur in the coming weeks as well. Forward choice ribeye (15%), choice short loin (25%) and ground beef (11%) sales for delivery 22-90 days out are pricing this week at a discount to their spot markets. U.S. beef exports during April were up 16.2% from last year and were a record for the month. Continued solid exports could temper the seasonal price weakness that usually occurs from Father's Day through the end of July.

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



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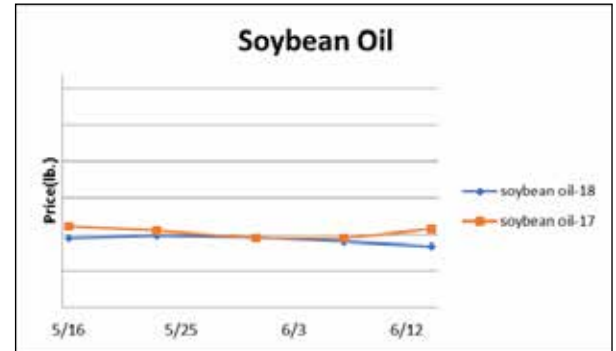
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Grains

The domestic corn and soybean crops are progressing with planting basically completed. Warm weather with rain has caused the crops to mature rapidly which is generally positive for crop yields. These factors are influencing corn and soybean prices to multi-month lows. But, these markets could find a short-term bottom soon.

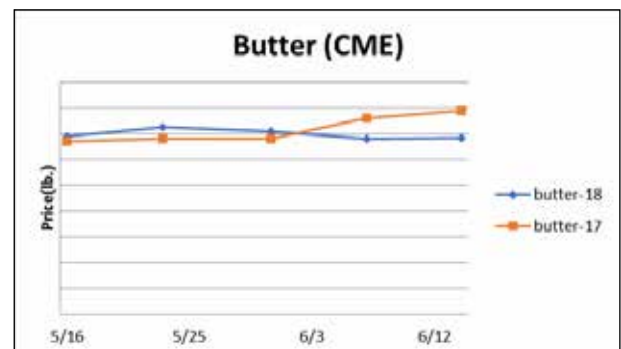
Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Soybeans, bushel	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Crude Soybean Oil, lb	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Soybean Meal, ton	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Corn, bushel	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Crude Corn Oil, lb	Steady	Good	Lower
High Fructose Corn Syrup	Steady	Good	Higher
Distillers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



Dairy

Solid export demand continues to underpin the butter market. During April, the U.S. exported 162% more butter than the previous year marking the largest total since the summer of 2014. U.S. butter remains at a significant discount to the international markets which should cause strong butter exports to persist into the summer. That said, the inflated price levels are slowing domestic demand which should temper the upside in wholesale prices. U.S. cheese exports in April were 22% better than last year. Solid export demand could underpin cheese prices this summer as well.

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



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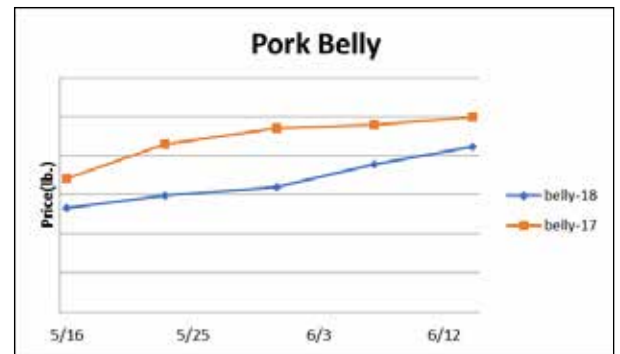
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Pork

Pork output last week was 11.6% bigger than the previous holiday shortened week and was up 4.9% from the same week last year. The USDA this week cut their 2018 pork production forecast by 55 million lbs. but is still expected to be 4.4% better than last year. U.S. pork exports during April were up 22.3% from last year and were a record for the month. But, Mexico announced a 20% import tariff on U.S. hams which may provide added price support. Since 2013, the average move for the 20-23 lb. ham market over the next five weeks was up 14.8%.

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



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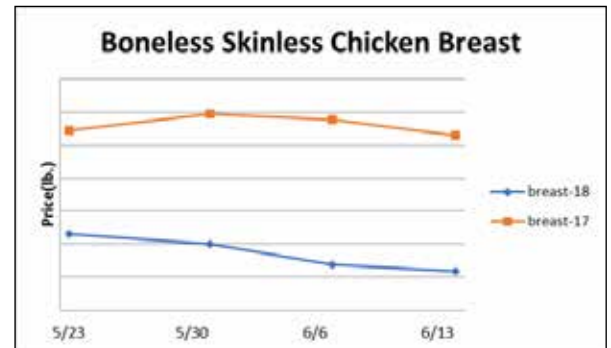
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Poultry

Chicken output for the week ending June 2nd was .8% smaller than the same week last year and down substantially (10.2%) from the previous week due to the Memorial Day holiday. The USDA this week raised their 2018 chicken production forecast by 119 million lbs. and is now expected to be 1.9% larger than last year. 2019 chicken output is estimated to come in 2% better than this year. If realized, this should temper any notable gains for the chicken markets. Chicken exports during April were up 22.3% from the prior year and were the biggest for the month since 2013. If strong exports endure, it may provide added support to chicken leg meat prices which typically happens in July. The ARA Chicken Wing Index is the lowest since June 2014.

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



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

Eggs

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



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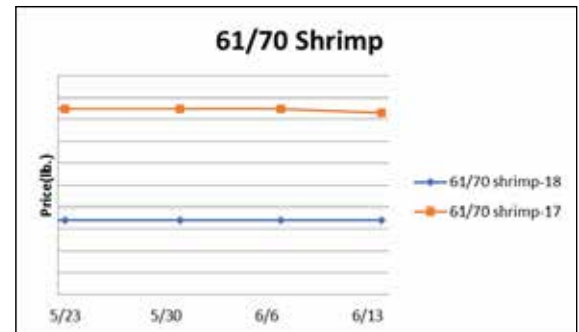
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Seafood

The shrimp markets continue to track below 2017 levels this spring. This is occurring despite unimpressive imports in April. Total U.S. shrimp imports during the month were 6.8% less than the previous year. The U.S. dollar has firmed noticeably since April which should encourage imports. Thus, the shrimp markets are likely to remain below a year ago.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Shrimp (16/20 frz)	Steady	Good	Lower
Shrimp (61/70 frz)	Steady	Good	Lower
Shrimp Tiger (26/30 frz)	Steady	Good	Lower
Snow Crab, frz	Steady	Good	Lower
Tilapia Filet, frz	Steady	Good	Higher
Cod Filet, frz	Steady	Good	Higher
Tuna Yellowfin, frsh	Steady	Good	Higher
Salmon Atlantic Filet, frsh	Steady	Good	Lower
Pollock Filet, Alaska, frz	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	Higher
PE-LLD-can liners, film, bags	Steady	Good	Lower

Retail Price Change from Prior Month

Description	May-18	Apr-18	Mar-18
Beef and Veal	Decreasing	Increasing	Increasing
Dairy	Decreasing	Decreasing	Increasing
Pork	Decreasing	Decreasing	Increasing
Chicken	Decreasing	Increasing	Increasing
Fresh Fish and Seafood	Decreasing	Increasing	Increasing
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Increasing	Increasing	Decreasing

Various Markets

The coffee market continues to trade at relatively engaging levels for buyers. World coffee supplies have seasonally improved, and the U.S. dollar value continues to rise against the Brazilian Real. This could keep a lid on the coffee market during the next several weeks.

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



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Produce

Market Overview

Most commodities are steady. Valencias are still in an ACT OF GOD with higher prices and shortages in supply. Lemons remain higher in prices and tighter in supply. Iceberg lettuce is shorter in supply.

Watch List

Southeastern Vegetables

Cherry tomato and grape tomato production have been severely impacted by heavy rain over the past several and has caused the tail end of the Florida programs to end prematurely while delaying the spring harvest in South Georgia and South Carolina. We do expect these conditions to improve over the next few weeks.

Transportation—Extreme

With full implementation of the ELD now in place as well as a nationwide shortage of available trucks on the market, rates are expected to continue to rise through the summer. Rates could jump as high as 20% over the next several weeks and remain the way until the market settles.

Apples & Pears

Fuji, Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, and Red Delicious Apples are available; large Granny Smith stocks are decreasing, but all other varieties are abundant. Quality is very good: sugar levels range from 14 to 18 Brix.

The Pear market is steady; 80- to 90-count stocks are plentiful. Washington D'Anjou Pears are available. Red D'Anjous and Argentine supplies are also on the market. New crop California Bartletts will begin shipping by the end of June. Quality is excellent: sugar levels vary from 12 to 14 Brix.

Artichokes

Quality is excellent, and demand is good.

Arugula

Quality is fair due to the recent cold weather.

Asparagus

The market has dipped; stocks are plentiful. Quality is very good in Mexico: stalks are straight and firm, while flavor is pleasantly grassy.

Avocados

Markets are slightly weaker on big fruit, but stronger on small fruit. There are more 40's and larger both from Mexico and now Peru, which has softened the markets slightly. Some shippers are starting to have older fruit that they need to discount to move. There are less smaller sizes available and demand for 60's and smaller is fairly high. This could be the bottom of the market and it should firm up as we head into July with promotions for 4th of July cleaning up inventories. Then comes the crop transition! #2 fruit continues to be a high percentage of the crop with that changing over the next few weeks when Mexico moves to the new crop.

MARKET ALERT

- Lemons – ESCALATED
- Mushrooms – ESCALATED
- Oranges (Valencias) – ACT OF GOD
- Tomatoes (East Coast – Grapes and Cherries) – ESCALATED



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Produce (continued)

Bananas

Guatemala banana volumes and quality are not expected to be affected by the volcano. Supplies continue to be good with the light summer demand. Ecuadorian organic volumes are expected to take a slight step back in the upcoming weeks.

Beans

EAST: Things are lightening up as North Carolina is bringing better quality and supply than Georgia. FOBs move down just slightly.

WEST: Multiple growing regions are starting their season. FOBs are moving downward and quality so far is looking nice.

Berries:

Blackberries

The market has leveled. Harvesting has increased in Central Mexico. California production has decreased in Oxnard and Watsonville. Quality is average: berries are plump and juicy with sweet, yet slightly tangy flavor. Sugar levels vary from 12 to 13 Brix.

Blueberries

Prices are elevated. Supplies are starting to increase in Santa Maria and Watsonville, California, as well as Mexico. Quality is good: berries are deep blue with a slight blush and sweet, yet tangy flavor.

Raspberries

The market is unchanged; California volume is average. Prices will continue easing through this month. Quality is good: berries are plump and sweet. Sugar levels range from 13 to 14 Brix.

Strawberries

Prices are level; supplies are ample in California's Santa Maria and Salinas/Watsonville growing regions. Expect comparable prices through June. Quality is very good: berries are firm, yet juicy and sweet.

Bok Choy

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

Broccoli

Prices are weak. Domestic supplies are plentiful. California quality is best: heads are compact with deep color and firm-yet-soft texture.

Brussels Sprouts

Supplies are light and quality is good. Prices are steady.

Cantaloupe

Market steady with good supplies in the California and Arizona deserts. The fruit looks very good with a clean net a nice internal color and descent sugars. The first fruit has been peaking on 9's and Jumbo 9's followed by 12's keeping the smaller fruit very tight. We will be in the Imperial Valley and Arizona through June sand then start here on the Westside around the first of July

Carrots

We are seeing both good quality and volume.

Cauliflower

Prices are weak; California stocks are abundant. Light bruising is a sporadic issue.

Celery

The market is low; supplies are ample. Quality is very good: pith and growth cracking are minor problems.

Cilantro

Supplies are good. Quality is fair.

Corn

Supplies are good. Quality is fair.



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Produce *(continued)*

Cucumbers

EAST: GA still has decent volume available, but quality is mixed. Fortunately, many of our local programs are beginning, bringing good supply and quality to the table. FOBs are down. WEST: Although the gap has closed slightly between Nogales & So Cal, there is still a difference in pricing. Most of the fruit from both regions are suffering some quality issues in the form of short shelf life & soft ends. FOBs are mostly steady.

Eggplant

EAST: Georgia has finally brought on their crop flush, with adequate supply available. Quality is nice and FOBs are low. WEST: Most supply is coming from the CA desert area with good supply and quality. FOBs are mostly steady.

Fennel

Supplies for the week will be good and quality is good.

Garlic

We are about 50% done with the 2017 crop. Supplies will remain tight between now and July. Prices remain high.



Ginger

Chinese ginger markets are mixed, but quality is good. Also, product is available at higher costs from Brazil, Costa Rica and Honduras and Peru with no major quality issues being reported.

Grapes

Demand Exceeds Supply, we are getting much lighter volume than expected out of Coachella and Mexico as the weather has been cooler than normal and fruit coming slower due to the weather, we have flames, perlettes and Sugarones with very light volume demand exceeds supply at this time. We were expecting about 15 million cartons out Mexico compared to last year's crop of 20 million, but Mexico has stated a crop failure and they are probably only going to reach about 10 million total this season. The Coachella Valley fruit is also much lighter due to the cooler than normal; very light volume on reds and greens, their volume down about a million as well estimated about 5 million cartons. The overall quality looks but fruit size is on the small side this also contributes to both regions much lighter than normal volume. Expect the market to stay demand exceeds supply until we start here in the San Joaquin Valley around the first week of July. Also Mexico is expecting rains due the Hurricane which could wipe out more volume, we will keep you posted.

Green Cabbage

Supplies have improved in the southeast as well as in the West. FOB calls are down, and quality remains very nice.

Red Cabbage

Quality has been hit and miss while sizing remains good. We are seeing some external quality and color issues causing markets to remain firm in the East as well as Texas. West Coast volume is improving.

Green Onions

Good volume crossing from Mexico. Quality should improve with night time harvesting.

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Honeydew

Market is extremely strong with demand exceeds supply across the board on all sizes, they are very tight. The overall quality has been very nice with a nice green to cream exterior and very good sugar and a tight cavity. The overall honeydew volume in the ground is much lighter than normal, and the overall supplies will be lighter than normal so the market will stay strong through the deal. We will also start some Westside volume around the first week of July and that will carry us through mid-October.

JICAMA

Markets remain firm due to ongoing short supplies and will continue to see some quality and shelf life issues.

Kale (Green)

Quality and supplies are good.

Kiwi

New Crop, Chilean fruit is available. Supply and quality are both good.

Lemons

Market strengthening on all sizes as we have finished with Dist. 1. The Dist 2 fruit does have some smaller fruit but we are size picking getting the larger fruit off the tree. The 165's and smaller are getting extremely tight and limited, expect prices to start strengthening especially on the smaller fruit. The overall quality is good with some good color and excellent juice content, but the choice will be a bit more scarred up due to dist. 2 wind scar and snail damage etc. and just an overall rougher texture. There has been some Argentinean fruit arrive on the east coast but minimal volume, the first arrivals quality was just fair, it is yet to be seen what the fruit will be going forward, but we will keep an eye on the equality and advise as we see more arrivals. The first of the Chilean will start to arrive next week as well. We will also start some Mexican fruit around the end of July; the Mexican volume is expected to be about 30-40% lighter than normal. Hopefully we have a good summer with no gaps and quality stays good on all the imported and domestic fruit.

Lettuce:

Butter

Demand is good, and quality is average.

Green and Red Leaf

Red leaf quality and demand are average and supplies are normal. Green leaf supplies exceed demand and quality has been good with occasional fringe burn.

Iceberg Lettuce

Supplies are lower due to cooler weather. Supplies are short and prices are high.

Romaine

Produce Alliance continues to purchase CA product only. Supplies exceed demand and quality is good.

Romaine Hearts

Supplies exceed demand and quality is very good.

Limes

Prices are weak. It's a great time to promote Limes in 175-count and smaller sizes. Expect ample supplies through August. Quality is very good: occasional discoloration is merely cosmetic and will not affect taste or shelf-life.

Napa

Supplies and demand are steady.

Onions

Southern California and South Texas are winding down but Central California, New Mexico and North Texas are running strong. Yellow onions have leveled off as supply and demand are leveling off. Red onions are strengthening as all regions are hitting short supply gaps. This is expected to remain for the next 2 weeks or so. Size profiles across the board are peaking on larger onions creating a surplus of Colossal and Super Colossals.



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Oranges

Market very strong across the board, we have started Valencia's which will help on the smaller fruit but it is also a lighter crop so we will be fighting on fruit through the year until we start navels around the first of November. The overall quality of the Valencia's is good with descent color some green tinge which is normal for Valencia's and fruit is not near as firm as a navels, juice and sugar content is very good. The bloom for next year's navel crop was real heavy but we are experiencing some heavy bloom drop already and there are several different stages of the blooms due to our erratic weather we have had this winter. We will keep you posted going forward as we learn more over the next few months as to what next year's crop is looking like for Navels and Valencia's. The overall quality of the navels is good with excellent sugar and beautiful color, we are seeing some internal separation and puff and crease which is pretty normal for this time of the year.

Parsley(Curly, Italian)

Quality is fair and supplies are a bit shorter so prices may begin to rise.

Green Bell Pepper

EAST: Plant City still has some light supply coming from the fields but quality is mostly poor. Georgia will bring steady supply for another 2-3 weeks with N. Carolina expected to add to the mix in about 2 weeks. Quality is mostly good GA region.

WEST: As Coachella winds down and Bakersfield begins, the transition is looking to be smooth. New crop quality is looking much nicer than the remaining acreage in old crop regions.

Jalapenos (Chiles)

EAST: Georgia is the main player as Florida has wrapped up their season. FOBs are down and quality is excellent.

WEST: Baja being the dominant player with good supply and good quality. FOBs are steady.

Red Bell Pepper

WEST: There's a slight transition period occurring right now, but nothing to cause a major shortage. Eastern demand is still strong putting pressure on the west. Thus, FOBs move upward again, however, things are expected to improve in about 10-14 days. Quality is excellent

Pineapple

Prices are unchanged; volume is rising. Quality is improving: fruit is tangy and juicy. Sugar levels range from 13 to 16 Brix.

Idaho Potatoes

Demand continues to be strong on all cartons and consumer packs. Pricing continues to increase each week and large cartons are sparse. The Burbank crop has much lower pack-outs. Transportation also continues to be challenging and rates have increased significantly.

Radishes

Supplies are steady, and quality is good shipping through Arizona and Florida.

Salad Blends

The market is level; iceberg and romaine volume is high. Quality is very good: inspectors are selecting the best-quality fields for harvesting and packing.

Snow and Sugar Snap Peas

Snow and sugar snap peas supplies are steady through Miami and prices are higher.

Spinach (Bunched)

Quality is fair with some sizing issues due to recent cold weather.

Spinach (Baby)

Baby and clipped spinach supplies are good, and quality is fair.



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Spring Mix

Prices are stable; Salinas Valley supplies have increased. Quality is very good: decay and yellowing are sporadic issues toward the end of shelf-life.

Yellow Squash / Zucchini

EAST: GA is quickly winding down as quality continues to be a major struggle due to weather. Fortunately, many of our local programs are beginning, bringing better quality to the table. FOBs are mostly steady.
WEST: Santa Maria, Baja & Fresno are the dominant players. Quality has slightly improved, but there are still a few quality issues, predominately wind scar. FOBs are mostly steady.

TOMATOES-EAST

Rounds

Palmetto/Ruskin will be completely wrapped up by the end of the week. Quality from this area is only so-so. South Carolina & Quincy have started their summer crop with things ramping up. Quality so far is looking very nice from both new crop areas. FOBs are up about on most sizes, with extra-large being the most readily available. Look for volume to improve over the next 7-10 days.

Romas

Romas are relatively unavailable in the east. Most demand has moved to Mexico to fill the gap between old crop and new. However, Quincy is just barely starting, so look for things to improve in the next 10-14 days. Quality for what is available is only fair at best. FOBs are up.

Grapes

Supplies are starting to improve which is putting downward pressure on FOBs. Quality is only fair from the Palmetto/Ruskin area, but as South Carolina taps their crop, quality is expected to improve.

Cherries

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TOMATOES-WEST/MEXICO

Rounds

Mature greens are very limited as we hold tight for Northern California to begin. FOBs are steady week over week. However, there are still good supplies on MX vine ripens but quality is suspect.

Romas

Continuous solid volume is coming from multiple regions. We expect the crop to remain steady for another 2 weeks, and start to push upward around July 4th. FOBs are steady and quality is excellent.

Grapes

Supplies are still a little snug, but expected to loosen as Baja growers bring on more acreage. FOBs are starting to fall slightly as volume improves. Quality is mostly good.

Cherries

Southern California continues to bring good volume and quality to market. FOBs are feeling a little downward pressure.

Tree Fruit

The market is steady; California nectarine and peach stocks are sufficient. Plums are on the market, but supplies are limited. Quality is very good: sugar levels will increase as the season progresses.

Watermelons

Prices remain high. Florida supplies are tight, while the Mexican season is ending. Quality is very good: melons are juicy and flavor is mildly sweet. Sugar levels will climb as the season progresses.

