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FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 20, 2018

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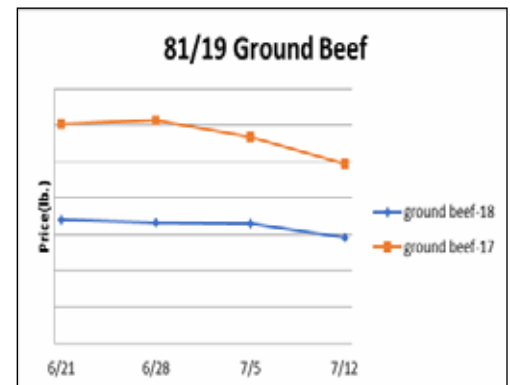
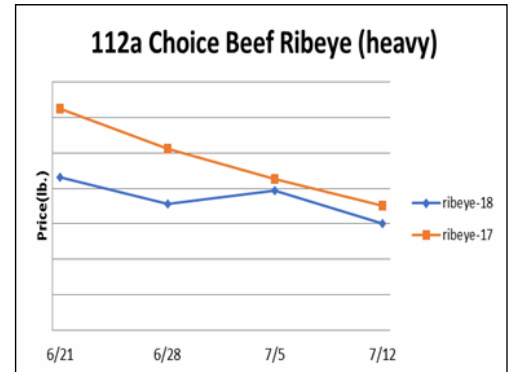
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Beef, Veal & Lamb

Beef output last week was shortened due to the holiday, falling 12.7% from the previous week, but was up 1.5% versus the same week last year. According to the USDA, Q3 beef production is forecasted to be 2.4% better than 2017 which is expected to influence the various beef markets lower in the coming weeks. However, food service companies are planning heavy beef feature activity in the late summer and early fall. This could cause some supply gaps to occur later this year and provide support for beef prices. In the near term, the beef markets usually come under pressure. Since 2013, the average move for the choice ribeye for the next three weeks, including this week, was down 12.2%.

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



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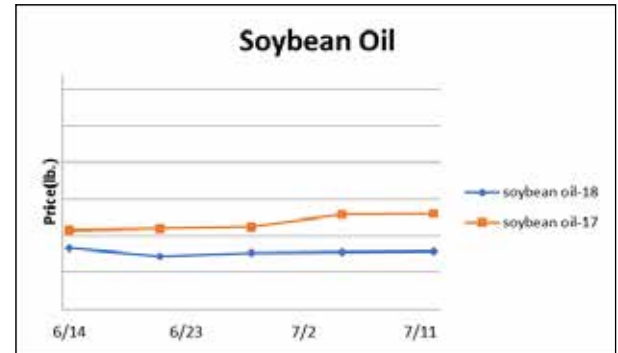
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Grains

Trade issues continue to weigh heavy on the soybean complex. China has threatened tariffs on U.S. soybeans for the last several months. This country typically accounts for half of U.S. soybean exports and 25% of the U.S. crop. The tariffs could keep a lid on the soybean complex during the summer.

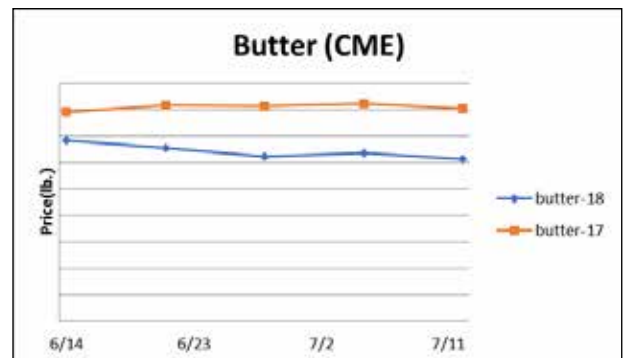
Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Soybeans, bushel	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Crude Soybean Oil, lb	Increasing	Good	Lower
Soybean Meal, ton	Increasing	Good	Higher
Corn, bushel	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Crude Corn Oil, lb	Steady	Good	Lower
High Fructose Corn Syrup	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Distillers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



Dairy

The butter market has weakened during the last week. This, despite strong butter exports in recent months. During May the USDA exported more than double the amount of butter exported the prior year. Still, the U.S. was still a net importer of butter during the month. Further, the international butter markets have appeared to peak. And finally, domestic butter consumption has been disappointing this spring. U.S. butter disappearance was 6.2% less than 2017. These factors could temper any summer butter price increases. The cheese markets may remain erratic.

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



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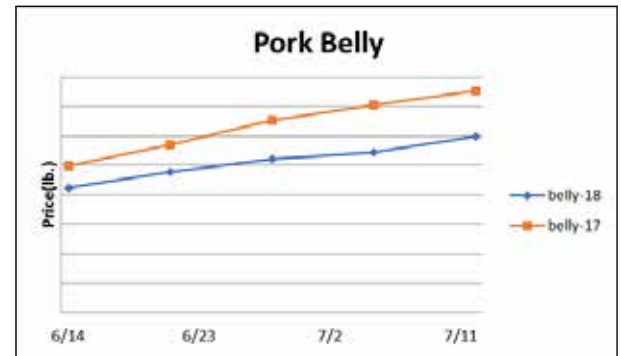
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Pork

Pork production last week declined 11.7% due to the holiday but was 6.7% better than the same week last year. Pork output is projected to track 4.2% above the previous year levels during this summer. Trade tariffs on U.S. pork, especially on hams to Mexico, are expected to temper demand. These two factors should weigh heavy on the pork markets as the fall nears. Still, solid pork exports have occurred so far this year. U.S. pork exports during May were up 2% from last year with trade to Mexico higher by 8.4% and a record high for the month.

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



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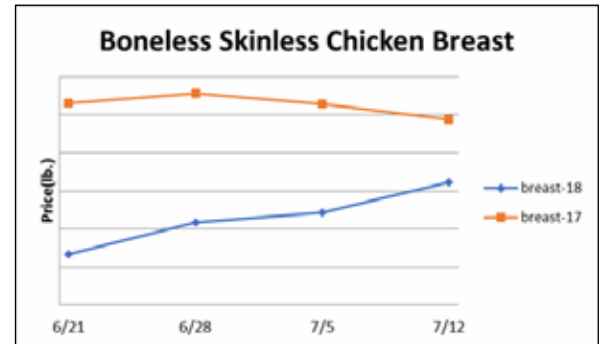
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Poultry

For the week ending June 30th, chicken production rose 1.2% from the previous week. Year to date weekly chicken output is tracking only modestly above last year. However, chicken output this summer is forecasted by the USDA to be 1.9% better than last year. Chicken wing prices remain well below year ago levels. But, the weekly ARA Chicken Wing Index has climbed to its highest level in six weeks. Because chicken wing prices are carrying the smallest premium over chicken breasts, history says that the greater risk for wings is to the upside. U.S. chicken exports during May were down 4.3% from the previous year and were the smallest for the month since 2014. Chicken leg quarter prices usually trend lower during the late-summer.

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



Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Turkey (8-16 lb)	Decreasing	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)	Increasing	Short	Higher
Liquid Whole Eggs	Decreasing	Short	Higher
Liquid Egg Whites	Decreasing	Short	Higher
Liquid Egg Yolks	Decreasing	Short	Higher
Egg Breaker Stock Central	Steady	Short	Higher



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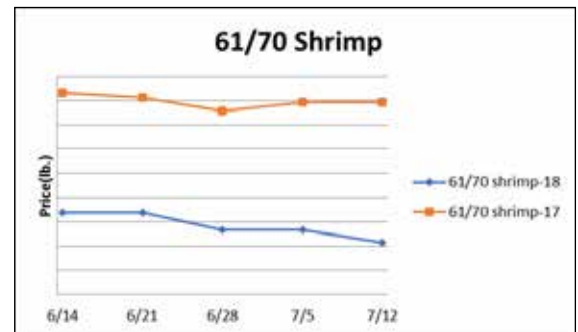
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Seafood

The salmon markets have traded near 2017 levels during the early summer. Total U.S. salmon imports during May were down 16% year on year. However, U.S. Atlantic salmon imports were up 28% from 2017. A higher value of the U.S. dollar is expected to cause fairly solid salmon imports to persist. This should mitigate the upside in the salmon markets.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Shrimp (16/20 frz)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Shrimp (61/70 frz)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Shrimp Tiger (26/30 frz)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Snow Crab, frz	Increasing	Good	Higher
Tilapia Filet, frz	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Cod Filet, frz	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Tuna Yellowfin, frsh	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Salmon Atlantic Filet, frsh	Increasing	Good	Higher
Pollock Filet, Alaska, frz	Decreasing	Good	Lower



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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	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 sugar markets continue to trade at relatively engaging levels for buyers. World sugar supplies are sufficient. This and the firmer value of the U.S. dollar are weighing on sugar prices. History suggests that the downside price risk in the sugar markets from here is likely only modest.

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	Increasing	Good	Lower
Sugar lb ICE	Decreasing	Ample	Lower
Cocoa mt ICE	Increasing	Short	Higher
Orange Juice lb ICE	Increasing	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 are in a very EXTREME market. Green beans remain higher in prices and tighter in supply. Lettuce is steady.

Watch List

Avocado

Though July is expected to remain somewhat stable, recent above-normal precipitation in Mexico will affect the August supply of avocados harvested in those regions. This will ultimately cause a spike in the market and possible gaps due to both the delays in the Flora Loca crop and an early completion of the winter crops that we have been receiving supplies from. Crop forecasts of the Flora Loca crop are indicating a sharp skew in the size curve to smaller fruit which is drawing a premium on an already short large-grade avocado. On the domestic harvest, we are seeing an early peak in production that is further adding to the pressure of a short market. We may not see relief until mid-October when we cycle back around to the fall harvest.

Apples & Pears

Prices are steady. Fuji, Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, and Red Delicious Apples are available; large-size Granny Smith supplies are tight. Sugar levels range from 14 to 18 Brix. The market is level. Washington D'Anjou Pears will be depleted this week. Red D'Anjous and Argentine supplies are on the market. New crop California Bartletts will start shipping later this week. Sugar levels vary from 12 to 14 Brix.

Artichokes

Quality is excellent, and demand is good.

Arugula

Quality and size are fair due to recent wind damage.

Asparagus

The market is up; Mexican stocks are limited. Peruvian supplies are tight, but helping to meet demand.

Avocados

Markets are slightly weaker on 48s and larger and slightly stronger on 60's and smaller. The old crop in Mexico is coming to an end, with many packers starting to switch to Loca. The old crop, in some cases is seeing pack outs produce 50% #2 fruit. The newer crop will be mostly #1 fruit, producing around 3-5% #2s. Currently there is an excess of large fruit and #2 fruit, but that could change quickly. California is going through a heatwave, with some area's getting as high as 115, limiting how much can be picked, but putting stress on the trees that will cause them to drop fruit. Volume from Peru will continue to increase over the next few weeks, as they stopped sending as much to Europe and sent more to the US. They have mostly 48's and larger.

MARKET ALERT

- Avocado – ESCALATED
- Green Beans – ESCALATED
- Lemons – EXTREME
- Mushrooms – ESCALATED
- Oranges (Valencias) – ACT OF GOD



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Produce (continued)

Bananas

Pretty much a repeat of last week: Banana volumes are expected to be sufficient with high quality fruit coming into the market.

Beans (WA, CA, NC, VA, TN, MI)

EAST: Supply is still slightly limited as more fields come on board slowly. Weather is going to be the deciding factor how things shake out. FOBs remain high and quality is mostly good.

WEST: Despite many regions harvesting, there is still only limited and sporadic supply. FOBs remain high, but quality is excellent.

Berries:

Blackberries

The market is high. New crop California stocks are limited in Oxnard and Watsonville, but starting to increase. Quality is good: berries are plump and juicy with sweet, yet slightly tangy flavor. Sugar levels vary from 12 to 13 Brix.

Blueberries

Prices are stable; supplies are increasing in Santa Maria and Watsonville, California. Domestic quality is very good: berries are deep blue with a slight blush and sweet, yet tangy flavor.

Raspberries

The market is weak; summer volume is high. Quality is very good: berries are plump and sweet. Sugar levels range from 13 to 14 Brix.

Strawberries

Prices are high; stocks are tightening. Quality is good: recent high temperatures in California have caused quality issues such as bleeding, bruising, and softness.

Bok Choy

Quality is average and demand is fair.

Broccoli

The market is steady; stocks are plentiful. Domestic quality is very good: heads are compact with deep color and firm-yet-tender texture.

Brussels Sprouts

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

Cantaloupe

Market wide spread due to quality, we are going with good volumes out of the Westside and overall quality is very good, most of the varieties such as ESL Harper they are very strong but sugar is only fair. We are peaking on 9's and jumbo 9's and the smaller fruit is a little tougher to come by. We will be getting into some better supplies of the smaller fruit in the coming weeks.

Carrots

We are seeing both good quality and volume.

Cauliflower

Prices are weak. Domestic stocks are ample; quality is excellent.

Celery

The market is elevated; California volume has fallen. Quality is very good: pith and growth cracking are occasional problems.

Cilantro

Supplies are good. Quality is fair.

Corn

Good volume continues on yellow and white product out of the desert. Meanwhile, the Georgia sweet corn (yellow, white and bi-color) market is marginal; quality has been hit or miss due to recent rains. Supplies are now available out of Indiana.



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Cucumbers

EAST: Cukes are very active out east. Heat in most areas (excluding NJ) has taken a toll on the crop. More fields in the Midwest are coming on board this week which should give some relief. FOBs are moving upward a few dollars and quality has declined.

WEST: FOBs push up a few dollars with light supplies coming from the west. However, demand has been fairly light as well as the northwest bringing local volume to the mix. This is helping to keep prices from going too high. Supply is expected to improve in the next week.

Eggplant

EAST: Georgia and North Carolina are the major players with solid numbers available. Quality is nice and FOBs remain low. WEST: Great supply coming from both Bakersfield and Fresno are keeping FOBs steady. Quality is good from both, but Fresno has a slight upper hand.

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

Market is steady as we are finished with Mexico and Coachella Valley and have started in the Central Valley which will take us through December. The crop here in the central valley is looking very good as we have a good set and the fruit is fairly consistent in size. We are expecting to have good quality fruit through the year barring any major weather situations, and the estimated volume is about 114 million packed cartons.

Green Cabbage

Supplies are improving with supplies ramping up throughout the Midwest (Georgia is now done). Sizing is still smaller with larger product availability slowly improving. West coast volume and prices are mostly stable.

Red Cabbage

Markets are a bit tighter as lighter numbers are still coming out of Ohio. Quality has been hit or miss while sizing remains good. Central coast production is good; however, with lighter volume in the East, the market has firmed up in the West.

Green Onions

Iced - The market is weak due to decreased demand and ample crossings from Mexico. Iceless - The market is good with good movement due to contracts and pre-commitments. The market should remain firm with steady supplies forecasted.

Honeydew

Market is steady with good supplies of 5's, 6's and 8's on the Westside and overall quality is very nice and sugars are very good as well. We will be going through mid-October on the Westside now is the time to start promoting and pushing California melons.

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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.

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Produce *(continued)*

Kiwi

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

Lemons

Demand is far exceeding supply on pretty much all sizes fancy and choice. Market is extremely strong. D2 is not producing enough fruit and we are running into gaps in supply. D2 will see generally good quality however will see some more wind scarring and possible snail damage on the coastal fruit. Fruit just a little rougher on choice than that of D1 which is finished. Argentine has not been a factor to ease any supply situation for the imports. Chilean is very slow in getting to us; with the global market conditions growers in Chile are sending more fruit to other parts of the world than the U.S. at this point. We are expecting the Chilean supply will get better and more consistent later part of July but that remains to be seen. Mexican imports should start in the next few weeks also but expect to see a lighter crop by about 40% due to past weather conditions. We expect a very strong market throughout the summer months.

Lettuce:

Butter

Supplies are lighter than normal. Demand is good and quality is average.

Green and Red Leaf

Red leaf quality is good. Demand is average and supplies are normal. Green leaf supplies are normal showing good demand and quality.

Iceberg Lettuce

Supplies and demand are in great balance. Sales and harvest are matching perfect. Quality remains through the heat spike.

Romaine

Supplies have returned to normal and demand is getting better. Quality is good with occasional fringe burn and mildew.

Romaine Hearts

Supplies have returned to normal. Demand and quality are good.

Limes

Prices have eased. Supplies have increased; quality is very good.

Napa

Supplies and demand are steady.

Onions

We are seeing a better supply of red and white onions this week. Now we have a steady red market while all the yellow sizes are up. This market increase was due to a planting gap. Reports this morning indicate New Mexico has been getting some good rain which could cause temporary tightening of supply.

Oranges

Market is very strong across the board; Valencia's are starting to peak on mid sizes so we are seeing fewer of the small ones. It is also a lighter crop so we will be fighting supplies of fruit through the remainder of the summer 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. Please be aware that we have started to heat up and you will see green color on the Valencia's, and also keep in mind that this fruit is about 16 months old on the tree, and the trees are also carrying next year's crop which puts lots of stress on the tree especially when our weather is hot.



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Parsley(Curly, Italian)

Quality is fair and supplies are good.

Green Bell Pepper (NC, KY, SC, VA, NJ, MI, CA, GA)

EAST: Markets are active as we move through another local season crop transition. Volume is expected to pick up in the next few weeks. Quality overall is good, but there have been some early reports of conditional defects from hot temps. WEST: CA & MX are both going through a transition period, with sourcing fragmented and quality sporadic. This transition is winding down, so look for things to improve over the next 7 days. FOBs are easing off slightly as Baja begins with better quality.

Jalapenos (Chiles)

EAST: Many local programs have begun, providing great supply to the region. FOBs are steady with great quality available.

WEST: CA & MX are both going through a transition period, with sourcing fragmented and quality sporadic. This transition is winding down, so look for things to improve over the next 7 days. FOBs are easing off slightly as Baja begins with better quality.

Red and Yellow Bell Pepper

Prices remain elevated; California growers are experiencing a slight gap, but supplies are increasing. Quality is average: peppers are deeply colored and subtly sweet.

Pineapple

Prices are stable; Costa Rican supplies are plentiful. Quality is very good: fruit is tangy and juicy. Sugar levels are elevated, ranging from 13 to 16 Brix.

Idaho Potatoes

There was limited market activity this week with minor declines seen in 40's and 80's. Most shed are now focused on getting the old crop moved so they will be ready when new crop begins. This should keep markets positioned in a fairly steady position for the next few weeks.

Radishes

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

Salad Blends

The market is level; iceberg and romaine stocks are plentiful. Quality is very good: chunks and core material are being closely monitored by inspectors, to minimize them in finished packs.

Snow and Sugar Snap Peas

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

Spinach (Bunched)

Quality is fair due to sizing issues with recent warm weather and high winds.

Spinach (Baby)

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

Spring Mix

Prices are low; Salinas Valley volume is high. Quality is very good: incidences of decay and yellowing are being reported at the end of shelf-life.

Yellow Squash/Zucchini (GA, NC, NJ, CA, TN, VA, SC, KY, MI, PA, TN, WA, Mexico)

EAST: Although the growing regions are very fragmented, there is still plenty of squash to go around. Quality has drastically improved; however, occasionally there will be a field with some scarring concerns. WEST: Santa Maria is seeing great quality with steady pricing. Southern Cal is a little higher than Santa Maria, with good quality also available.



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TOMATOES (EAST)

Rounds

As we continue to move through the eastern tomato transition, Georgia & most of South Carolina is starting to wind down. A few new fields will come on board shortly, however, most of the volume is moving in the next 7 days to Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, New Jersey & Alabama. Quality and volumes from all regions is particularly nice right now. FOBs are down week over week, with most of the market being driven by California & inbound freight rates.

Romas

Production in Tennessee has just scratched the surface with Alabama coming on board this week. Reasonable supplies are available with pricing steady week over week. Quality reports from the field are that product is in great shape.

Grapes

South Carolina should be done by the end of this week. Majority of volume will shift to Virginia by early next week. FOBs are feeling slight upward pressure with the transition on the horizon. Quality is excellent.

Cherries

Stable supply and demand makes for stable pricing. Product will transition along with grapes up to Virginia by next week. Quality is crisp and excellent.

TOMATOES (WEST)

Rounds

All major players out west are harvesting at this time. There is ample supply available. Quality has been a struggle the last few weeks through transition; however, the subpar fields are finally being weeded out. Look for quality to improve over the next week. FOBs are fairly steady, maybe down a little depending on quality. However, freight is so high, not many are feeling the effect of these low prices!

Romas

San Joaquin Valley, Baja, and Eastern MX are all moving at full steam. Plenty of Roma's are available. There have been some mixed quality reports, but overall, quality is great. FOBs are steady.

Grapes

Baja is producing plenty of grapes to meet demand. Prices are steady with good quality available.

Cherries

Baja is producing plenty of cherries to meet demand. Prices are steady with good quality available.

Tree Fruit

The market is steady; domestic volume is rising. Quality is very good: nectarine and peach sugar levels vary from 10 to 12 Brix, while plums range from 12 to 16 Brix.

Watermelons

Prices are stable; supplies are adequate. Quality is very good: melons are juicy and flavor is mildly sweet. Sugar levels vary from 11 to 12 Brix.

