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FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 24, 2018



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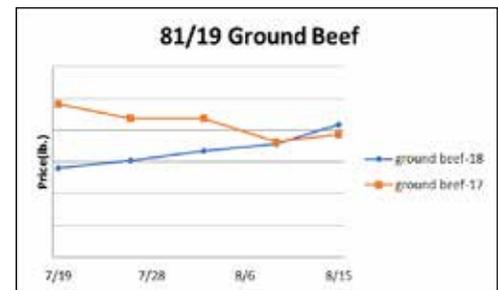
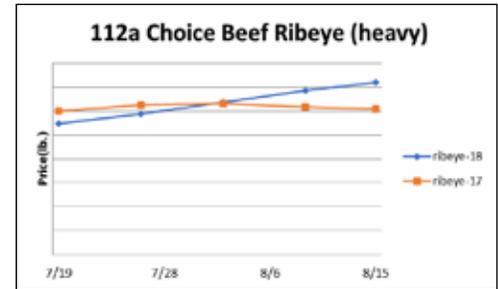
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Beef, Veal & Lamb

Beef production last week increased 3.1% and was .3% larger than the same week last year. Year-to-date weekly beef output is tracking 3.2% above 2017. Only modest near slaughter ready cattle may be available next month which could result in a temporary supply gap. This could limit seasonal price declines for beef which usually occur in the early fall. Still, the USDA is calling Q4 beef production to be 4.8% above last year. Beef demand is expected to slow after retailers secure final beef commitments for the Labor Day holiday. Since 2013, the average move for 81/19 ground beef prices over the next two weeks was down 4%. But, this same ground beef market average d 14.6% lower in September.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Cattle (Steer)	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	Increasing	Short	Higher
Ground Beef 81/19	Increasing	Good	Higher
Ground Chuck	Increasing	Good	Lower
109 Export Rib (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
112a Ribeye (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
114a Chuck , Shlder Cld(ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (sel)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
116b Chuck Tender (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
120 Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
120a Brisket (ch)	Increasing	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)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
168 Inside Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
169 Top Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
171b Outside Round (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
174 Short Loin (ch 0x1)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (pr 2x3)	Increasing	Good	Lower
180 0x1 Strip (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
180 0x1 Strip (pr)	Increasing	Good	Lower
184 Top Butt, boneless (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
184 Top Butt, boneless (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
184-3 Top Butt, bnls (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
185a Sirloin Flap (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (sel, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Lower
189a Tender (ch, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Lower
189a Tender (pr, heavy)	Increasing	Good	Lower
193 Flank Steak (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
50% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
65% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Lower
75% Trimmings	Steady	Good	Lower
85% Trimmings	Increasing	Short	Lower
90% Trimmings	Decreasing	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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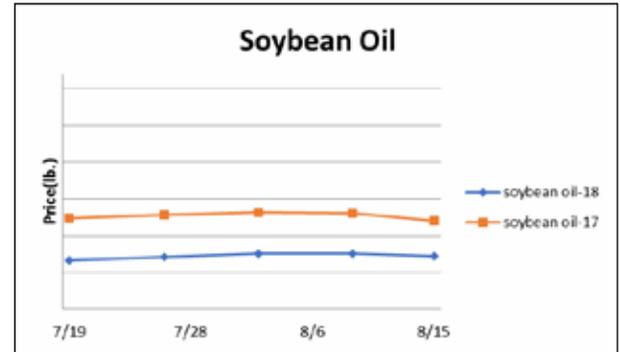
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Grains

The USDA raised their 2018-19 domestic corn and soybean harvest estimates larger than expected last week. The U.S. corn crop is projected to be nearly the largest ever while the soybean crop is forecasted to be a record. Consequently, fairly engaging feed prices are anticipated to persist into the fall.

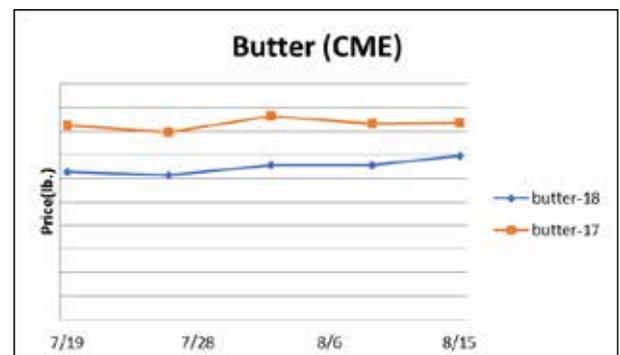
Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Soybeans, bushel	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Crude Soybean Oil, lb	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Soybean Meal, ton	Increasing	Good	Higher
Corn, bushel	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Crude Corn Oil, lb	Steady	Good	Lower
High Fructose Corn Syrup	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Distillers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



Dairy

The cheese markets have firmed during the last week as the U.S. milk supply seasonally declines, and more milk is diverted to fill the school pipelines. Cheese supplies are historically ample for this time of the year. Further, prices are now near international levels which should slow export orders. Thus, any further price gains in the cheese markets may be relatively short-lived. The CME butter market has found support as of late also due in part to the aforementioned factors. But, the upside risk for butter prices is likely limited in the coming months as well due to adequate supplies.

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



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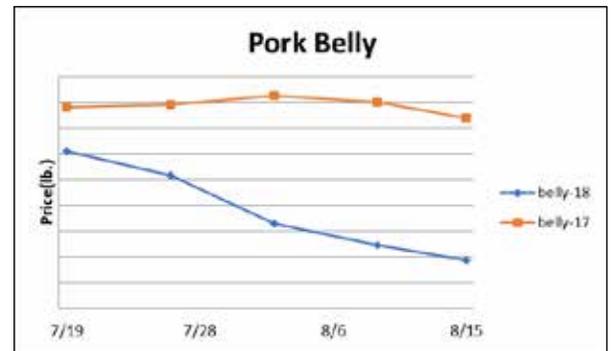
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Pork

Pork output last week rose .4% and was 2% better than the same week in 2017. Hog numbers are big, and pork production is likely to expand in the coming months. The USDA is forecasting Q4 pork output to be 6.3% larger than last year. The pork belly markets have fallen sharply in recent weeks and are expected to remain below 2017 levels due in part to strong production and ample inventories. History hints that even lower pork belly prices can occur in the coming weeks. In 2019, the average per capita pork supply is projected to be up 4.2% from 2018.

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



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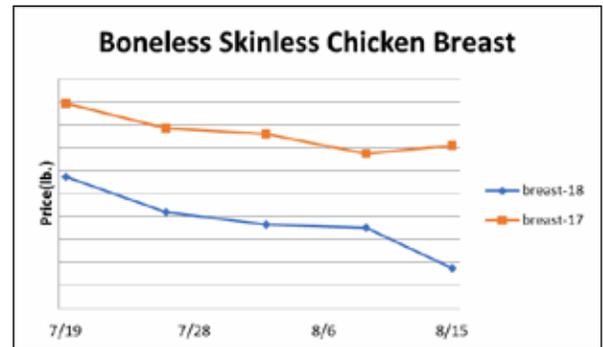
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Poultry

Chicken production for the six-week period ending August 4th increased 1.2% from last year. Year-to-date chicken output is tracking modestly above 2017 levels but is expected to improve going forward. The USDA is calling Q4 chicken production to be 2.2% larger than last year. Chicken wing prices are at the lowest for this time of year since 2011. Still, bone-in chicken wing demand is anticipated to rise as the football season begins. Over the last five years, the average move for the ARA Chicken Wing Index during the next seven weeks was up 6.5%. The chicken breast markets are the cheapest for this time of year since 2000. Since 2013, the average move for the ARA Chicken Breast Index from late- August through Thanksgiving was down 38%.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Birds WOG-Nat	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Wings (jumbo cut)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Wing Index (ARA)	Decreasing	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)	Increasing	Good	Higher
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)	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)	Increasing	Short	Higher
Liquid Whole Eggs	Increasing	Short	Higher
Liquid Egg Whites	Increasing	Short	Higher
Liquid Egg Yolks	Steady	Short	Higher
Egg Breaker Stock Central	Steady	Short	Higher



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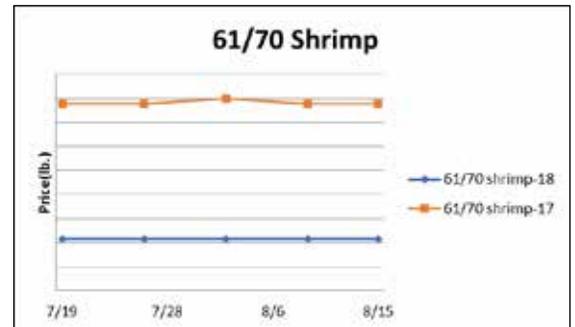
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Seafood

The shrimp markets continue to track below year ago levels for the most part. This is despite lackluster imports during June. During the month, the U.S. imported 7.7% less shrimp than the previous year. This follows a decline in imports during May. A rising dollar value should only encourage shrimp imports in the coming months which could temper prices.

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	Higher
Tilapia Filet, frz	Steady	Good	Higher
Cod Filet, frz	Steady	Good	Higher
Tuna Yellowfin, frsh	Steady	Good	Higher
Salmon Atlantic Filet, frsh	Steady	Good	Higher
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	Jul-18	Jun-18	May-18
Beef and Veal	Increasing	Increasing	Decreasing
Dairy	Decreasing	Increasing	Decreasing
Pork	Increasing	Decreasing	Decreasing
Chicken	Increasing	Increasing	Decreasing
Fresh Fish and Seafood	Decreasing	Increasing	Decreasing
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing

Various Markets

The U.S. tomato for processing harvest is progressing. As of August 11th, 4.1 million tons had been harvested in California which is slightly ahead of last year. A bigger crop in California this year could weigh heavy on the canned tomato markets in the near term.

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	Decreasing	Ample	Higher
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 are also in an ACT OF GOD and avocados are EXTREME. Romaine commodities remain good buys; however, Iceberg is in an EXTREME market. The Iceberg lettuce market has increased daily from August 6th – 15th. It's been a consistently hot summer throughout all the regional growing areas. Eastern crops have had an abundance of rainfall over the last month with more in the forecast. Dry veg is very sensitive to showers and temperatures. We highly recommend keeping a very tight inventory due to all the rain that has fallen and really continues to fall almost daily.

Watch List

Limes

The market is increasing in price due to the new crop being behind. The quality on limes is very poor, and supplies are tight.

Green Beans

The bean deal out the East remains firm due to weather-related quality issues. West coast supplies are hit or miss as ongoing heat-related issues are impacting production. Some supplies are crossing through McAllen; however, they are hit or miss on the actual arrival dates. Pricing continues to rise while quality remains fair at best. We are not expecting relief until mid-August.

Apples & Pears

The market is steady. Storage crop Fuji, Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, and Red Delicious Apples are on the market. Sugar levels are high, ranging from 14 to 18 Brix, depending on variety. Pear prices are level. New crop California and Washington Bartletts are now available. New crop D'Anjous will hit the market in early September.

Artichokes

Quality is excellent, and demand is good.

Arugula

Quality and supplies are fair.

Asparagus

Prices are level; stocks are ample. Overall quality is good: spears are straight, tips are tight, and flavor is subtly grassy.

Avocados

Expect elevated markets until Mexico's fall crop starts in September. Stocks are limited, especially No. 2 grade fruit. Quality is good: oil content is high.

MARKET ALERT

- Avocados – EXTREME
- Green Onions – EXTREME
- Lemons – ACT OF GOD
- Iceberg Lettuce – EXTREME
- Mushrooms – ESCALATED
- Oranges (Valencias) – ACT OF GOD



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Produce (continued)

Bananas

Demand on this item remains firm; however, prices will continue to ease. Quality will remain inconsistent due to weather that has impacted the growing regions in Guatemala, Mexico, and Costa Rica.

Beans

EAST: Supply is still very tight. Some fields are gapping, some are experiencing heavy rains, and some have very poor quality. Look for prices to remain high and supply tight until weather stabilizes.

WEST: Although a few new blocks have begun, it is not enough to cover demand. FOBs still remain high. Quality is mostly good with some heat related problems showing occasionally.

Berries:

Blackberries

Prices are climbing. California supplies are tightening up. Quality is very good: berries are plump and juicy with sweet, yet slightly tangy flavor. Sugar levels vary from 12 to 13 Brix.

Blueberries

The market is rising; volume is decreasing 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

Prices are weak; supplies are abundant. Quality is very good: berries are plump and sweet. Sugar levels range from 13 to 14 Brix.

Strawberries

The market is level; expect ample supplies through September. High temperatures are increasing volume, but also causing quality problems in some lots. Cold-chain management is a vital component of maximizing shelf-life though the hot summer and early fall months.

Bok Choy

Quality is average, and demand is fair.

Broccoli

Prices are elevated, but will begin to inch down later in the week. Volume has started increasing; the market should stabilize soon. Overall quality is very good. Heads are compact with deep color and firm-yet-tender texture; discoloration is a minor problem in Mexican supplies.

Brussels Sprouts

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

Cantaloupe

Market is a bit soft on the Jumbo 9's and 9's and getting a bit stronger on the smaller fruit 12's and 15's, we are going with good volumes out of the Westside and overall quality is very good, most of the varieties are a ESL Harper and 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

The market is low; supplies are abundant. California quality is excellent: heads are snowy white and firm.

Celery

Prices are weak; volume is high. Quality is very good: pith and growth cracking are occasional problems.

Cilantro

Supplies are light due to quality.



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Produce *(continued)*

Corn

Good volume continues to become available on yellow and white product out of the San Joaquin Valley corn market (yellow, white and bi-color). Good supplies are also available out of Carolinas, Indiana and Illinois. Good time to promote, quality is excellent.

Cucumbers

EAST: Good supply is readily available in the east. FOBs are steady with good quality available.

WEST: A little bit of a mixed bag out west. Supply is readily available, but quality varies by field. FOBs are steady.

Eggplant

Great volume continues from the East with steady FOBs and plenty of local deals available. The hot temperatures in the West are causing a decrease in volume which is driving FOBs upward a few dollars. Quality is fair to good.

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 picking throughout 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 continue to improve throughout the Midwest, but the market remains firm. Sizing is still smaller with larger product availability slowly improving. West Coast volume and prices are mostly stable.

Red Cabbage

Markets remain firm despite decent supplies out of the Midwest. 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

Extreme Iced - The market is extremely active due to reduced volumes from Mexico because of the heat and humidity for the past six weeks. Iceless - Like the iced market, the iceless market is very active due to the lighter supplies from Mexico attributed to high heat and humidity for the past six weeks.

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 pushing California melons.

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

Good supplies available on Chilean product.

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Lemons

Market is still strong and is adjusting as we are seeing more Chilean arrive and also seeing a bit more Mexican fruit crossing, our Dist. 2 domestic volume is still light and will continue to be so due to the drop we had from the extreme hot weather in the region. We also need to keep in mind that the Mexican volume is about 40-50% lighter than normal. The Chilean will continue to arrive through the month and then will start to slow down on volume into September. We will get started around the third week of September and this year's crop is also a little lighter than normal. The overall quality of the lemons is good to fair, you will see some heavier scarring and some green tinge on fruit depending on where the fruit is coming from. We expect the market to stay strong, but supplies are better than they have been for the last 2 months, and the pipeline has been empty but will start to get it filled with these increased volumes.

Lettuce:

Butter

Supplies are normal, and demand and quality are both good.

Green and Red Leaf

Red leaf quality is good, and supplies and demand are normal. Green leaf supplies are close to normal with good quality and demand.

Iceberg Lettuce

EXTREME Supplies continue to be lighter. The market has been very active and prices are high with good quality.

Romaine

Supplies are slightly below normal. Demand is picking up and quality is good with occasional light fringe burn and seeders.

Romaine Hearts

Supplies are close to normal, and demand and quality are both good.

Limes

The market is up due to limited stocks. Breakdown, decay, stolar, and yellowing are problems being caused by rain. Ordering for quick turns is recommended.

Napa

Supplies and demand are steady.

Onions

Idaho/Oregon and Washington are now shipping all three colors fresh out of the field. Quality is strong to start, although because these are Fresh Onions without full skin, they will not yet have the shelf life of typical northwest storage Onions. Because size is on the smaller end to start, there is not a lot of availability on colossal and super colossal yellows. Size is peaking on medium to jumbo. We are seeing whites remain elevated in price, and reds have begun to become in better supply so we are seeing prices come down there as well. There are still some supplies left in both CA and NM, although it is drying up quick and it is primarily mediums.



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Oranges

Market very strong across the board, Valencia's are starting to peak on mid sizes so we are seeing fewer of the small ones demand exceeds supply on 138's and 113's and this will be the case as we go forward through the Valencia season. 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 to fair with descent color some green tinge which is normal for Valencia's and fruit is not near as firm as a navels and a fair amount of stem end breakdown, juice and sugar content is very good. We will be subbing some Chilean navels when possible to cover the 113's and 138's on orders just a heads up, if you do not want navels please let us know. 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 are still in a Heat Wave that has been going for over 3-weeks (101-108), 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 and that is when we see re-greening and softer fruit, stem end aging or skin breakdown. The Valencia's are pretty rough and will only get rougher as we navigate through the summer, hoping to start navels earlier than the first of November.

Parsley(Curly, Italian)

Quality is fair and supplies are good.

Green Bell Pepper

EAST: Things have shifted mostly for the better with good supply available. FOBs are mostly steady with decent quality available (some rain & heat issues around).
WEST: Northern CA region pepper volume is excellent. Prices are steady as most growers are harvesting at full steam. Quality is mostly good, but some areas are showing heat related injury

Jalapenos (Chiles) CA, KY, NC, PA, TN, VA, MX

EAST: Supply remains steady out east, with good volume available from many regions. FOBs are unchanged and quality is excellent.
WEST: FOBs move down and stabilize out as MX, Baja & CA are all producing good volume and decent quality.

Red and Yellow Bell Pepper

The market is stable. California supplies are plentiful; medium-size and choice-grade peppers dominate availability. Quality is very good: peppers are deeply colored and subtly sweet.

Pineapple

The market is higher than last week; large sizes are limited. Quality is very good: fruit is tangy and juicy. Sugar levels range from 13 to 16 Brix.

Idaho Potatoes

Very few sheds remain in old crop Burbanks, and by the end of next week, they will all be done shipping entirely. The new crop Norkotahs are of very good quality, and availability has been mostly good across the board on all sizes. Some sheds are heavier into a smaller profile, while others are experiencing more availability on large sizes. Overall, there is a good mix of size throughout the state. Because the potatoes are so new, they are not generating very many #2s so we are seeing those prices heavily inflated for the time being. We expect this price to come off with each passing week as more #2s become available.

Radishes

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



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Salad Blends

Prices are unchanged; iceberg and romaine supplies are plentiful. Quality is very good: Inspectors are closely monitoring pack-outs for chunks and core material to reduce potential issues before shipment.

Snow and Sugar Snap Peas

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

Spinach (Bunched)

Supplies and quality are fair due to wind burn and heat damage.

Spinach (Baby)

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

Spring Mix

Prices have escalated; Salinas Valley volume has fallen. Quality is poor: decay and yellowing are problems being caused by excessive heat.

Yellow Squash/Zucchini

EAST: - Supply has tightened up with weather being the main driver. Look for FOBs to increase significantly on both yellow and green squash. Quality is fair to good.

WEST: FOBs are up as supply has tightened. Quality is fair to good.

TOMATOES (EAST)

Rounds

As reported last week, volume is tapering off. With weather being rough and demand still staying firm, supply has tightened up rather quickly. Look for FOBs to move up significantly. Despite the rocky weather, quality is still holding up rather well, with fruit looking good at this time.

Romas

Demand and supply both remain light, but steady. FOBs are steady for next week and quality is mostly good.

Grapes

Things remain fairly unchanged for grapes. Look for FOBs to remain the same. Quality has slipped down to only fair to good so we recommend keeping inventory tight.

Cherries

Things remain mostly unchanged for cherries. Look for FOBs to remain stable. Quality is mostly good, but has slipped just slightly.

TOMATOES (WEST/MEXICO)

Rounds

Demand has increased as the eastern supply has tightened up. Thus, creating a bit of a stronger market for rounds in the west. FOBs are up, some more than others depending on quality. Higher quality is demanding a higher price point. Even good fruit is still feeling soft to the touch. We recommend keeping a tighter than usual inventory.

Romas

Snug supplies still linger, with FOBs pushing up for better quality. Quality for better fruit is still soft to the touch, so we recommend keeping a tighter than usual inventory.

Grapes

Things remain mostly unchanged for cherries. Look for FOBs to remain steady. Quality is good to excellent.

Cherries

A little light supply is putting some pressure on the cherry market to move up significantly. Quality can range, some fruit a little light in color, but mostly good overall.

Tree Fruit

The nectarine, peach, and plum markets are stable; supplies are sufficient. Quality is very good: nectarine and peach sugar levels range from 10 to 12 Brix, while plums vary from 12 to 16 Brix.

Watermelons

The market is weak; supplies are ample in most growing areas. Quality is very good: melons are juicy and flavor is mildly sweet. Sugar levels range from 11 to 12 Brix.

