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FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 2019



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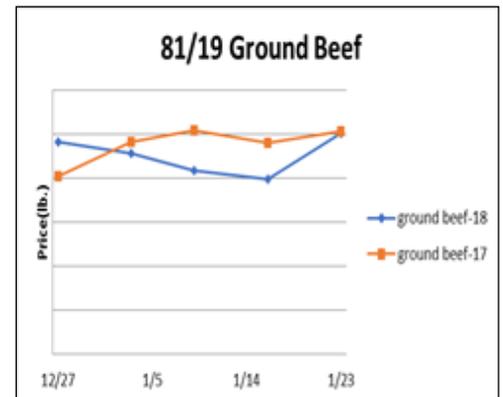
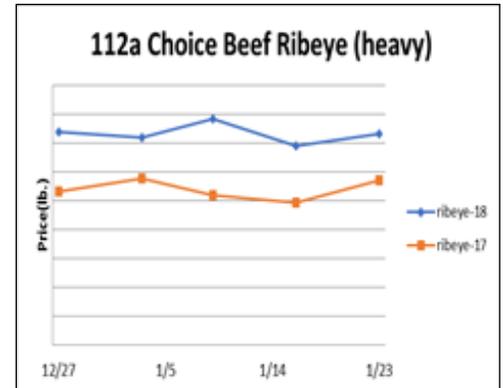
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Beef, Veal & Lamb

Last week, beef production held near the week prior, but was up 2% year-over-year. Lighter than expected carcass weights continue to keep a lid on beef output gains, as winter weather hampers feedlot performance. Amid the muddy feed-yard conditions, packer margins have tightened but, the Choice boxed beef cutout is still sitting more than 3% above last year. Supporting the cutouts were last week's negotiated sales, the largest since 2015, but forward sales have waned, and February is looking light. The beef markets typically soften into late January, with a seasonal move for the Choice cutout typically being a 4% decline.

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



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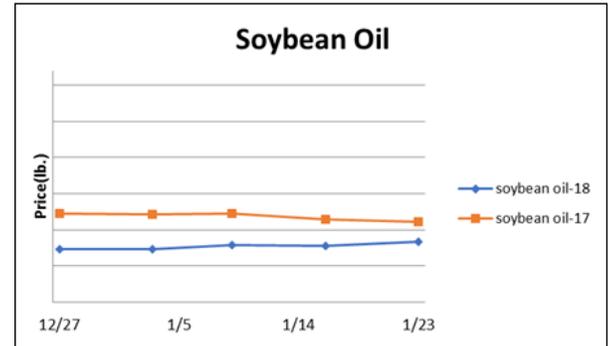
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Grains

Rumors continue to circulate that Russia could limit their wheat exports in the coming months. Russia has become the world's largest exporter in recent years, and stocks there have fallen to decade plus lows. If Russia does in fact temper their wheat exports, it could be supportive of U.S. wheat prices.

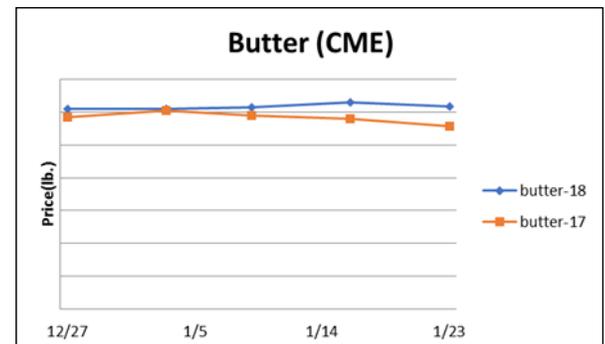
Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Soybeans, bushel	Increasing	Good	Lower
Crude Soybean Oil, lb	Increasing	Good	Lower
Soybean Meal, ton	Increasing	Good	Lower
Corn, bushel	Increasing	Good	Higher
Crude Corn Oil, lb	Steady	Good	Lower
High Fructose Corn Syrup	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Distillers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



Dairy

The cheese markets struggled over the last week. Cheese barrel prices hit the lowest level since 2009. U.S. cheese stocks are historically high, but export demand is likely to pick up due in part to more expensive global cheese markets. The downside price risk from here for cheese is likely nominal. The butter markets have been choppy. Butter production was strong throughout 2018 but class IV milk futures are over class III milk futures, which encourages more (milk) cream to go to butter output. Spot butter prices are likely to trend lower and may approach \$2.100 per pound this winter.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Cheese Barrels (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Cheese Blocks (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
American Cheese	Decreasing	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)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Nonfat Dry Milk	Increasing	Ample	Higher
Whey, Dry	Increasing	Good	Higher
Class 1 Base	Increasing	Good	Higher
Class II Cream, heavy	Increasing	Good	Higher
Class III Milk (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Class IV Milk (CME)	Increasing	Good	Higher



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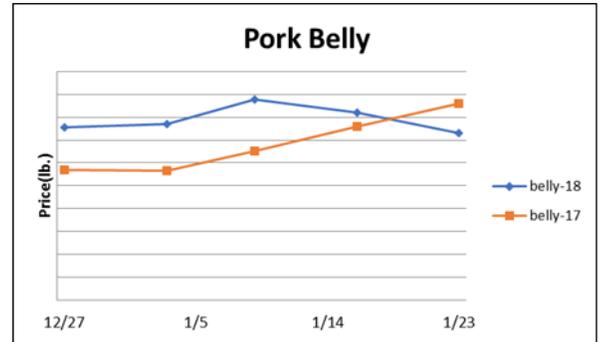
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Pork

Last week, pork production eased nearly 2% from the week prior but was up a whopping 7.3% year-over-year. These large year-over-year output gains are expected to be the new norm moving forward, expanding even further as another processing plant comes online in Q2. The USDA pork cutout continues to struggle amid the larger production schedules. Even the wholesale pork belly markets are now declining sharply this week. China appears poised to begin taking U.S. pork, but the countries still lack a settled official trade deal.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Hogs	Increasing	Ample	Lower
Sow	Decreasing	Ample	Lower
Belly (bacon)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Sparerib(4.25 lb & down)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Ham (20-23 lb)	Increasing	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)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Boston Butt, untrmd (4-8 lb)	Increasing	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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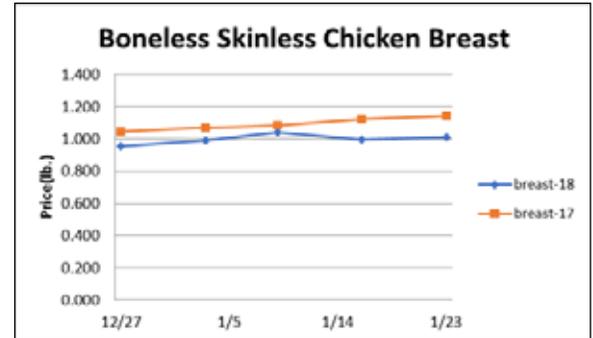
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Poultry

For the week ending January 12th, chicken slaughter was up 19.5% week-to-week, but lighter bird weights ebbd production modestly (yoy). The six-week change in output was a sharp 2.2% decline, the second largest drop since July 2012 (the first of which being three weeks ago). An additional plant is scheduled to come online later this year. This should increase available broiler meat to an already well supplied wholesale market. Wings prices last week were the highest since last February, but the cheapest for that week since 2014. Breast meat prices, although moving up lately, are still low for this time of year. Yet, look for seasonal chicken price rises in the early 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	Lower
Breast, Bnless Skinless NE	Steady	Good	Lower
Breast, Bnless Skinless SE	Increasing	Good	Lower
Breast Boneless Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Tenderloin Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Legs (whole)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Leg Quarter Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Thighs, Bone In	Increasing	Good	Higher
Thighs, Boneless	Steady	Good	Higher



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



Eggs

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

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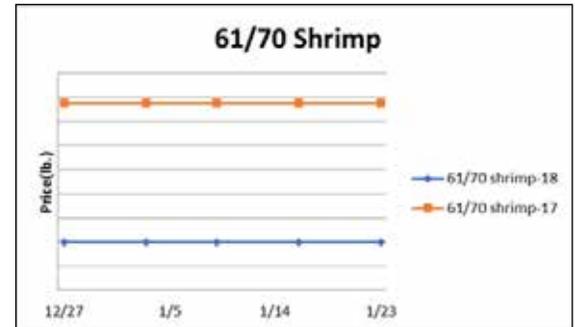
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Seafood

The Alaskan Bering Sea snow crab fishing season is starting to escalate. As of January 22nd, 9% of the quota had been landed. This year's quota is 50% larger than last year's multi-decade low, but it is not expected to be large enough to bring significant relief to the tight world snow crab supply situation. Still, modest snow crab prices declines may occur.

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	Lower
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	Higher



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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	Lower
PE-LLD-can liners, film, bags	Steady	Good	Lower

Retail Price Change from Prior Month

Description	Dec-18	Nov-18	Oct-18
Beef and Veal	Decreasing	Increasing	Decreasing
Dairy	Increasing	Decreasing	Decreasing
Pork	Decreasing	Decreasing	Decreasing
Chicken	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing
Fresh Fish and Seafood	Increasing	Increasing	Decreasing
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Increasing	Decreasing	Decreasing

Various Markets

Nearby cocoa futures have declined over the last week and have depreciated 7% so far this year. Cocoa beans in the Ivory Coast's ports are running well above year ago levels and weather is conducive for future cocoa plants. Nearby cocoa futures may move lower from here but there is support at \$2,120.

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	Increasing	Ample	Lower
Cocoa mt ICE	Decreasing	Short	Higher
Orange Juice lb ICE	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Honey (clover) lb	Steady	Good	Lower



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Produce

Market Overview

We are still continuing to experience winter weather related issues in our growing regions which has caused quality issues with a lot of commodities so we will update as needed.

WATCH LIST

- Limes
- Melons (Cantaloupe, Honeydew, Watermelon)
- Mixed Chili Pepper (Anaheim, Poblano, Serrano)
- Sweet Potatoes and Yams
- Sugar Snap Peas

Apples & Pears

Apple prices are mostly unchanged; storage supplies are plentiful. Quality is excellent: fruit is crisp and juicy. Sugar levels range from 14 to 18 Brix.

Pear prices are stable. Washington Bartlett Pears will be available through mid-February; 70- through 90-count sizes are scarce. Sugar levels range from 12 to 14 Brix.

Artichokes

Light supply of artichokes is expected to continue for several weeks. Supply industry wide is fair, demand is good, and prices are steady on most sizes.

Arugula

Supply and quality are improving as a result of warmer temperatures in the desert.

Asparagus

The market will remain elevated for at least ten more days; volume is down due to poor weather in Mexico. Quality is good: spears are straight and firm with pleasantly bitter flavor.

Avocados

Markets continue to move along. There is a slight undertone of softness, which could have been created by the weather over the weekend. Mexico continues to pick heavy, although the border is fairly clean, which means a lot of the fruit is going straight to destination. The main pull for Superbowl should be over by early next week. With the current market conditions, it is possible that this will be a record-breaking year. #2 fruit continues to be available.

Bananas

Supplies will be tight for the next 3-4 weeks. This lower volume should affect only market customers. Contracted customers should see no issues. Quality is good at this time, and generally 1st semester of the year should be smooth for the program.

MARKET ALERT

- **Asparagus – EXTREME**
- **Broccoli florets – ESCALATED**
- **Cauliflower florets- ESCALATED**
- **Cabbage (Green & Red) – ESCALATED**
- **Carrots (Jumbo) - ESCALATED**
- **Celery – EXTREME**
- **Cilantro – ESCALATED**
- **Green Bell Peppers - ESCALATED**
- **Green Onions - ESCALATED**
- **Jalapenos – ACT OF GOD**
- **Kale (Green) - ESCALATED**
- **Mushrooms – ESCALATED**



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Produce (continued)

Beans

EAST: The cooler weather shook things up for FL beans. There is some upward pressure but should balance out over the next week as the crop rebounds. Quality is still mostly good; however, we could see some concerns down the road from cold temps.

WEST: Round beans are readily available with excellent quality available.

Berries:

Blackberries

The market has stabilized. This month's cold weather impeded production in Mexico, but with higher temperatures returning, volume should rise. Quality is good: berries are juicy and sweet, but some may be below-normal in size due to winter weather. Sugar levels range from 12 to 13 Brix.

Blueberries

Prices are level. Freezing temperatures stalled growth in Mexico earlier this month, but warmer weather is aiding volume. Quality is good: berries are deep blue with a slight blush and sweet, yet tangy flavor.

Raspberries

Prices are starting to inch down; weather is warming up after weeks of cold. Quality is good, but berry size should return to normal. Sugar levels range from 13 to 14 Brix.

Strawberries

The market will remain elevated for the next ten days. Weeks of rainy weather has destroyed many berries, but this week's higher temperatures should help increase Oxnard, California yields. Quality is average: bleeding, bruising, and shortened shelf-life are industrywide problems.

Bok Choy

Supply and quality is good.

Broccoli

The market has fallen; warmer weather has increased growth in both regions. Hollow core and pin rot are industry-wide issues, but production crews continue to cull affected heads at the field level.

Brussels Sprouts

Cool weather in the desert and Mexico is slowing down production and the market is up from last week. Prices are rising and may continue to rise into next week.

Cantaloupe

Offshore fruit to the west has been lighter with the heavier volumes landing on the east coast. Therefore, the west coast has been much stronger than the east coast prices. The overall quality is fair to good with a firm green cast and sugars are on the minimal side as well. They are experiencing a white fly problem in Guatemala which basically chokes the plant therefore not all the nutrients are getting to the melon and hence the eating quality and also the strength of the fruit.

Carrots

ESCALATED The harvest in our current region is showing lower yields and smaller sizing, we are seeing shorter supply and prices are higher.

Cauliflower

The market is down. Quality is good: discoloration and uneven size are industry-wide issues.



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Celery

Prices are elevated. Last week's excessive moisture took its toll on plants, but volume should increase a bit now that temperatures are climbing.

Cilantro

ESCALATED Supply is snug this week and conditions are expected to remain this way through next week at the earliest. We are seeing supply and harvest interruptions due to the heavy rain that is falling in Southern California. We are also seeing light supply crossing through Calexico. We should begin to see harvest crews back in the fields out west early next week. Once conditions improve which should increase availability.

Corn

Steady supply and good quality out of Florida.

Cucumbers

EAST: FL has wrapped up with Honduras being the core supplier right now. There is a reasonable amount available with good quality. FOBs are mostly steady.
WEST: MX is still playing a little catch up to the wintry weather, but things are looking better. We're seeing more volume cross regularly with FOBs feeling some downward pressures. Quality has improved as well and is mostly good.

English Cucumbers

Supply has firmed up due to the last blast of cold weather to hit central Mexico and very light supply out of the northern greenhouses. Markets should be firm for the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Eggplant

EAST: Fancy grades are still extremely tight, while choice is tight, but more available. Production is still extremely light. FOBs are high, but fairly steady with fair quality available.
WEST: Eggplant thrives in heat, so with cooler temps, production has slowed drastically. FOBs are higher than usual, but steady. Look for improvement in the next 10-14 days as the warmer temps help production. Quality is fair to good.

Fennel

We will have good supply on fennel this week and should have extra product to sell each day. We will see a majority of 24ct this week, with good availability on 30ct as well. Quality remains strong overall.

Garlic

Supply is steady, and prices remain high on domestic product.

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

The Chilean grape deal is very tight demand exceeds supply on both colors especially on the west, as the Chilean Ports were on strike and volumes are down from previous years at this time, the Long Beach Pier was also slow playing the unloading process. The Chilean volumes will start to increase around mid-February, but prices and availability will continue to be tight until then and prices will stay firm. The overall crop volume out of Chile is of normal size but the volumes have been much lighter than in years past so far. The overall quality has been good to fair, greens are exceptionally tight, and you will see some minor discoloration, the reds have been stronger but both colors should get better in the coming weeks.

Green Cabbage

ESCALATED Due to the cold weather, there will be lighter supply for the next two weeks.

Red Cabbage

ESCALATED Supply is lower than normal, and prices are rising.

Honeydew

Demand Exceeds supply we are going out of Mexico with very light volumes and fruit is extremely tight and limited there are no 8's available and hoping to see some crossing from Mexico next week. The Offshore Honeydew are also suffering from a white fly problem and volumes are lighter than normal and also the fruit quality has been rough with spotting and also weaker fruit due to the white fly problem.



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Jicama

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

Kale (green)

ESALATED Quality is fair. The market is active, and prices are increasing.

Lemons

We have finished our Dist. 3 (Desert) crop and going with heaviest volume here out of Dist. 1 (Central Valley) and will start to pick some Dist. 2 (Coastal Regions) fruit in the coming weeks and just primarily size picking to relieve the trees of some stress. The overall quality out of Dist. 1 looks good and the fluctuation in temperatures from day to night has also helped to bring on color and strengthening the fruit. We are still gassing 24 hours on some blocks others we are full natural color. We expect the quality to stay good, until we see some warm temperatures and that could cause some spore issues.

Lettuce:

Butter

Supply and demand are good; Quality is fair.

Green/Red Leaf

Supply and quality are fair. The cold weather a couple of weeks ago really slowed down the crop and also affected quality. Due to the cold weather, we are experiencing slight yellowing and lighter weights. Yields took a big hit, which means supply is lighter this week and weights are in the 19-21lbs range.

Iceberg Lettuce

Quality is fair, with signs of frost damage and occasional epidermal peel. Demand has been very steady. Overall numbers are higher than normal. The market is slightly lower but will settle around current levels.

Romaine

Supply has returned to normal. Demand was very strong last week. Romaine is still trying to recover from the cold snap that happened a couple of weeks ago. Most of the mature romaine will continue to show epidermal peel and blister, while some of the younger crops will have less defects.

Romaine Hearts

Demand and supply are good; Quality is fair.

Limes

The market for 175-count and smaller fruit is stable; prices for 110- and 150-count supplies are easing. Quality is good, but stem end decay is a problem due to recent rains.

Napa

Supply and quality are good; Quality is fair.

Onions

Expect prices to continue to inch up over the next few weeks, then level off as the Mexican and Texas seasons get under way in February and March. Strong demand persists.

Oranges

We are picking in between rains and going with good volume of the new California navel crop and will continue with navels through April possibly May, the overall crop volume is up about 20% with this being said we will have good supplies of 88's-138's through the season. With our past rains that we have had the fruit is starting to size up and we are now peaking on 113's, 88's then 72's, so we have a good range in size on both grades. The sugars will continue to get better which have been around 12-13 brix, so fruit does eat good and will only get better in the coming weeks. We have been experiencing some cooler nights in the high 20's to low 30's which has helped to bring on the color and helps to firm up the fruit keeping it stronger, and also, we are done gassing and fruit will be of natural color. Once our days start to warm up, we will see the fruit start to puff and crease but hopefully we do not start to see that until March or so.

Parsley(Curly, Italian)

Supply and quality are both good.



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Green Bell Pepper

EAST: Same story, new week. Supply is still limited in FL, especially on big #1 pepper. FOBs are high, yet steady. Quality has dipped a little and ranges from fair to good.
WEST: We're about 10-14 days out from seeing and real improvement. Recent warm weather has helped, but it isn't enough to boost the crops to their full potential. FOBs are mostly steady to down just slightly. Quality is all over the map. Sinaloa seems to be faring better quality, but hardly has any volume. Meanwhile, other regions have a bit more volume (not much) but quality is subpar.

Jalapeños (Chiles)

EAST: There is still a shortage of supply in the east with FL farms producing far less than what is demanded. FOBs rise once again with only fair to good quality available.
WEST: It's still critical in MX with prices going up yet again. Supply & FOBs are not expected to improve until at least February. Quality continues to be fair at best on the entire category.

Red Bell Pepper

EAST: Despite the firm green pepper market, there is a good amount of red pepper now available. FOBs are down again with mostly good quality available. There are some shaky lots around, buyer beware.
WEST: Despite the firm green pepper market, there is a good amount of red pepper now available. FOBs are down again with mostly good quality available.

Pineapple

The market has fallen. Stocks have increased in Costa Rica and Mexico (into Texas), especially 7- and 8-count sizes. Quality is good: fruit is firm, yet juicy, with sweet, slightly tangy flavor. Sugar levels range from 13 to 16 Brix.

Idaho Potatoes

The market is starting to stabilize. Demand is up for large sizes; 80-count stocks are most abundant.

Radishes

Supply is steady, and quality is good shipping through Arizona and Florida.

Salad Blends

Prices are level. Inspectors are closely monitoring finished cartons for chunks and core material to achieve the best quality packs.

Snow and Sugar Snap Peas

WATCHLIST Expect industry wide quality/availability issue due to freezing temps.

Spinach (Bunched)

There is a possibility of cold-weather defects, but quality will improve as it warms up.

Spinach (Baby)

Supply is good. There could be some quality issues, due to cold weather.

Spring Mix

The market remains elevated but should ease as supplies start to increase with warmer weather. Quality is average, but some of the more fragile varieties are not meeting shelf-life expectations.

Yellow Squash/Zucchini

EAST: Production is still very tight in South FL. Quality is poor with scarring, scuffing, discoloration being clearly evident due to prior weather events. There is some offshore Zuke's starting to show up which is looking better than domestic. FOBs are high, but steady. Look for improvement hopefully in the next 10-14 days.

WEST: Supply is still very tight, but with the recent warm weather things are looking better. FOBs are starting to move down. Quality is still poor but is forecasted to improve in about 10 days as new blocks come on board.



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TOMATOES EAST

Rounds

Naples/Immokalee is still the predominant player and seeing steady harvest numbers each week. Homestead also has some volume to replace the Ruskin crop. Despite up and down temperatures, round production has been mostly steady. Sizing has been a struggle the last few weeks, but we are seeing improvement as crown picks are seeing bigger size fruit, and smaller sizes on 2nd picks. FOBs are down mostly on XL size. Lg & Md are fairly steady but feeling some downward pressure as MX comes on board. Quality is still excellent overall coming from our South Florida farms. Quality from Homestead has been producing more off grades due to recent high winds and poor weather conditions in the area.

Romas

Sizing has balanced out with all sizes readily available. Supply is still light as usual, but with MX coming on board, there is no shortage of Romas. FOBs are down a few dollars with excellent quality available.

Grapes

Ruskin has wrapped up, leaving our Immokalee, Naples & Homestead crops to choose from. Production is steady, keeping FOBs right around the same mark as last week. Quality is excellent, but there are some fields with light color.

Cherries

Things are steady on the cherry front. No changes in supply or prices for next week. Quality is a little improved and is mostly good. Some crops are showing lighter color than usual.

TOMATOES WEST/MEXICO

Rounds

Finally! The long-awaited supply bump from MX has arrived! Warmer weather in Mainland MX the last few weeks has significantly help give the crop the push it needed. Sizing is heavier to the big fruit (4x4, 4x5) while smaller fruit (5x5, 5x6) is still a bit snug. FOBs are down across the board with excellent quality available.

Romas

Mainland MX's crop is still pushing out great volume, with good numbers expected to last through mid Feb, barring weather. FOBs are trending downward. Quality is excellent.

Grapes

Good supply crossing daily is keeping FOBs steady. Quality is mostly excellent, with some of the crop a little lighter color than usual.

Cherries

Good volume continues to cross Nogales daily. FOBs are mostly steady to slightly down. Quality has improved a bit and is mostly fair, but some good available as well.

Watermelons

The market is slightly higher than last week; harvesting is in Southern Mexico, increasing freight costs to the U.S. Quality is good: sugar levels are below normal due to freezing temperatures earlier in the month.

