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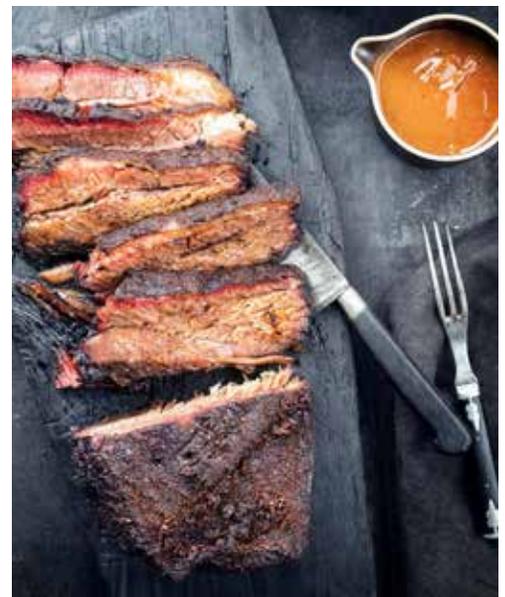
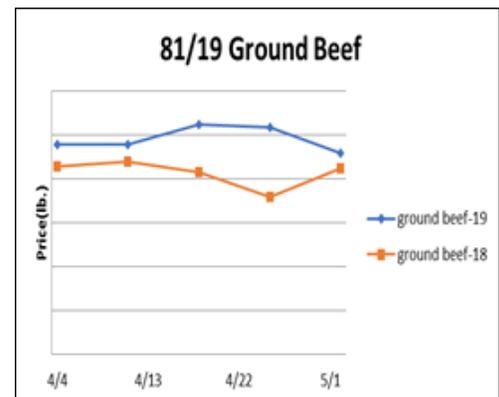
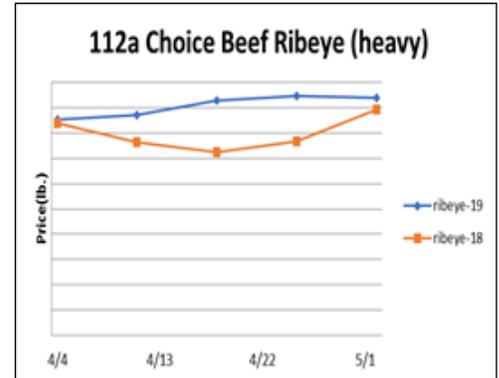
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Beef, Veal & Lamb

Beef production last week rose .5% from the previous week and was 3.4% larger than the same week last year. Cattle slaughter was the largest in four months. But rising demand is lifting the beef complex which is not usual for this time of the year. The five-year average move for the choice boxed beef cutout during the next three weeks is an increase of 3.3% before it tops for the year. March 31st boneless beef stocks in the U.S. were 6% less than the previous year due in part to a strong drawdown in stocks during the month. Lean beef trim prices could remain firm during the next few months.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Cattle (Steer)	Decreasing	Short	Higher
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	Decreasing	Short	Higher
Ground Beef 81/19	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Ground Chuck	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (pr)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (pr)	Increasing	Good	Higher
114a Chuck , Shlder Cld(ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (sel)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
116 Chuck (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
116b Chuck Tender (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
120 Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
120a Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
121e Cap & Wedge	Decreasing	Good	Higher
167a Knuckle, Trimmed (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
168 Inside Round (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
169 Top Round (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
171b Outside Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
174 Short Loin (ch 0x1)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (pr 2x3)	Increasing	Good	Higher
180 0x1 Strip (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
180 0x1 Strip (pr)	Increasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (pr)	Steady	Good	Higher
184-3 Top Butt, bnls (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
185a Sirloin Flap (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (sel, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (ch, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
189a Tender (pr, heavy)	Increasing	Good	Higher
193 Flank Steak (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
50% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Lower
65% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Lower
75% Trimmings	Steady	Good	Lower
85% Trimmings	Increasing	Short	Higher
90% Trimmings	Increasing	Short	Higher
90% Imported Beef (frz)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
95% Imported Beef (frz)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	Steady	Good	Higher
Veal Top Round (cap off)	Steady	Good	Higher



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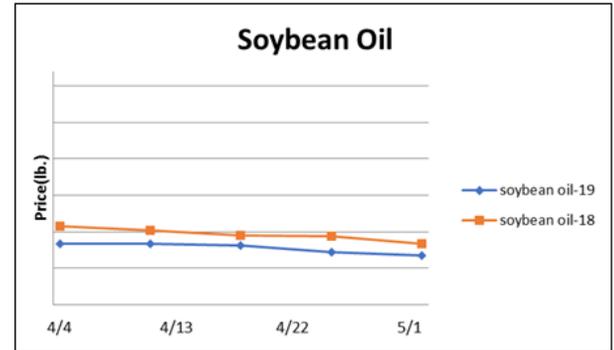
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Grains

The U.S. winter wheat crop continues to progress under favorable conditions. As of April 28th, 64% of the crop was rated in either good or excellent condition by the USDA. This compares to 33% the same week last year and is the best ratings for any time during the spring in nearly a decade. Wheat prices could bottom soon, however.

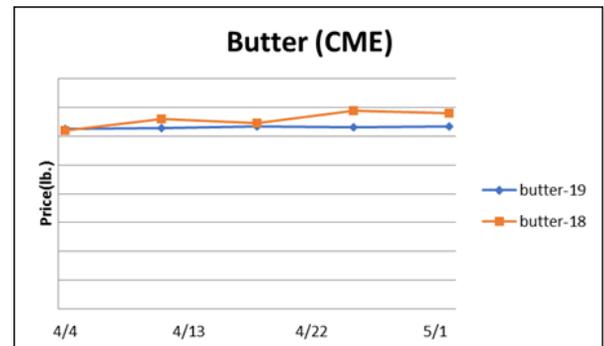
Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Soybeans, bushel	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Crude Soybean Oil, lb	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Soybean Meal, ton	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Corn, bushel	Increasing	Good	Lower
Crude Corn Oil, lb	Decreasing	Good	Lower
High Fructose Corn Syrup	Increasing	Good	Lower
Distillers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



Dairy

U.S. milk production has been tempered as of late. During March, U.S. milk output was down .4% from the previous year due to a .9% smaller milk cow herd and a .5% rise in milk per cow yields. Farmers reduced the herd by a net 10,000 head making it the smallest since the fall of 2016. Year-over-year milk production gains are likely to remain lackluster in the near term. However, improving margins for milk farmers should lead to better milk production expansion later this year. The cheese and butter markets are relatively range-bound and could remain supported during the next month.

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



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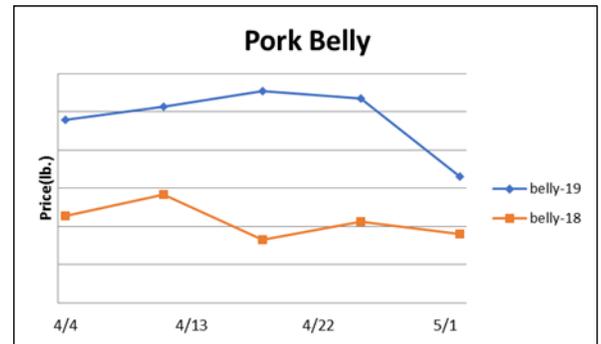
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Pork

U.S. pork production is seasonally declining. Last week, output fell 1.6% from the previous week and was .5% less than the same week last year. Much better year-over-year gains in pork production are anticipated during the summer. But this may be offset in part by stronger exports. March 31st domestic pork holdings were down .2 year-on-year with ribs (2%), trim (1%), and bellies (1%) down as well. But bellies expanded in March by the second largest amount for the month since 2013. Still, belly prices are likely to firm in the coming months.

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



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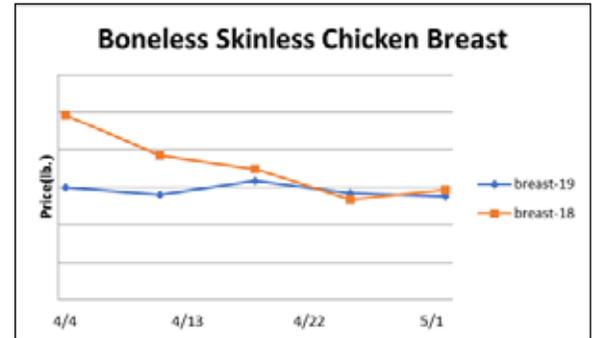
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Poultry

Chicken production expansion remains limited. For the week ending April 20th, output fell 2.7% from the prior week and was 4.1% less than the same week a year ago. The six week running total of chicken output is just 1% better than 2018 due to a 1.9% gain in slaughter and .9% lighter bird weights. The broiler type chick hatch in March was just 1.2% better than last year while pullet placements into the broiler hatchery flock were larger by 1%. The April 1st broiler layer inventory was better than 2018 by just .2%, and models signal that notable improvements there may not occur until July. This suggests that tempered chicken output may persist through the spring.

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



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

Eggs

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



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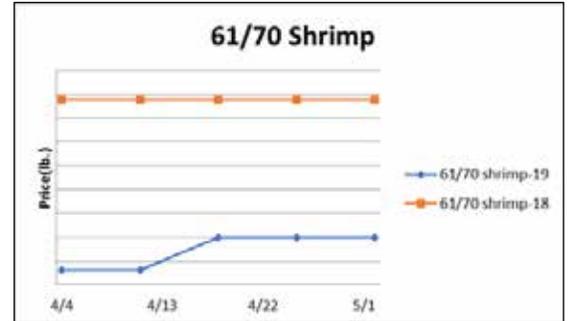
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Seafood

U.S. snow crab imports during February were a whopping 71.8% larger than the previous year. The Canadian snow crab fishing seasons are underway with 38% of the Newfoundland quota landed. Although the combined Newfoundland and Gulf of St. Lawrence quotas are 10.8% larger than last year, they are historically small. Inflated snow crab prices should persist.

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	Lower
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.	Increasing	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	Mar-19	Feb-19	Jan-19
Beef and Veal	Increasing	Increasing	Increasing
Dairy	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing
Pork	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing
Chicken	Decreasing	Increasing	Decreasing
Fresh Fish and Seafood	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing

Various Markets

The canned tomato markets remain firm. The USDS is estimating 2019 California tomato for processing contracted production at 12.1 million tons which is 2.5% larger than last year and the biggest since 2016. This could weigh on the canned tomato markets later this year.

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



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Produce

Market Overview

We are fully transitioned from Yuma. Celery, and small size lemons are still in an EXTREME market situation. Strawberries are plentiful.

WATCH LIST

- Avocados
- Mushrooms
- Squash (Green and Yellow)
- Sweet Potatoes and Yams

Apples & Pears

Golden Delicious and Granny Smith prices are high; storage stocks are tight. Braeburn supplies will be depleted this week. Quality is excellent: fruit is crisp and juicy. Sugar levels vary from 14 to 18 Brix. The Pear market is level. D'Anjou Pears are available, as are Bosc supplies. Sugar levels range from 12 to 14 Brix. California Bartlett's will enter the market in June.

Artichokes

Supply industry-wide is fair. Demand is fair and prices are steady to higher.

Arugula

Supply and quality are good.

Asparagus

Growing region has changed to Peru; Mexico is done for the season. Quality is good, market is steady and good volume is available.

Avocados

WATCH LIST The avocado market continues to fall in price. After the Holy Week shut down, the pipeline is filled with fruit. There could be some older fruit out there that is ready to turn; quality is okay at this point, due to the mixture of old and new fruit in the market.

Bananas

Markets remain steady with consistent production and supply. Fruit quality is not an issue at this time.

Beans

EAST: Volume is a little tight still but look for this to turn around by the weekend. FOBs are still a little higher, but again, should start to fall into next week as Georgia gets started soon. Quality in current fields is fair, but GA is expected to bring good quality to the table. WEST: Despite multiple growing areas, there doesn't seem to be an abundance of supply. FOBs are reasonably up with mostly good quality available.

MARKET ALERT

- Broccoli (Florets) - ESCALATED
- Brussel Sprouts - EXTREME
- Cabbage (Red) - ESCALATED
- Cauliflower - ESCALATED
- Celery - EXTREME
- Lemons (small sizes) -EXTREME
- Limes -ESCALATED
- Onions (White and Red) - EXTREME



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Produce (continued)

Berries:

Blackberries

The market is high. The Mexican season is winding down, but California production will not start for several weeks. Quality is very good: berries are deeply colored, juicy, and sweet. Sugar levels range from 12 to 13 Brix.

Blueberries

Prices have eased; stocks are increasing. Fruit is shipping out of Central Florida and Georgia. The California season will begin next week. Quality is very good: fruit is plump and juicy.

Raspberries

Prices are high. The Mexican season is winding down, but California production will not start for several weeks. Quality is very good: berries are plump and juicy with sweet flavor. Sugar levels range from 13 to 14 Brix.

Strawberries

The market is easing; volume in Santa Maria and Watsonville continues to rise. Berry size is dominated by medium to large fruit. Quality is very good: scarring is an occasional problem that harvesting crews are culling as much as possible.

Bok Choy

50# are in short supply and prices are up.

Broccoli

The market will fluctuate over the next several weeks. Last winter's rains created gaps in planting schedules and tightened stocks. Despite shortages, quality is very good.

Brussels Sprouts

EXTREME: Very light availability; we are seeing shortages in supply.

Cantaloupe

Market getting very active as lighter supplies from offshore keeping market strong and tight and demand exceeding. We will be in a tight situation for the next 2-3 weeks as the California desert will hopefully start around May 10, with very light supplies and it does not look like we will have any major volume on Cantaloupes out of the Desert regions until the third week of May. The overall quality has been good on the Offshore fruit, and we are expecting excellent quality out of the desert once we get started.

Carrots

Carrots are improving. Supply now available in Georgia as well.

Cauliflower

ESCALATED Supply will be very light this week.

Celery

EXTREME We will have light volume from Mexico this week. The weather has warmed up slightly, but sizing is better out of Mexico. We are still seeing extremely high open-market prices.

Cilantro

Quality is improving, and supply is good.

Corn

Quality is improving, and supply is good.

Cucumbers

EAST: Plant City is pumping good numbers out and Georgia will be on its tail in no time. FOBs remain low and steady and quality is good to excellent.

WEST: Western supplies have tightened up a hair after the Easter holiday. Mainland MX is in its seasonal decline, and the CA desert will be starting up soon. FOBs are up slightly to account for the transition. Quality is good.

Eggplant

EAST: FL's volume is steady, but lighter than usual, as yields seem to be down this season. FOBs are steady but quality has slipped a bit. Scarring has been a slight concern. Plant City should be starting up in the next 7-10 days bringing better quality to your table.

WEST: Western supplies have tightened up a hair after the Easter holiday. Mainland MX is in its seasonal decline, and the CA desert will be starting up soon. FOBs are up slightly to account for the transition. Quality is good.



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Fennel

Supply on fennel will be short for the next few weeks due to frost damage and the Yuma season finishing with light supply. We will continue to see a majority of smaller fennel this week - 18s and 24s will remain limited.

Garlic

Supply is firming up and markets are active.

Ginger

Chinese ginger markets are mixed, but quality is good. Also, product is available at higher costs from Brazil, Peru and Thailand.

Grapes

We are still receiving Chilean grapes on both coasts, and the marketing order goes into effect on April 15th which volumes have slowed down, after that date as the fruit must make US #1 upon arrival in order to stay here in the states. The overall quality has been good this year with several new varieties as well. Overall volumes were down about 20% versus last year which has kept the market fairly strong. The reds seedless will probably start to ease up in price and the Greens are definitely rising now as this is the storage fruit and typically after the marketing order very few greens come into the states. We are expecting Mexico and Coachella Valley to start about 7-10 days later than normal so around May 10 for the start date in those regions. With that being said we will have to depend on the Chilean fruit to bridge that slight gap. The overall Mexico crop is a big one so once we start there, we will have plenty of volume going forward.

Green Cabbage

Supply is good with available loading through Texas.

Red Cabbage

ESCALATED Supply continues to be light.

Green Onions

Demand, supply and quality are good.

Honeydew

Market also very active and strong as the Offshore arrivals have been extremely limited demand exceeds supply. The fruit from Mexico is crossing but in a light way, we will also see the honeydews stay tight until we start the California and Arizona desert regions around May 10-15 depending on weather. The overall quality has been good and we expect the Desert regions to follow with excellent quality.

Jicama

Steady supply crossing through Texas.

Kale (green)

Supply and quality are fair.

Lemons

We are going with heaviest volume here out of Dist. 1 (Central Valley) and have started to pick some Dist. 2 (Coastal Regions) fruit, just primarily size picking to relieve the trees of some stress. We are peaking on the big sizes and 165's and smaller are getting very limited and market much stronger and will continue to see this heading into the summer due to all the rains, fruit has been growing and peaking on 95's, 115's. The overall color is excellent as well as juice content, the warmer weather does have an effect on the fruit. The moisture has also been creating spores in the fields as well and we will hope that it is not too extensive on the clear rot, but it is inevitable, and we are doing all we can to help slow the spores down in the field and in the packinghouse.

Lettuce:

Butter

Supply and quality are good.

Green Leaf

Supply is slightly above normal. We are seeing a bit of mildew, but nothing too concerning. Demand is good.



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Red Leaf

Supply and quality are good.

Iceberg Lettuce

Supply is good this week, not too heavy or light. The weather is predicted to be cooler than normal and that could push back supply. Demand is expected to increase with Mother's Day pull. Quality is very good, and the market could go a little higher since there is lighter supply and high demand.

Romaine

Supply is slightly above normal and will continue to be for the next three weeks. Quality is good and the product is looking clean. Weights are hovering around 34-36lbs.

Romaine Hearts

Supply this week is normal and will continue to be for the next three weeks. Weights on the 12x3's have been in the 21-23lb range, with 48ct coming in at 27-31lbs.

Limes

ESCALATED Supply remains tight due to lower volume crossing through the border as a result of weather issues in Mexico.

Napa

Quality and supply are fair.



Onions

While Idaho/Oregon and Washington continue to wind down, there still remains another 2 - 3 weeks of supply to ship out of this region. Growers are feeling pressure to move product before it sprouts or continues to breakdown. Because of this, we are seeing some weakness on all sizes of yellow onions. Texas is full steam ahead on their product and will likely ship strong until end of next week. The Imperial Valley, California also started shipping 2 weeks ago. To start, they are primarily shipping yellow onions with volume on reds to started this week, with whites starting next week. Quality is strong and sizing is heavy to Jumbos and Colossals. We anticipate the market to remain fairly steady over these next few weeks as new growing regions will take place of the decrease in supply in the Northwest. We will likely see a tiered market between old crop prices and new crop prices until the Northwest is fully out of the picture.

White Onions: EXTREME White onions remains at extreme prices. We expect them to come off in the coming weeks.

Oranges

Weather is good going forward with no rain in the forecast, warmer temperatures are going to be in the 90's through the weekend. We are experiencing some clear rot and also puff and crease in most blocks showing up and will continue to get worse as our weather warms up, just lots of moisture in the ground. The overall color is full, and the fruit is eating great, and will continue to, the fruit is getting tired towards the end of the season. We should have navels available through May and possibly into June but will see how the quality holds up. We will start some Valencia's in about 14 days as well.

Parsley(Curly, Italian)

Quality fair to good. Supply is steady.

Green Bell Pepper

EAST: Despite a strong crop the last week, supply is starting to wind down in FL, leaving mostly Plant City to cover demand. Fortunately, Georgia will be starting right around the corner in mid-May. FOBs are starting to move back upwards by a few dollars, but nothing like where we saw it a few weeks ago. Quality will be a bit of a struggler until Georgia gets started. Plant City is mostly good, but we are seeing weaker pepper.

WEST: Nogales & California are the drivers of the crop out west. Mexico is starting to wind down while California is just getting started. Because of this transition, we are seeing some upward pressure on FOBs. Old crop pepper is weak, but manageable while new crop pepper is more expensive but very nice.

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Jalapeños (Chiles)

EAST: Status quo here. This is the eastern region's light supply time of year. FOBs are up slightly with good quality available. Look for new crop Georgia to start in about 3-4 weeks, bringing relief to market.

WEST: With Cinco de Mayo on the horizon, the Chile market is hot, hot, HOT! Although availability has balanced out after the Easter holiday, most volume is spoken for in terms of retail ads for Cinco de Mayo. Quality is best from Sonora versus Sinaloa. FOBs are up slightly as we move into the next holiday.

Red & Yellow Bell Pepper

EAST & WEST: Production from MX continues to be lighter than usual and the crop is still dealing with 20-40% green cast. No changes are expected any time soon. Fortunately, Canada's crop has started picking up and quality is very nice. FOBs are up to account for the light MX supplies.

Pineapple

Prices are steady; supplies are adequate. Quality is very good: fruit is juicy and tangy. Sugar levels range from 13 to 16 Brix



Idaho Potatoes

Potatoes have leveled off these past few weeks as decreased demand throughout the country has turned the market into a supply meets demand situation. As Norkotahs continue to dwindle throughout the state, we will likely see prices begin to inch up on large size cartons. The Burbank size profile is expected to be small this summer, so we anticipate that smaller sizes will come off in price, while the larger size product will go up. We may see a big disparity in price this season between 90s and 100s and larger size count cartons. No. 2 potatoes are becoming more plentiful as well since Burbanks generate more of this grade than Norkotahs do. We are expecting an active market this Summer as other growing regions have a much more limited crop, and the Idaho supply is believed to be down.

Radishes

Markets are firming up due to heavy precipitation and wind damage to fields. We see FOB pricing ticking up.

Salad Blends

Prices are low; Salinas Valley iceberg and romaine stocks are plentiful. Quality is average: Inspectors are closely monitoring finished cartons to achieve the best packs.

Snow and Sugar Snap Peas

Supply is extremely tight, quality is good, and volume should increase in the next week.

Spinach (Bunched)

Quality and supply are good.

Spinach (Baby)

Supply and quality are good.

Spring Mix

Supply and quality are good.

Sweet Potatoes and Yams

WATCH LIST: Hurricane Florence damage, coupled with heavy rains over the winter months has driven down supply. We do not anticipate any change as most all regions and weather have magnified the short year's issues with availability. We anticipate pricing will only rise further come summertime.

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Yellow Squash/Zucchini

EAST: FL's supply is light as most of the southern crops have wrapped up. Plant City will be the primary sourcing area until Georgia starts up towards the end of the week. Yellow squash is the bigger concern with lack of supply and poor quality. Zucchini is trucking along nicely with good volume and great quality available. Look for FOBs to remain mostly steady until Georgia comes into the picture.

WEST: Mexico is experiencing a similar scenario as the east, with better quality and volume available on green versus yellow. However, zucchini is a bit snigger out west versus the east. It will be a few weeks until Santa Maria starts up and we see improvement. FOBs are high and firm with poor to fair quality available.

TOMATOES

EAST

Rounds

We have had much needed favorable weather conditions at the farms in Palmetto/Ruskin & Estero, resulting in strong yields and excellent quality. As we move through crown picks, sizing continues to be heavier on the extra-large size. Demand is moderate, putting gentle upward pressure on FOBs. Barring weather, quality and supply will remain excellent through the next few weeks.

Romas

Steady supplies are coming from our farms in the Estero & Palmetto/Ruskin regions. While supplies aren't abundant, there is enough to go around when coupled with the great crop crossing from MX. FOBs are mostly steady with excellent quality available.

Grapes

Florida's Ruskin/Palmetto grape production is moving along strong still, however, this week we are seeing a slight decline in supply. Demand has perked up a bit, putting upward pressure on FOBs. Quality continues to be good to excellent.

Cherries

Yields are steady, with enough supply to meet demand. FOBs are steady week over week with good quality available.

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Rounds

Mainland MX's mature green & vine ripe programs are in the midst of their seasonal decline. We will see this trend continue through the early part of May. Baja will begin their crop in about the next 5-7 days with California following close behind towards the end of May. Thus, keeping a steady flow of round tomatoes in the west. FOBs are steady with the smaller sizes, but we are seeing some upward pressure on bigger fruit as it's a little tougher to get. Note, west coast fruit generally feels softer to the touch in comparison to eastern fruit, but this does not affect overall quality.

Romas

No shortage of supply here. Promotable volume is still readily available from Mexico with all sizes on the table. Farms expect to have consistent supply through May. FOBs are steady and quality is excellent.

Grapes

As current growers work through the remainder of their crop, we anxiously away Baja to begin. Thus, we are feeling some minor bumps in supply. While there is still enough to go around, it is putting pressure on FOBs to continue to move upward by a few dollars. Quality has been mostly good, but there are some light-colored crops mixed in.

Cherries

Nogales is quickly wrapping up their season with Baja just beginning in a light way. Quality from Nogales continues to be very poor. We expect Baja to have better quality, but there is not enough to go around just year. Look for FOBs to remain steady and start to feel upwards pressure as Nogales tapers off.

Watermelons

Prices have eased; Mexican stocks are increasing. Quality ranges from very good to good: fruit is juicy and bright red. Sugar levels are rising.

