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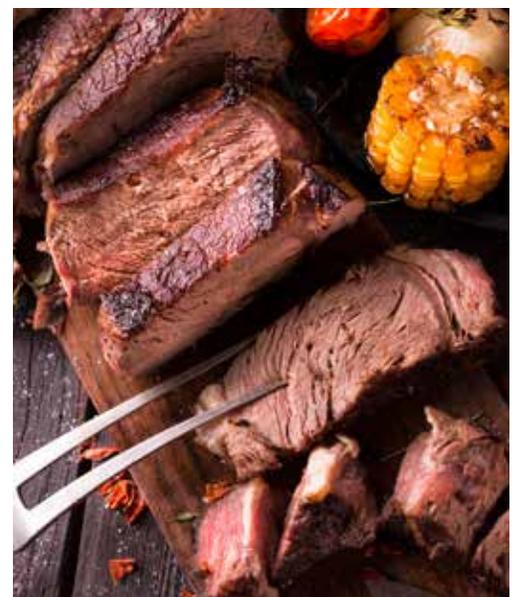
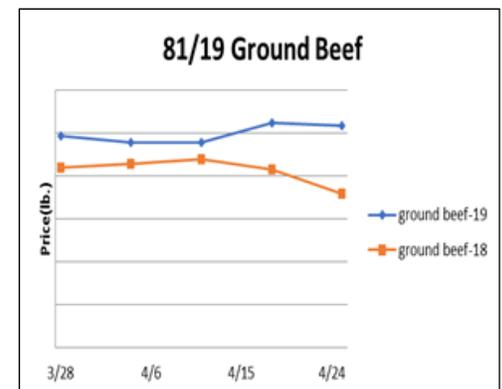
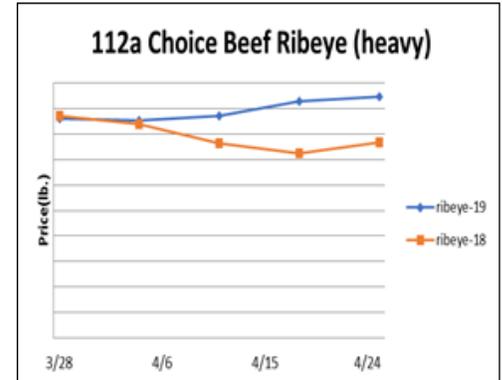
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Beef, Veal & Lamb

Last week, domestic beef production was up .2% from the prior week and was 1.9% more than a year ago. Beef demand continues to be respectable. Retail beef prices during March were up .8% from February, were 1.2% costlier than a year ago and the highest for the month since 2016. Springtime grilling activity will pick up soon which typically supports the various beef trim markets. Since 2014, the average move for the wholesale 81/19 ground beef market during the next five weeks was up 9.4%. But, this year's seasonal rise for 81/19 ground beef prices may be tempered due to current prices already being up 18.5% (yoy).

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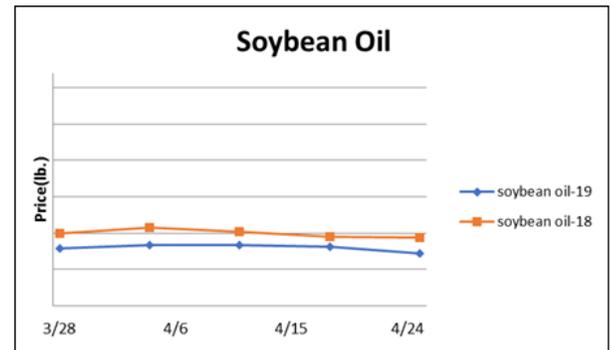
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Grains

Nearby soybean futures have fallen sharply in the last week and are pricing at the lowest level since November. As African Swine Fever continues in China, it is equaling less need for soybeans from that country. Even if a trade deal materializes between the U.S. and China, it appears that soybean prices may still have a tough time increasing.

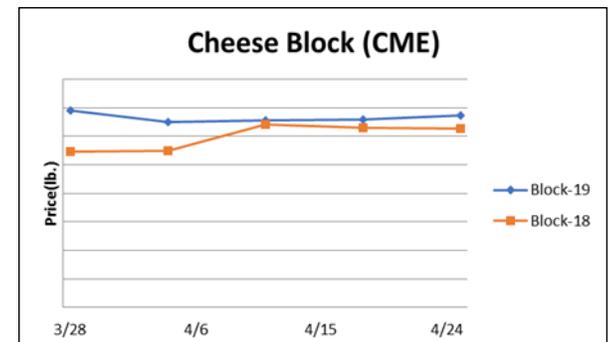
Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Soybeans, bushel	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Crude Soybean Oil, lb	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Soybean Meal, ton	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Corn, bushel	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Crude Corn Oil, lb	Decreasing	Good	Lower
High Fructose Corn Syrup	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Distillers 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	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Rice, Long Grain, lb	Steady	Good	Lower



Dairy

The CME cheese markets have remained steady but are up roughly 20% in 2019. Per the USDA, March 31st domestic cheese inventories were 4.3% higher than a year ago and were a record for any month. Despite increasing seasonal cheese demand, inflated stocks and strong production should limit further cheese price gains this summer. The spot butter market remains content pricing near \$2.250 lb. March 31st butter stocks were 11% higher than February but down 1.4% from the previous year. History suggests that butter prices should experience modest gains in the coming weeks.

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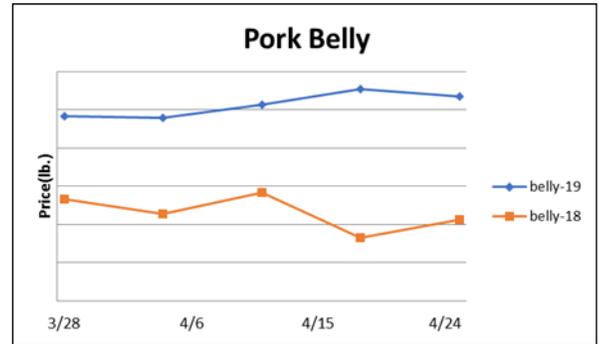
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Pork

Pork output last week was .1% less than the prior week and down 1.8% from a year ago. The USDA pork cutout value is holding above year ago levels due partly to a growing concern of tightening global supplies due to African Swine Fever. Per the USDA, March 31st total pork supplies were .2% smaller than a year ago and belly stocks were down .7% versus the prior year. Pork belly prices have fallen modestly recently but usually find support soon. Over the last five years, the average move for the pork belly cutout from May through mid-July was up 63%.

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)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Ham (20-23 lb)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Ham (23-27 lb)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Loin (bone in)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Babyback Rib (1.75 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Tenderloin (1.25 lb)	Decreasing	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	Increasing	Good	Higher
72% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher



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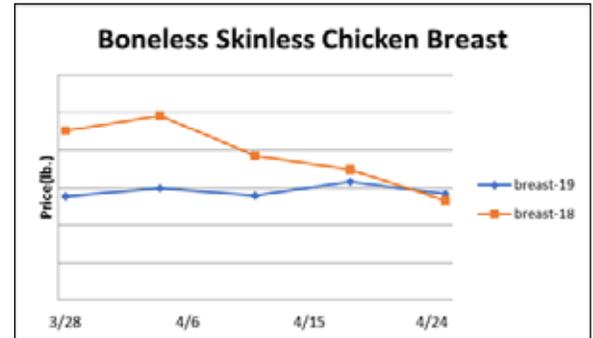
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Poultry

For the week ending April 18th, RTC (ready-to-cook) chicken production was up .6% from the previous week and was 1.3% more than the same week in 2018. For the six-week total ending April 18th, RTC chicken output was better by 1.3% compared to last year. Lower feed costs are helping chicken producer margins and should boost output. Grilling season is near which typically supports chicken breast prices. Over the last five years, the average move for the ArrowStream Chicken Breast Index (USDA) during the next three weeks was up 6.3%. History says that lower chicken wing prices can still occur in the near-term, but they usually bottom for the year during mid-May.

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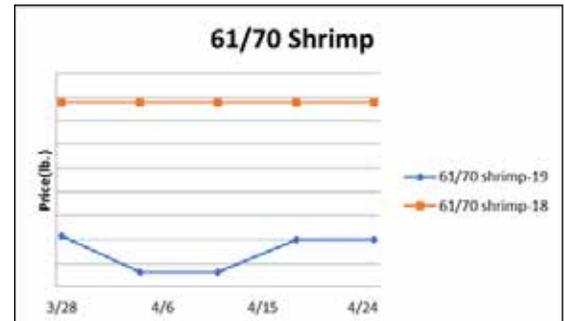
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Seafood

Salmon prices continue to track above 2018 levels. U.S. salmon imports in February were up .3% year-over-year and Atlantic salmon filet imports were better by 3.3% versus 2018. The firm U.S. dollar is likely to persist and should encourage salmon imports over the next few months. This may temper seasonal salmon price gains that usually occur during the summer.

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.	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	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

Nearly orange juice futures have declined notably over the last week and are at levels not seen since 2012. This year's Florida orange harvest was strong, following 2018's hurricane-supply-disruption year. That said, the downside risk from here for orange juice futures is likely only nominal.

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



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Produce

Market Overview

We are almost done with transition. Celery remains in an EXTREME situation; smaller-sized lemons are also EXTREME. Strawberries and blackberries are plentiful.

WATCH LIST

- Mushrooms
- Summer Squash
- 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

Prices are low. Harvesting has moved to Central Mexico. Quality ranges from good to very good: tips are tight, stalks are firm, and flavor is pleasantly grassy.

Avocados

Expect elevated prices through June, when volume typically rises. Mexico's winter season is nearly over; stocks are limited. New crop California supplies are sufficient. Quality is very good: oil content is highest in Mexican fruit.

Bananas

Markets remain steady with consistent production and supply. Fruit quality is sound.

Beans

EAST: The bean market is perking up as many growers, especially in the south plowed their fields under due to the poor market. Supply has declined putting upward pressure on FOBs. Georgia will bring relief to the market over the next two weeks. Quality has slipped as well, with fair to good available.

WEST: Things are changing slightly here as well, with a little less supply available. FOBs are up just slightly. Quality is best from the newer fields, but older fields still have fair to good quality available.

MARKET ALERT

- Avocados – ESCALATED
- Brussels Sprouts - EXTREME
- Cabbage (Red) – ESCALATED
- Cauliflower - ESCALATED
- Celery – EXTREME
- Lemons (small sizes) -EXTREME
- Limes -ESCALATED
- Onions (White and Red) – EXTREME



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Berries:

Blackberries

Prices are unchanged. The Mexican season is ending, but California stocks are increasing. Quality is very good: berries are deeply colored, juicy, and sweet. Sugar levels range from 12 to 13 Brix.

Blueberries

The market is up. California production is past its prime; Mexican supplies are scarce. Quality is very good: fruit is plump and juicy.

Raspberries

The market is stable; stocks are adequate. Quality is very good: berries are plump and juicy with sweet flavor. Sugar levels range from 13 to 14 Brix.

Strawberries

Prices are easing. Ample supplies of excellent quality, large-size fruit are expected in the Santa Maria growing region for Mother's Day. Berry size is dominated by medium to large fruit. Quality is very good: scarring is a minor problem that crews are culling as much as possible.

Bok Choy

Supply is fair and quality is good.

Broccoli

Prices are near the bottom; West Coast volume continues to rise. Quality is very good: yellow discoloration and mildew are slight issues.

Brussels Sprouts

EXTREME: Very light availability this week, 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

Prices are low; supplies are ample. Quality is very good: slight discoloration, ricey texture, and uneven growth are occasional problems.

Celery

Expect VERY high prices and tight supplies through May. The Salinas Valley is on schedule to start harvesting in early June; stocks will increase at that time.

Cilantro

Quality is improving, and supply is good.

Corn

The market ticked up a tad, but there is still good supply and good quality out of Florida and Mexico.

Cucumbers

EAST: South FL is beginning to wrap up with only a few people still harvesting. Most of the crop has shifted to Plant City with good supply available. FOBs remain low and quality has been good to excellent.

WEST: Mainland MX is still going strong with Baja adding to the mix. FOBs remain low. We have seen some hiccups on quality from Mainland MX, but most of these have been somewhat sporadic. Overall quality is good to excellent.



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English Cucumbers

There is a steady supply available through Nogales and Canada.

Eggplant

EAST: FL's volume is steady, but lighter than usual, as yields seem to be down this season. FOBs are steady with good quality available. Scarring has been a slight concern.
WEST: Good volume is available with FOBs steady. Quality is excellent as well.

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--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 is steady, and quality is good.



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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 to 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 and quality are good.

Red Leaf

Red leaf supply is light.

Iceberg Lettuce

Huron is finished for the season--we will be in Salinas for the rest of the season. Supplies will be plentiful, with strong quality that can travel anywhere.



Romaine

Supply is slightly above budget this week and will continue to be for the next three weeks. Quality is good and the product is looking clean, with some occasional mildew. 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 12x3s have been in the 21-23lb range, with 48ct coming in at 27-31lbs.

Limes

Prices are high. Border delays and last week's holiday delayed many crossings into the U.S. Quality is very good: scarring and stylar are occasional problems.

Napa

Supply and quality are good.

Onions

While Idaho/Oregon and Washington continue to wind down, there still remains another 3-4 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 the second week of May. The Imperial Valley, California also started shipping this past week. To start, they are primarily shipping yellow onions with volume on reds to start next week, with whites starting the following 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 remain extreme as prices remain over \$40.00. 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 starting 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.

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Parsley(Curly, Italian)

Quality is fair to good. Supply is steady.

Green Bell Pepper

EAST: Status quo here. This is the eastern region's light supply time of year. FOBs are steady with good quality available. Look for new crop to start from Plant City in about 2 weeks.

WEST: Things are a little tricky out west. We have old crop coming from Western MX and new crop from Coachella. MX's older crop is showing signs of quality weakness, while Coachella's crop is very nice. The catch is it is demanding a slightly higher price point and is less readily available. FOBs are slightly split but remain on the low end as there is enough supply to meet demand.

Jalapeños (Chiles)

EAST: Status quo here. This is the eastern region's light supply time of year. FOBs are steady with good quality available. Look for new crop to start from Plant City in about 2 weeks.

WEST: There is a bit of an active market due to a strong national market and the past holiday weekend. Crossings have been a little on the light side. FOBs are up slightly because of this. Quality has been excellent, but we expect this to start slipping as we move into May.

Red & Yellow Bell Pepper

EAST & WEST: Canada's production has increased while Mexico's crop is down. Supply is on the light side, but we expect things to turn around in the next 7-10 days as Canada continues to get into their annual crop. Quality is mostly good, but we are still seeing about 20% green cast on both colors.

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

The market is unchanged. Iceberg and romaine supplies are ample. Quality is good: Inspectors are closely monitoring finished cartons for chunks and core material to achieve the best packs.

Snow and Sugar Snap Peas

Supply is extremely tight, quality is good, volume should increase in two weeks.

Spinach (Bunched)

Quality and supply are good.

Spinach (Baby)

Supply and quality are good.

Spring Mix

Prices are stable; supplies are adequate. Quality is very good: discoloration and mildew are minor problems.



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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.

Yellow Squash/Zucchini

EAST: Supply has lightened up as most growing areas have wrapped up outside for Plant City. Georgia will be starting in the next 7 days with supplies ramping up over the next 2 weeks. FOBs are up quite a bit as we push through this transition. Zucchini quality is fair to good with yellow squash being more on the poor side, showing big concerns with scars.

WEST: Mexico is experiencing a similar scenario as the east, with better quality and volume available on green versus yellow. FOBs are up in the west as well to account for the tail end of the transition from Sinaloa to Sonora. Barring weather, we should see a decent supply pick up from Sonora over the next few weeks, at least for zucchini.

TOMATOES

EAST

Rounds

Our round production is gaining strength as more volume comes into play from both the Estero & Palmetto/Ruskin regions. Weather has been more than favorable, leading to sizing being heavier with fruit that is quite large from our crown picks. This sizing inversion will balance out over the coming weeks. With fruit readily available, FOBs are down for next week. Quality reports have been excellent from the farms.

Romas

Steady supplies are coming from our 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 balancing out to be more even across the board as all sizes are equally available. Quality is excellent.

Grapes

Florida's Ruskin/Palmetto grape production is moving along strong. FOBs are steady with excellent quality available.

Cherries

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

WEST/MEXICO

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 10 days with California following close behind. Thus, keeping a steady flow of round tomatoes in the west. FOBs are down with excellent quality available. Note, MX fruit feels softer to the touch in comparison to eastern fruit, but this does not affect quality.

Romas

No shortage of supply here. Promotable volume is still readily available from Mexico with all sizes on the table. Baja is scheduled to start in the near future bringing more fruit to market. Quality is excellent.

Grapes

The seasonal decline is upon us. We are feeling the pressure of the supplies easing up, putting slight upward pressure on FOBs. Quality has been mostly good, but there are some fair crops mixed in. We are also seeing mixed color in cases.

Cherries

Fairly good volume continues to cross daily. FOBs are steady; however, quality continues to be a struggle, with fruit poor to fair at best. We recommend keeping your inventory snug until quality improves. Baja is finally starting in the next few days.

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.

