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Hot News

Seafood

Domestic catfish are still experiencing industry-wide shortages. Please utilize imported catfish as a direct substitute and pangasius as an alternative substitute.

West Coast Produce

Due to back to back heat waves, several west coast items will be impacted on supplies and increased quality issues. Expect volatile market conditions over the next 4-6 weeks.



Poultry

Whole birds are slightly down. Jumbo breasts are down and demand is low. Jumbo tenders are down with demand slacking. Small tenders are steady. Wings demand stayed high due to increase sporting activities and sizable foodservice demand. The back (dark meat) half of the chicken stayed steady.

Beef

Ribs and chucks continue to trade higher, depending on USDA Grade. Rounds and loins, except for tenderloins, are softer. Ground beef is still soft. Retail demand remains, overall, stronger as foodservice has remained affected by the pandemic.

Pork

Pork markets are staying strong due to steady demand. Butts are still moving up, mainly driven by export demand. Boneless loins are gaining strength as we are seeing retail ads increase. Backribs are still in very tight supply as suppliers cannot keep up with demand, causing tightness in St. Louis and spareribs. Bellies look to have topped off but export demand could change that.

Grains/Oils

Harvest for soybeans and corn has begun and is off to a good start. Weather has been cooperating and crop conditions have been very good this crop year. Soybean oil futures fell sharply last week. Large fund traders began selling off their oil positions and taking profits. Canola stocks are tight and prices increasing.

Dairy

The Cheese markets increased last week, following the recent trend for the past few weeks. The butter market remains mixed, moving between the \$1.50 and \$1.55 range. All white shell egg sizes increased \$0.11 except small which increased \$0.10. Brown shell eggs increased +\$0.08, except medium which increased +\$0.09.

Seafood

Frozen tuna supply is tightening up as foodservice demand returns to closed markets. Domestic catfish is still experiencing industry wide shortages. Imported catfish is a good alternative. Sockeye salmon ended the season at 94% of the projected forecast which is in line with the 10-year average. Octopus is trending on menus.

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Top Produce Items

Asparagus-Alert

Market is very active due to strong increased demand coupled with supply challenges. High heat on the West coast has diminished yields making supplies very tight for the next 7 – 10 days. Quality is fair to good.

Avocados

Mexico volume increasing weekly with size trending to 48s and larger. Limited harvest on 60s and smaller. Quality is good with excellent maturity. Limited supplies of #2 avocados. California production has wrapped up for most suppliers for the season.

Green Beans-Alert

Bean supplies are extremely limited. The market is very strong as demand exceeds supply. The next 2-3 weeks look to be challenging on order fill rates coupled with fair to poor quality being seen.

Mix Berries-ALERT

Raspberries and blackberries have been impacted by the recent back to back heat waves and have limited supplies and fair quality. Blueberry supplies are short as the season is winding down out of BC and the Pacific Northwest. Imports have been challenged out of Peru and Mexico.

Strawberries-ALERT

Out of the central coast CA growing regions, supplies remain challenged and limited. Yields continue to drop following the past and current heat waves. Product to be short in supply and fair quality at best for the foreseeable future.



Broccoli & Cauliflower

Quality is fair to good. The markets on broccoli have improved due to less demand and more product slowly becoming available in the marketplace. Cauliflower remains steady. Expect to see the markets continue to be unsettled through October.

Cucumbers-Alert

East supplies are light and scattered in multiple growing areas making them hard to find. Quality is fair, and the market is strong. West supplies are decreasing out of Baja with quality issues due to heat in the growing region. Mainland Mexico supply starting to increase crossing through Nogales.

Lemons Limes

Lemons-Demand is slow due to light foodservice demand. Supplies are good. Quality is fair to good. Limes-Increased supplies, market declining, quality is good on new crop. Heavy rains in the forecast in the growing regions could impact harvest.

Oranges-ALERT

Demand and markets are very strong due to heavy retail pulls and the USDA food box programs. Supplies are declining from California and Chile. Quality is just fair out of California with re-greening and weak tired fruit being the main issues. New crop California navels will start at the end of October.

Lettuce and Leaf-ALERT

Markets on all romaine, iceberg, and leaf lettuces remain volatile. Planting disruptions coupled with increasing quality issues in the fields has led to the current market conditions. Expect markets to be unsettled and challenged for the next 4-6 weeks on all packs of commodity and value added packs.

Peppers-ALERT

Green bell supply remains light in the East. Quality is fair and the market is very strong. California green bell supply will remain tight until mid to late October when new production areas start. Red bell supply getting tight and yellow bells remain very short. Higher demand nationwide as local production has slowed down.

Squash-Alert

Zucchini and Yellow squash are extremely short in the East due rain and cooler temps. Quality is fair and the market is very strong. Supplies are very limited out of California due to previous heat last week and now Santa Maria is seeing cooler temps and overcast skies.

Tomato-ALERT

Supply continues to be extremely light on all varieties both East and West due to production gaps in TN, CA, & Mexico. Quality varies greatly among shippers. Expect supply to remain light through October.

Hot House

Long English Cucumber market is active as demand exceeds supplies, expecting volume to improve as we get to the later part of the week. Heirloom tomatoes and mini peppers demand exceeds supplies.

Corn

Supplies are very light due to crops finishing before transition to new areas are ready. Expect supply to remain tight and markets high for the next couple of weeks.

Eggplant

Eggplant-Light supplies in the East, with range in quality. The market remains strong. California supplies are very limited, a lot of quality issues due to the excessive heat in the Fresno CA area.

Arugula/Spinach

Product remains challenged based on the past heat events. Weaker and yellowing textures can be seen. Other quality issues such as broken pieces, mechanical damage, and insect damage are present.

Parsley & Cilantro

The markets on both parsley and cilantro have becoming challenging due to quality issues for both. The previous heat waves caused damage in the fields and quality product is fair at best.



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