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Hot News

Pork

Outbreaks of African Swine Fever have been surging in parts of China following heavy rains and flooding. Due to this, the US has seen increased demand.

Beef

Consistent staffing is improving for packers; although, there is still uncertainty as some states continue to see an uptick in COVID cases. This is being monitored by production facilities.

Seafood

Potential tariffs to be imposed in August are looming on seafood imported from China as tensions rise between the U.S. and China.

Shrimp

Texas Brown shrimp season for 2020 commenced on 7/15 as scheduled.



Poultry

Whole birds are slightly down to steady. Jumbo breast markets continue to weaken due to current demand levels. Tenders and wings have seen increased market levels due to tighter supplies. Dark meat markets still continue to weaken as local demand has declined and China is still experiencing limited export needs.

Beef

Markets have noted a slightly softer tone within the boxed beef market. The lack in both foodservice and retail demand for these items has kept prices under a degree of pressure. Middle meats continue moving lower, with strips leading the way down; although, ribs continue to drop in price as inventory becomes ample. End cuts continue to maintain steady market values.

Pork

U.S. hog futures rose this week due to an optimistic outlook on export demand from China and Mexico. Opportunities for export will also make the boneless butt and loin markets competitive. Bone-in butts are down, but boneless butts remain strong. Bone-in loin markets remains steady from last week. Boneless loins and tenderloins are an opportunity.

Grains/Oils

Except for rice, all traded agricultural grain-based products moved higher last week. We are still trading on the news about fewer planted acres for corn and beans, which had the effect of pushing these markets higher. Weather is now becoming extremely important for the crops. Currently the crops are doing well.

Dairy

The mozzarella and natural cheese markets increased this past week while the processed cheese markets decreased. As of Monday, July 14th, the block market was at \$3.00/lb. The butter markets continue to decline due to heavy inventories. Over the last 7 days, both white and brown egg prices have begun to fall as demand has slowed.

Seafood

Domestic PUDS shrimp sizes 90-110 and smaller are limited in supply due to poor catches. Catfish plants saw improvements in fish sizing and production although being constrained by labor participation. Groundfish markets remain stable. Lake Perch are in tight supply as walleye change diets.



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Top Produce Items

Asparagus

The market is adjusting due to better supplies. Mexico has both Central and Baja going with steady volume for next week. Peru is finishing in the North and should be into new fields in the South late July. Quality is good.

Avocados

Mexico is in the middle of crop transition. The old crop is yielding a high percentage of 48's and larger. California has harvested 70% of their crop for the season. Peru arrivals continue to increase peaking on large size fruit. Overall small percentage of #2's from CA, Peru and Loca crop. Anticipate markets to increase.

Green Beans

Supplies are improving on the East coast. There continues to be a wide range in quality. There are moderate supplies in the West coast with markets starting to adjust accordingly.

Mix Berries-Alert

Blueberries continue to be short for some suppliers due to transfer issues and rain events in the growing regions. Blackberries and raspberries are not in an overabundance of supply, but due to lower demand continue to be available.

Strawberry-Alert

Strong markets remain week and lighter supplies are being reported across the industry. July and August's production looks to be down, and markets will be unsettled for the rest of the month.



Broccoli

Markets continue to adjust due to lower demand and better availability across all pack sizes. Outlook for the rest of the month looks to continue to be unsettled as unknown swings in demand continue to be a challenge to forecast. Quality is fair to good with occasional brown bead.

Cauliflower

Supplies continue to improve meeting all demand needs. Similar to broccoli, as the swings in demand continue, this market will remain unsettled for the month of July. Quality is good with occasional discoloration in the form of off-white and occasional purpling.

Citrus

Lemons: Demand has been fair. Supplies are good with California fruit being heavy to choice grade. Imports are also coming in from Mexico and Chile. Oranges: Demand has been very good. Supplies are increasing as imports pick up. Market is steady and the quality is good.

Melons

For honeydews and cantaloupes, demand has been slower. Smaller sizes are limited in supply. For watermelon demand is steady with consistent supplies. Market remains flat. Quality is good.

Lettuce and Leaf

Markets continue to adjust due to lower demand this week on romaine, romaine hearts, leaf, and iceberg lettuces. All are expected to remain unsettled for the month of July. Quality on romaine, leaf, and iceberg is mostly fair with occasional underweight and puffiness, insect pressure, and wind burn.

Eggplant-Alert

Limited supplies in California and the quality is fair. Extremely short supplies in the East, quality good. Market stronger.

Peppers-Alert

Green bell supplies are becoming more plentiful in the overall market with good quality. Red and Yellow bell supplies will remain tight through next week.

Tomato

East: Availability in TN & VA will begin to increase over the next 1-2 weeks. Local growing regions have experienced delayed planting due to previous weather patterns. West: Round supply is trending light due to strong eastern demand of CA fruit. Roma supply continues to be steady from both CA & MX.

Hot House

Tomato's continuing to be very tight, with cocktail tomatoes in the worst shape followed by TOV and Beefsteak's. Peppers supplies are very short on all colors.

Potatoes

Market is strong across the board. Idaho starting to see sheds finish for the season. Idaho and Washington supplies will continue to be tight over the next several weeks. Quality is fair.

Corn

Decent supplies in the East with new production areas started in the mid-West and along the eastern seaboard. Moderate supplies in California with good demand.

Limes

Crop peaking on 200's and smaller. The market is anticipated to increase with reduction in volume for the month of August.

Garlic

2019 CA storage crop has come to an end. Product from other regions will be seen for the next 2-3 weeks. CA has started its harvest, but new product is 2-4 weeks away, as it needs time to cure before shipping.



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