

Ingredients for your success

## Hot News

### Pork

There are labor shortages in all pork processing plants causing supply shortages in most pork items.

### Beef

Cattle weights are heavy yielding higher grading product Choice & higher. This is resulting in shorting of product on the Select & down grades.

### Seafood

Headless brown shell-on shrimp supply has been depleted. Supply will not be available until July when the Texas brown season re-opens. Please utilize white headless as an option.

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Catfish plants operating at 50-75% due to fish sizing and a reduced number of workers in the plants.



### Poultry

Whole birds are slightly higher. Heavier bird weights have settled and markets are reacting to normalized levels. Breast, wing and tender markets have seen increased market levels. Dark meat markets are still suffering, as export uncertainty to China is still soft.

### Beef

With the market finding a somewhat less sporadic tone, packers have found more interest from retail and foodservice. Rib, strips, tenders, and some thin meats continue to trend lower from record highs. End cuts are now steady, as most of the items appear to have found a price floor. Ground beef continues to be soft but could find a bottom in the very near future.

### Pork

Daily hog harvest is seeing a nice improvement. Bone-in butts, and loins, are starting to fall. As labor remains constrained, packers are still struggling to bone-out special made products. Spare rib and tenderloin markets remain strong due to July 4th holiday demand. Bacon and ham markets remain low. Trimmings are starting to come down but remain in good demand.

### Grains/Oils

Soybean oil moved a bit higher last week but has reversed course this week on good harvest numbers. Peanut oil continues to move higher as it is becoming increasingly short in supply. Corn oil is short in supply due to lack of Ethanol production. Palm markets have moved higher on higher exports to China and India.

### Dairy

The Cheese markets decreased last week, between \$0.015-\$0.0605/lb and has started increasing this week. The markets continue to remain volatile. The butter markets continue to decline as foodservice demand remains weak. Over the last 7 days brown EX-large, large, and medium eggs have decreased which is typical historically.

### Seafood

Last week there were concerns that an outbreak of COVID-19 in Beijing were due to the virus being detected on a cutting board for salmon. This resulted in supermarkets pulling salmon from the shelves. Authorities in China have found no evidence of this and salmon is back on store shelves.

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## Top Produce Items

### Asparagus-Alert

Market is high and demand exceeds supplies. Domestic supplies ended quickly. Peru production is lower this summer and Mexico is delayed due to weather. Supplies will be very tight for 2-3 weeks.



### Avocados

Industry increased harvest volumes in advance of 4th July promotions. Domestic inventories of both Mexican and California fruit is well balanced. Small fruit and #2's currently tight. Size curve is yielding higher percentage 48's and larger.

### Green Beans-Alert

Supplies remain very short out of Georgia, as a result of plantings heavily impacted by rainfall. Poor quality and no shelf life is now being experienced. California has moderate supplies with strong demand due to quality in the East. The market will be active for the next 2 weeks.

### Mix Berries-Alert

The next 7-10 days there will be a gap in blueberry supplies due to low harvest and a delayed transition to the Pacific Northwest's blueberry season due to rainfall. Raspberries and Blackberries are not in an abundant supply situation, but due to lower demand markets should remain quiet.

### Strawberry

Market is stronger this week due increased demand coming in for the 4th of July holiday. Supplies remain good out of Salinas and Watsonville, CA with production slowing out of Oxnard, CA. Quality continues to improve with more favorable weather conditions in the growing regions.

### Broccoli-Alert

Quality is fair at best with brown bead and hollow core being reported. The market on all packs of broccoli is active due to unforeseen changes in the supply and unplanned increase in demand. Markets look to be active and unstable for the next 2-3 weeks.

### Cauliflower

Quality is fair to good. Like broccoli, markets are impacted by strong demand and less yields available. Plants were impacted by back-to-back weeks of higher than normal temperatures in the growing regions, thus disrupting the normal growth patterns. Look for unsettled markets for the next 2-3 weeks.

### Citrus

Lemons: Demand has been good. Supplies are lighter on larger fancy and heavy to smaller choice grade. Market is increasing on large fancy and steady on others. Oranges: Navels are winding down and Valencia's are now the predominant variety until import navels come in. Limes remain steady this week.

### Melons

Good demand continues. Sizing is very large on cantaloupes and honeydews with smaller sizes not available. Strong markets this week on cantaloupes. Watermelon demand has been good. Mexico volume is lightening up and California is currently lighter. Market is strengthening. Quality is good.

### Lettuce and Leaf - Alert

Markets are active on romaine, romaine hearts, and iceberg. Expect to see stronger markets and less supply this week and into next. Green leaf and butter lettuce is expected to follow this trend as well. Quality is fair to good on all items with wind damage present.

### Squash-Alert

There are limited supplies out of California. Slightly better supplies on zucchini in the East with yellow remaining very short in supply, quality is fair and the market is very strong.

### Peppers-Alert

Limited volume on green, red, and yellow bells. Demand is very strong. Market to remain elevated through mid-July.

### Tomato

Supply remains good on all varieties from East and West. Demand is normal and quality is good

### Cilantro

Raw product is extremely limited and short in supply. Expect to see higher markets and less supply for the next 7-10 days. Quality issues of yellowing and heavy seeder are reported.

### Corn

Short supplies both East and West with demand exceeding supply. Light crop in Georgia and the West is in transition with limited supplies available.

### Mushrooms

Supplies continue to be short and limited for the next month and possibly longer. Oysters and shiitakes are getting harder to come by for some suppliers.

### Hot House Items

Beefsteak and TOV - The tomato market remains very active with emphasis on Tomatoes on the vine. We expect the TOV market to stay strong for at least 2-3 more weeks

### 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 weeks away as it needs time to cure before shipping.



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