

Ingredients for your success

## Hot News



### Shrimp

Brown shrimp landings have continued to gain momentum even though it has yet to reach the peak of the harvest. The market is gradually adjusting lower.

### Hurricane Laura

Keeping a close eye on Hurricane Laura and the impact she could have on corn and soybean crops as her direction could move into heavy growing areas.

### West Coast Produce

Due to active fires located on the Central Coast CA, there is concern of ash being present on product being harvested in the fields. Harvest is continuing but at a slower pace.

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Due to the record breaking heat in CA for the past week, quality will be compromised on several items. Expect to have several quality challenges for the next 2 weeks.

### Poultry



Whole birds are slightly up. Jumbo breasts are down. Medium and small breasts are steady. Tenders and wings remain higher due to increase sporting activities and sizable foodservice demand. Dark meat is lower due to continued lack luster imports from Chinese markets.

### Beef



Demand from buyers is being driven mostly by last-minute needs. Ribs and strips are difficult to find forcing middles to higher cost. On the end cuts, chucks saw more activity on the buying side; although, rounds held steady in demand. Ground beef pricing is trending higher.

### Pork



Butts are now trending lower as orders for Labor Day have been placed and will start to fall into their normal post holiday trends. Boneless loins continue to be the value buy right now as the market continues to hold steady. Backribs continue to be a challenge for suppliers as getting and retaining labor is an issue in the plants. Hams are in a downward trending pattern.

### Grains/Oils



Markets last week ended on a flat note for soybean oil as any fundamental data has been traded for soybean oil. Canola has also flattened, and palm oil fell a little last week. This week the market started on a higher note as Hurricane Laura has a path that will move right through a large portion of the growing region for soybeans and corn.

### Dairy



The Cheese markets continued to show large swings in either direction, with natural and mozzarella cheeses increasing while processed cheese markets decreased. The butter market increased from the previous week as the market has steadied. The egg markets grew during the past week. All white shell egg sizes experienced an increase.

### Seafood



Due to production issues resulting from low worker turnout with domestic catfish, many customers move to imported catfish or Pangasius as alternatives. Supplies of small PUD shrimp will be limited due to seasonality and the situation is expected to get worse before it gets better.

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## Top Produce Items

### Asparagus

The market is firm. Overall supplies on Asparagus are still light with moderate to good demand and not a lot of growing regions harvesting currently. Volume expected to improve within a few weeks. Quality is fair to good.

### Avocados

Mexico: Summer crop harvest is increasing with good quality and maturity. Peaking 48's, 60's and 70's. Limited supplies of #2's. California: Peaking on 40's, 48's and 60's; crop is 90% harvested and will be completed in September.

### Green Beans

Good supplies and quality in the East. Steady supplies in the West.

### Berries-Alert

Markets are slowly improving on blackberries and raspberries. Quality issues still remain, but are improved this week due to cooler weather. Blueberries continue in good supply. On strawberries, there is still some bruising from the previous weeks heat wave, but overall, the quality on strawberries is improving.

### Corn

Supplies in the East and mid-west improving. Georgia is just now starting their late summer crop.



### Broccoli

Quality is fair with some brown bead and yellowing. Markets are showing some signs of strength and are expected to be unsettled for the next 2 weeks.

### Cauliflower

Quality is fair to good with some yellow discoloration, ash, moisture, and occasional mold. Markets are showing some signs of strength and are expected to be unsettled for the next 2 weeks.

### Citrus- Lime Alert

Oranges: Demand is very good. Supplies are light on smaller sizes and moderate on larger sizes. Quality is good and the market is active. Lemons: Supplies are good and quality is good. Market is steady. Limes: Alert-Rainfall in the main production region of Veracruz could result in a market gap for 7-10 days.

### Squash-Alert

Short supplies in the East, quality fair and market strong. West has good supplies out of Santa Maria with some quality issues due to rain and wind.

### Lettuce and Leaf

Markets on romaine and romaine hearts remain active. Iceberg along with leaf lettuces are unsettled as demand needs continue to change and now some fields are experiencing losses due to quality issues. Harvest is also now being impacted due to low air quality along with heavy ash falling in the fields.

### Eggplant

Lighter supplies in the East demand is strong and the market is higher. West supplies are steady with some quality issues due to previous heat wave. Very light supplies from Central Mexico.

### Peppers

East: Green bell supply with lighter-range in quality and market stronger. West: good supplies from Northern California with Oxnard production starting. Red bell production is light Fresno and Bakersfield finished. Yellow production very light with limited acreage planted in Oxnard and Central Valley.

### Tomato

East: Market is steady on all varieties (round, roma, grape, & cherry). Quality is good and demand is normal. West: Round volume continues to increase out of CA; while vine-ripened fruit out of MX continues to be light. Grape and cherry markets remain steady and roma markets continue to improve.

### Hot House

Tomato's continuing to be tight for 3-5 weeks, shorts primarily TOV, Beef steak and cocktails are still not 100% but better supplies than TOV. Peppers supplies also remain a struggle with limited supply.

### Cucumbers

Light supplies and good quality in the East. Mexico in a production gap with very limited supplies with no relief until late next week. Extreme heat will have an impact in Baja.

### Chili Peppers

Good supplies in the East and West. Extreme heat in California will impact quality and supplies.

### Sweet Potatoes

Market is firm on strong demand. Harvest will start later this month. Quality remains good.

### Green Onions

Quality is good overall with some insect pressure and triple digit heat in the growing region. Market is starting to show some signs of strength and looks to continue to be more active as we close out August.



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