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Hot News



Turkey

Ahead of Thanksgiving whole birds are becoming harder to find. There are no hens available. Toms can still be found but mostly the larger sizes.

Catfish

Domestic catfish labor participation remains low due to COVID. Industry-wide shortages continue to move the market higher.

Produce

The fresh produce industry across many growing regions in multiple states as well as in Mexico, continues to be challenged on several core commodity items. Several items are on alert.

Poultry

Whole birds are slightly up. Jumbo breasts saw an increase and jumbo tenders were steady. Wing demand stayed high due to increased sporting activities and sizable foodservice demand. The back half stayed steady. As we approach Thanksgiving, whole birds are becoming harder to find. As with every season hens are harder to find.

Beef

This week, the market started out slow, but trade picked up and allowed for a steady tone on certain items. Inside rounds and briskets continue to garner buyers' attention. Other items such as ribs, tenderloins, and clods, are seeing buying activity, too. For the most part the end of the year holiday buying has, for the most part, taken place, since some buyers stepped in early.

Pork

Hog futures are trending lower; although, the market is holding steady at this point. Butts are moving downwards, expect them to level off shortly. Loins are also steady as the retail market is featuring this item. Plants are still struggling to produce all ribs at this point. Hams have leveled off. Bellies, after hitting a ceiling, are leveling off.

Grains/Oils

All grain items moved higher last week, except rice. China has been buying a lot of soybeans and corn. Large traders added to their positions helping to move the markets higher. Look for them to sell off some of their volume, soon, moving markets lower. Palm was slightly lower but moving higher.

Dairy

The cheese markets continued to increase last week with reports of processed cheese inventories tightening. The butter market fell last week. The market continues to move up and then drop back down; however, hovering in the 1.40 to 1.50 range. All brown shell eggs stayed flat. All white shell eggs declined in a range of -\$0.02 to -\$0.05.

Seafood

The Keta harvest is down 60% this year and we could be facing potential shortages. We are looking for product outside of Alaska. The Alaska fishing seasons for Cod and Pollock will be complete this week. The Pollock harvest is primarily smaller fish and the season will end short of fulfilling the quota.

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Top Produce Items

Asparagus

The market is expected to adjust as demand is softer and volume is slowly improving. Quality is improving with cooler weather in Mexico.



Avocados

The Mexican crop is peaking on 48/60/70, with good supply, good quality, and excellent maturity on all sizes. Largest crop in history from Mexico. Weather has been favorable, as they are past the dominant rainy season.

Green Beans-Alert

Supplies have drastically improved on the East Coast. Quality is being reported as good and the market is lower. Currently, supplies on the West Coast remain very limited. Production out of Coachella and Fresno, Ca continue to be lower in their harvest volumes.

Mix Berries

There is some slow improvement being seen as overall demand has been reduced. Blueberries are the shortest of the mixed berries with imports waiting to start and very few coming out of Mexico and Argentina. Raspberries and blackberries are readily available for shipping this week.

Strawberries

Strawberries were starting to see some relief as production has picked up out of Santa Maria and Oxnard, CA. Better quality is also to be seen coming out of these regions. Salinas and Watsonville, CA continue to wind down their season and should be finished in the next 2-3 weeks.

Broccoli

The market remains unsettled due to inconsistent changes in demand. Fields continue to be disrupted by weather events and bouts of insect pressure causing drops in yields. Expect the market to remain unsettled for the next 2-3 weeks. Quality is mostly fair with pin rot, brown bead, and hollow core seen.

Cauliflower

Quality is mostly fair to good with occasional mold, inconsistent under sizing, and brown discoloration. The market is adjusting this week as demand has once again fallen off and the previous warm weather brought back up supplies.

Lemons & Limes

Lemons- Demand is slow due to light foodservice demand. Supplies are good.
Limes- Supplies are lighter on 230s/250s due to the stage of the crop. Hurricane Zeta expected to impact the Yucatan region with wind and rain. Market is steady to slightly stronger for the coming week.

Oranges

Demand has been good. Supplies are increasing as the navel harvest gets underway. Quality is good on navels; although, eating quality is just fair but is improving over the coming weeks.

Lettuce and Leaf-Alert

Markets on all romaine, iceberg, and leaf lettuces are 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 2-3 weeks on all packs of commodity and value added packs.

Peppers-ALERT

On the West Coast, green bells remain very limited with bigger sizes hard to come by. Red and yellows continue to be limited for the next 7-10 days. On the East Coast, green bell production is improving; however, the supplies similar to the West are limited on yellow and red bells.

Parsley & Cilantro

The market on parsley remain challenging due to quality issues in both backs. The previous heat waves caused damage in the fields and quality product is becoming increasingly harder to come by. Conditions on cilantro are improving with better availability being reported.

Tomato-ALERT

Round supply is critical both East and West. Expect to see relief until the middle of November when Ruskin/Palmetto fruit is readily available. Roma and grape tomatoes are rebounding due to increasing volume out of Florida & Mexico; however, cherry tomato volume remains active.

Carrots

Snack pack or baby carrots will be in short supply over the next few weeks due to capacity issues at the processors. Sizing on jumbos out of CA remains challenged as heat has caused growing issues.

Corn

Better supplies of fancy corn out of Georgia; however, here may be a gap where Georgia finishes before Florida gets started. West Coast continues to be limited in supply.

Hot House

Demand exceeds supplies on heirloom tomatoes and mini peppers.

Mushrooms

Due to strong demand coupled by several crop failures, expect to see limited supplies from now until the end of the year.

Fall West Coast Transition

The transition from the growing regions of the Salinas Valley in CA will start to make its transition down to the desert growing regions of Yuma, Arizona over the next 4-6 weeks.



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