

Ingredients for your success

## Hot News

### Attention

There will be no Market Corner for the Thanksgiving Holiday week.

### Produce

Several core fresh produce items remain impacted on supplies and increased quality issues due to challenging weather events in several key growing regions in CA,FL,MX.

### Soybean Oil

Solid increases for the soybean oil markets for the last two weeks and continuing into this week.

### Disposable Gloves

Disposable Glove demand continues to outpace supply thereby resulting in another round of industry increases. Expect the glove market to increase 16-29% beginning this week.



### Poultry

Whole birds are up. Jumbo breasts and tenders saw a big increase. Medium breasts were down as supply increased. Wings were up and all wing demand stayed high as carry out and retail business is strong. The back half of the chicken was down.

### Beef

End cuts had the largest demand increase due to cooler weather and talks of exports stepping in with additional money. Ribs continue to go mostly unchanged as prices and supplies are in a good balance. Loins continue to be soft, even with all the attention from recent retail ads. Ground beef continues to trade sideways due to increased supply and low cost on trimmings.

### Pork

COVID-19 is causing some unforeseen market trends. Butts are steady going into next week, being held up by retail demand. Loins are steady along with butts. Demand for ribs continues to stay strong and supply continues to be tight. The market is holding relatively steady for next week. Picnics and cushions are moving up due to retail demand.

### Grains/Oils

For the last two weeks, soybean oil markets have moved higher as stocks have decreased. Demand is high, crude oil is higher, and there is a global tightness of vegetable oils. In addition to soybean oil being much higher, Canola, peanut, cottonseed, corn, and palm oils are all higher.

### Dairy

The cheese markets continue to decrease dramatically. The butter market remained flat week-over-week as the market continues to stagnate in the low \$1.40's. All white shell eggs stayed flat, except medium white eggs which decreased -\$0.02 in all markets. All brown shell eggs increased \$0.03-\$0.04.

### Seafood

Keta production is down 60% and is well below the 5-year seasonal average. We are working with suppliers to secure product. Supply of processed catfish remains tight as suppliers compete for labor. Imported catfish is a good alternative. Wild Alaska Pollock season closes leaving about 8.5% of the quota in the water.

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## Top Produce Items

### Asparagus

The market is softer on moderate demand after the Thanksgiving pull and stabilized volume from Mexico. Peru continues with steady arrivals on the East Coast. Quality is good.

### Avocados

Strong harvest and shipping continue from Mexico. Crop peaking on 40/48/60 with good availability on all sizes. Good maturity and quality.

### Green Beans-Alert

Supplies are very light across all growing regions. Quality is fair and the market is stronger due to impacts from the tropical storms. Expect to see stronger market conditions and less available supply on both green and French beans for the next 2 weeks.

### Mix Berries

Markets are stronger this week due to less supply on blackberries and blueberries. Raspberries remain in good shape with promotable volumes available.

### Strawberries-Alert

Markets are active again this week as supplies finish out of the Watsonville, CA region. Santa Maria has now lost acreage due to rainfall and colder weather patterns. Oxnard CA is behind as well on their season ramping up and so far, minimal yields are coming out of the fields. Mexico continues to be off to a slower start.



### Broccoli-Alert

The remaining Salinas CA crop is of poor quality with decay, discoloration, mechanical damage, and hollow core. Markets are very active due to lighter overall supply out of CA and Mexico coupled with strong demand.

### Cauliflower-Alert

Quality is fair to good this week as cooler weather continues to slow down harvest and demand is positive. Markets are very active due to lighter overall supply out of CA and Mexico coupled with strong demand.

### Limes

Heavy rains expected in main growing regions of Veracruz and Tabasco. Expect decreased availability as rains slow crossings and utilization decreases. Styler and skin breakdown quality issues have arisen due to the weather.

### Lemons and Oranges

Lemons- Demand is slow due to light food service demand. Supplies are good. Quality is fair to good. Oranges- Demand has been good and is expected to increase at retail due to Covid. Supplies are very good. Quality is good on navels and eating quality is improving weekly. Pricing is stabilizing at the current levels.

### Lettuce and Leaf-Alert

Markets on all romaine, iceberg, and green leaf lettuces are volatile. Continued weather challenges and reduction of yields continue to impact the harvest. Expect markets to be unsettled and challenged for the next 2-3 weeks on all packs of commodity and value added packs.

### Peppers-ALERT

Red and yellow bells are short in supply on both the east and west coasts. Green bells however are in good supply. Weather events in both growing regions have caused the shorts on the red and yellow peppers and could be further hampered if more rain continues in the regions.

### Parsley-Alert

The markets on parsley remain challenging due to quality issues and limited supply. Conditions on cilantro continue to improve along with Italian parsley.

### Tomato-Alert

Quality and availability continue to be a concern both East and West due to damage caused by the tropical storm. The market is expected to stay elevated through November.

### Carrots

Snack pack or baby carrots remain in short supply due to capacity issues at the processors. Sizing on jumbos out of CA remains challenged. Previous high heat has caused growing issues.

### Cucumbers

Supplies are light in the East with decent quality and the market is higher. Expect short supplies until December. Mexico is in transition to the new area and supplies will be limited 7-10 days.

### Hot House

Demand exceeds supplies on heirloom tomatoes. Mini peppers are improving with better volume expected in 7-10 days.

### Mushrooms

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

### Squash

Supplies will be very short out of Florida until December, due to impact from the tropical storm. Mexico supplies are limited as crop transitions to new region in the next 7-10 days.



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