

Ingredients for your success

## 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.

### Produce

The fresh produce industry across many growing regions in the US and Mexico, continues to be challenged on several core commodity items. Several items are on alert.

### Catfish

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

### Poultry



Whole birds are slightly up. Jumbo breasts saw an increase. Medium breasts were down as buyers tighten their specs. Jumbo tenders were steady. Wings demand stayed high due to increase sporting activities and sizable foodservice demand. The back half of the chicken stayed steady.

### Beef



There has been a softer bias associated with beef given the economic and political uncertainty. End cuts have traded sideways during the recent weeks; although, only a couple of discounts are being noted. Rounds seem to be building interest as the weather is getting colder. Ribs continue to go mostly unchanged as prices were expensive before settling in to current ranges.

### Pork



Live Hog's have continued to push higher. Butts, after seeing some weakness, gained strength due to retail interest. Loins are following suit with butts, moving higher. The story on ribs is the same. Supply continues to be a struggle. Hams are seeing a slight push as some late interest is showing up in the market. Bellies took a large dip, mainly due to increased harvest levels.

### Grains/Oils



For soybean oil last week, there was a large sell-off from traders pushing the market lower; however, by week's end the market had moved back higher again, so a very volatile week. For soybeans there is still very strong Chinese buying keeping this market firm. Canola is very tight and continuing to move higher. Palm is higher.

### Dairy



The cheese markets continued to increase last week, as the market remains bullish. The butter market dropped last week. Inventories are good keeping the markets steady. All shell eggs stayed flat, except brown eggs in the Southeast market which increased +\$0.01-\$0.05.

### Seafood



Supply of processed catfish remains tight as suppliers compete for labor. Imported catfish is a good alternative. 8oz mahi portions are getting tight as the harvest from the new season has yet to arrive while 6oz are in good supply. Global calamari supply tightens. The keta harvest is down 60% this year.

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## Top Produce Items

### Asparagus

Market is adjusting as volume improves from Mexico and steady arrivals are coming in from Peru. Cooler weather should bring on improved quality. The market may start to change as we get closer to the Thanksgiving holiday and see demand at the retail level increase.

### Avocados

Mexico's strong harvest and shipping continues. The crop is peaking on 48/60/70, with good availability on all sizes. Quality and maturity are excellent. Percentage of #2's will increase. Supplies exceed demand.

### Green Beans

Steady supplies and steady market in the East, with tighter supplies in the West. Mexico will start in a couple of weeks. Supplies should remain in good shape for the holiday demand as long as the weather is calm in the growing regions.

### Mix Berries

Good supplies being reported on blackberries and raspberries for this week. The supply on blueberries is starting to slowly improve as well as more imports are starting.

### Strawberries

Markets on strawberries are active as a result of crop damage done in Santa Maria CA due to the higher temperatures they experienced. Salinas and Watsonville continues to wind down their season. There is rain in the forecast for this weekend that could bring a more abrupt end to the Salinas and Watsonville season.



### Broccoli

The market is stronger this week with less supply available in some areas as the transition starts to take place. Expect the market to remain unsettled for the next 2-4 weeks. Quality is fair with pin rot, brown bead, and hollow core visible in product. Good supplies on broccolini available to meet all demand needs.

### Cauliflower

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### Lemons & Limes

Lemons-Demand is slow due to light foodservice demand. Supplies are good. Quality is fair to good. Quality has improved as the harvest is mostly from new districts. Markets are steady. Limes-Supplies heavy to mid sizes 175/200s. Current crop will end in a couple weeks. Small sizes 230/250s will remain tight.

### Oranges

Demand has been good. Supplies are increasing as the navel harvest picks up steam. Quality is good on navels and eating quality will improve over the coming weeks. The last of the Valencia's are tired. Market is steady on large sizes but dropping on smaller sizes due to heavy volume.

### Lettuce and Leaf-Alert

Markets on all romaine, iceberg, and green 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

Red and yellow bells are short in the East. For green bells out East, they are in better shape and availability. Out on the West coast, green bells remain moderate in volume with good demand. Yellow bells are limited in supply, with red bells right behind. Expect colored bells to tighten up next week.

### Parsley

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

### Tomato

Tomato supplies (round, roma, grape, & cherry) have improved due to the beginning of harvest in the Ruskin/Palmetto growing region. Availability out of Mexico continues to improve on round, grape & cherry. Roma markets remain tight, but availability is expected to improve this coming week.

### 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.

### Celery

Markets are active this week as the demand for the holiday season starts and yields in Salinas start to decline and get ready for the transfer to Oxnard CA. Fair quality with discoloration and pithiness.

### 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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