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# MARKET CORNER

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### Poultry

Whole birds are slightly up. Jumbo breasts were down on weak demand. Medium breasts and small breasts are flat. Wings are holding steady with very strong demand. Tenders were steady but could see future holiday impacts. Dark meat is slightly up based on increased demand.



### Pork

Demand for pork is declining with normal seasonal trends. Most of the primal markets are trending lower. B/I butts moved up due to late interest from retail, but we don't expect that to maintain. Loins are holding, trading sideways going into next week. Unless retailers step in, this market will continue to trend down. Ribs are still tight on supply and markets remaining relatively steady.



### Grains / Oil

This week soybean oil increased 2% driven by tightness in overall vegetable oil availability. Higher crude oil prices and weakness in the US dollar driving the increase. Availability of corn and sunflower oil is very limited, and prices have significantly increased year-over-year in other oils such as canola, palm and peanut.



### Dairy

The cheese markets increased week over week, signaling balance in the short term. The butter market increased \$0.08/lb from the previous week. All white shell eggs decreased -\$0.03 through -\$0.08 while all brown shell eggs stayed flat.



### Seafood

Catfish supply of fillets improved slightly as processors have increased labor participation. Groundfish quota announcement show reductions for cod and pollock allowable catches. Tropical activity has made it difficult for the production on warm water lobster tails.

### Beef

The rib primal is being impacted (soft) as retailers appear to be bought and settling in for ads to roll out. Strips and tenderloins are giving back some of the gains made and foodservice is still under performing vs. normal holiday sales. End cuts continue to be impacted by overall slowdown.



## Hot News

### Disposable Gloves

Disposable glove demand continues to outpace supply. Expect the nitrile glove market to increase immediately.

### Seafood

Alaska fishing quotas for 2021 are announced with reductions of 19.5% down for Cod and 3.5% down for Pollock.

### Beef

This is the time of the year when Ribs move lower quickly. This has been reflected in the USDA report already.

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## Asparagus

Market in the East holding mostly steady with steady arrivals from Peru. Market is stronger on the West Coast as Mexico transitions from Baja to the Caborca region. Quality reported as fair to good.

## Avocados

Steady with strong volume from Mexico. Size curve showing good balance, peaking on 48's with increased pack out of #2's. Market is steady. Anticipate delays in harvesting over the holidays.

## Green Beans – Alert

Florida supplies are light, quality is good, and the market is stronger. Mexico supplies moderate with good demand. Markets is active for the next 2-4 weeks.

## Broccoli-Alert

Market remains active on broccoli. Growth has been stunted by colder weather. Expect to see stronger market activity for the remainder of the year.

## Mixed Berries

Raspberries and Blackberries: The market will start to increase as the supplies start to trend down for the rest of the year and into January. Stronger supplies are not expected until February, so the market will continue to be strong for the next 2-6 weeks. Blueberries continue in good supply with good quality being reported from the growing regions.

## Strawberries

The market looks to be steady to close out the year. Production continues to improve out of Mexico where volume out of Oxnard and Santa Maria is on the decline. Florida also continues to improve following some rain events in the growing region. Overall quality looks to be better in the coming weeks, barring any disruptions caused by weather events.

## Cauliflower-Alert

Market is extremely active and limited in supply on cauliflower. Growth has been stunted by colder weather. Expect to see strong market activity for rest of the year.

## Lemons

Demand is steady. Supplies are good on most sizes and grades except large fancy which is limited. Quality is good.

## Oranges

Demand has improved. Supplies are good. Quality is good. Fruit is peaking on fancy grade mid sizes. Prices are steady on fancy but stronger on choice.

## Leaf and Lettuce

Markets are unsettled on green leaf and iceberg, romaine and romaine hearts. Supplies are lower due the colder weather the desert regions have experienced. Due to the lower overall demand, markets are expected to continue the calmer side as we look to finish out the year.

## Peppers - Alert

Florida green bell supply is lighter, and quality is good. Market is higher with strong demand. Red and yellow bells are in very short supply. Mexico green bell supply is moderate with increased demand. Red and yellow bells are still transitioning, supplies remain limited.

## Tomato

Overall market is extremely active on all varieties both East and West. Demand has increased despite the current COVID restrictions seen in major marketplaces.

## Top Produce Items

### Bananas-Alert

Demand is good due to lighter supplies caused by the hurricanes in Central America. There are stronger markets as a result.

### Corn-Alert

Florida supplies are light and will remain light through the holidays. Mexico supplies are moderate with very good demand. The market is stronger.

### Mushrooms-Alert

Strong demand coupled by limited supplies will cause the mushroom category to see decreasing supplies from now until the end of the year.

### Parsley-Alert

The markets on parsley remain challenging due to quality issues and limited supply.