**Poultry**
Whole birds are up. Breasts were steady. Wings were up with very strong demand. Jumbo and small tenders were steady. The back half of the bird was up based on increased export demand.

**Pork**
Harvest numbers continue to be reduced with the rising feed cost, putting pressure on boxed prices along with the spike in demand. Butts are still seeing strong demand from retail and foodservice. Markets continue to rise. Loins are moving up at a faster pace than butts as demand for boneless loins are picking up. Bone in centers are seeing tighter supplies.

**Grains / Oil**
Soybean oil again moved much higher last week. Heavier demand and stock tightness are the key contributing factors. Expect higher prices for commodity soy, mayo, and margarine. Canola continues along the same path as soybean oil, and commodity Canola will move higher, too. Palm oil moved a little lower last week.

**Dairy**
Both cheese markets increased week over week. The butter market increased by $0.20/lb week over week. All shell egg sizes have increased by $0.19-$0.20/dz over the past week except for smalls.

**Seafood**
Domestic brown and white U/12 headless shrimp are very limited in supply. Please consider U/15 as the viable alternative. Domestic PUDs 110-130ct are very scarce; consider one size larger or smaller. Cold water and warm water lobster are in limited supply. Domestic Catfish production remains tight in supply.

**Beef**
Market tone continues to slow, as retail and foodservice buyers are focusing on filling immediate needs. Packers continue to run plants at near record capacity and cases continue to increase in availability for the most part. Select and No Roll product is difficult to locate while Prime, CAB, and Choice are more readily available.

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**Hot News**

**Seafood**
Portico Pride HPP Oysters (SUPC 7115828) have launched and are available through Prestige Oysters.

**Wings**
Wing demand continues to be high while availability is scarce, and prices continue to rise. Demand is expected to continue through March as wings continue to be a hot commodity in both food service and retail.

**Vegetable Oil**
Commodity soybean oil and Canola have again, jumped higher with no relief in sight.

To learn more contact your local marketing associate. Market Corner Produce information reflects both US and Canadian markets. All other commodity information is based on US market data only.
Asparagus
The market is stronger as the industry passes the peak volume from Mexico and some fields start to close. Quality is good.

Avocados-Alert
Market is very active. Lighter harvest from Mexico resulting from a stricter control of harvest, as growers manage volume over the next few months to see the season through. California increasing harvest due to market prices. Peru arrivals expected late May – early June.

Green Beans
Supplies are lighter in Florida due to weather; quality is good, and the market is trending higher. Mexico supplies better with moderate demand.

Cauliflower-Alert
Market remains very active as yields have decreased on the remaining supply out of the desert growing regions and the crop gets ready to transition back to the Salinas Valley. Quality is mostly fair to good with occasional dirt spots, and clean jacket with occasional yellowing to the cream color.

Top Produce Items

Below Items on Alerts
Bananas
Demand is very good on light supplies due to the hurricanes in Central America. Quality remains good as product is being sourced from other countries that were not impacted by the storms.

Grapes
Demand is good on reds and greens. Supplies starting to tighten up on reds, but very limited on greens. Heavy rain in Chile 4 weeks ago has done significant damage to their grape crop which will limit supplies at least thru April. The market is starting to increase on reds. Greens were tight before this rain and will be extremely limited in supply thru April.

Watermelon
Supplies are very limited due to a gap in supply as the transition from the southern growing regions to the north begins. Supplies are expected to be limited for the next two weeks.

Broccoli
Supplies are unsettled on commodity and value-added packs. Market will start to strengthen in the coming weeks as we finish out the Yuma season and move back to the Salinas Valley. Quality is fair to good currently with some branchiness and slight purpling.

Celery
The market is steady with supplies coming out of CA, MX, and FL. Quality remains very good with no major concerns.

Lemons / Limes/Oranges

Lemons-Demand is improving due to the Lenten season. Supplies are good
Oranges-Demand is steady and supplies are good. Quality is good with good color and sugar.

Limes- Alert-The lime market continues to be very active, directly related to rising costs in Mexico. Supply on quality limes remains tight with strong markets. This trend will continue for the next 2-3 weeks.

Mushrooms-Alert
Supplies have been impacted by the lack of labor available to harvest all needed product to keep up with demand. Expect possible disruptions as suppliers work through the current labor challenges.

Mixed Berries-Alert
Raspberries and Blackberries: The market remains challenged with less than needed overall supplies on mixed berries. Blueberries are more active this week as supplies have started to be reduced.

Strawberries
The growing season is starting to wind down out of Mexico and Florida. Fruit is still available but with each passing week is on the decline. CA production is trying to ramp up as quickly as possible. There is rain in the forecast for this week but is not predicted to do much damages. The Salinas/Watsonville seasons is slated to start the week of March 29th for some and the following for others.

Leaf and Lettuce
Good supplies of all leaf and lettuces are available. More active markets are being seen on iceberg and romaine for this week. Expect markets to start to be more unsettled as we move towards the transition from the desert growing region back to the Salinas Valley. (DUST/Dirt in commodities!) iceberg: Mostly good with dust and occasional outer leaf discoloration. Leaf: Mostly good, dusty, insect damage, cupping, inconsistent sizing. Romaine: Fair to good, dusty, wind damage, fringe burn, being seen in some packs.

Peppers
Florida green bell supply is good, and market is steady. If demand remains strong the market will increase. Red bells are available and trending higher. Yellow bells are short in supply and the market is strong. Mexico green bell sizing and volume coming off, causing market to increase on all sizes. Expect this situation to last the next 3 weeks or so. Field grown reds are tight in supply causing a slight market increase.

Tomato
Increasing demand and reduced availability across all varieties will continue to strengthen the market in the coming weeks.