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Hot News

Turkey

Whole bird demand is expected to remain high as forecasts are anticipating a strong holiday season. Additionally, 4-8 pound breasts are increasingly difficult to find due to large bird sizes.

Shrimp

All Louisiana plants have resumed processing shrimp after escaping the destruction of Hurricane Laura. Most plants are running at maximum capacity to get caught up.



Poultry

Whole birds are slightly down. Jumbo and small breasts are down. Medium breasts are steady. Tenders and wings remain up due to increase sporting activities and sizable foodservice demand. Dark meat is mixed with frozen quarters up and fresh thighs and legs down.

Beef

The market appears to have reached a ceiling and now has shown leveling off. Middles are being bought at this point to fill holes and last-minute fill-in needs. Ribs and strips are popping up in small pockets and out-front trades are at lower levels. Round cuts continue to perform and garner attention from retailers for expected cooler weather ahead.

Pork

Labor continues to be a struggle within the plants causing short supplies on many of the secondary items. Butts continue to see strong demand as markets continue to move up slightly, but still below previous year's historically. Bone-in loins are seeing increasing demand and putting more pressure on boneless loins which is still a value at this time.

Grains/Oils

Last week was a very volatile week for the soybean complex. Weather has dried up for most of the growing regions, but of course some areas did see some heavy rains from Hurricane Laura. Large fund traders have entered the market for beans and oil. Markets are higher.

Dairy

The cheese markets increased this past week and continue to move upward, in spite of good supply. The butter market increased from the previous week as the market hit a floor. All white and brown shell egg sizes were flat this week.

Seafood

Texas brown shrimp supplies have improved following a better than expected harvest. Supplies of small PUD shrimp continue to struggle and the situation is expected to get worse before it gets better. Please upgrade one size up as a viable substitute if possible. Fishing in Alaska moved from Salmon back to Halibut to meet quotas.

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Top Produce Items

Asparagus

The market is adjusting this week. Southern Baja Mexico is coming into better volume and Peru volume looks to be steady on the East Coast. High heat in Mexico may impact production and quality creating some seeding issues.



Avocados

Mexico's summer crop is peaking on 48s, 60s and 70s. Limited supplies of #2 fruit. Harvest should increase each week. Rain is predicted, but not as many harvest delays. California crop is 90% harvested and anticipated to be completed by mid-September. Peaking on 40s, 48, and 60s.

Squash

Yellow squash remains short in the East. Quality is good and the market is strong. Demand exceeds supplies on yellow squash in the West. Quality is fair. Better supplies of zucchini in the East with new areas starting, and quality is good, market a little weaker.

Mix Berries

Blackberries and Raspberries: Quality issues of occasional red cell and bruising can be seen from the previous heat wave; however, recovery is better than expected.

Strawberries

Supplies continue to improve along with quality. There is still some softer/darker fruit from the heat. Overall quality is good but occasional overripe and higher percentage of bruising is expected. Supplies are increasing out of Santa Maria as production increases for the fall transition.

Broccoli-Alert

Quality is fair currently, yellow discoloration, loose bead, brown beads, and occasional flowering. The market is very active this week with strong demand. Expect active market conditions on both commodity and flet packs for the next 2-3 weeks.

Cauliflower

Quality is fair to good with discoloration yellow cast, insect pressure, and occasional mechanical damage. Market continues to be steady with some talks of the market starting to strengthen in the coming weeks.

Lemons

Lemons: Demand is slow and supplies are good with product coming from California Mexico and South America. Quality is good on imports as mostly fancy grade is shipped. California is heavy on choice grade and is seeing the typical issues due to wind, heat and the near ending of the season.

Oranges

Demand is very good from retail and for the USDA Food Box Program. Supplies are lightening up as the California season winds down. Imports from South America are also lighter this year. Quality is good on imports which are mostly fancy grade, but California is suffering from high temps causing re-greening.

Lettuce and Leaf

Markets on romaine and romaine hearts continue to be active. Planting disruptions coupled with increasing quality issues in the fields has led to the current market conditions. Iceberg & leaf lettuces are unsettled as demand needs continue to change along with fields experiencing losses due to quality issues.

Limes-Alert

Rain forecast in the growing region, possible disruption to harvest. Crop currently peaking on 250s/230s, large sizes 110's/150's light supply. Wide range in quality

Peppers-Alert

Green bell supplies is lighter in the East and good quality is hard to find. The market stronger. West supplies are very limited on green bells with strong demand. Yellow bells will be extremely tight supply until mid-October. Red bells will be short/tight on Fancy grade for the next few weeks.

Tomato

East: Market is steady on all varieties (round, roma, grape, & cherry). Quality is good and demand is normal. West: Round volume continues to increase out of CA, while vine-ripened fruit out of MX continues to be light. Grape and cherry markets remain steady and roma markets continue to improve.

Hot House

Heirloom supplies are improving but still very snug with several growers. Orange and yellow peppers remain in demand exceeds supply.

Cucumbers

Mexico and domestic production is moderate. New areas are about to begin in the East. The market remains strong.

Eggplant

Light supplies in the East and quality is good. Central California has very limited supplies, and the market is stronger.

Spinach

Supplies are very limited as a result of the previous heat wave that took place in the growing regions. Quality issues of some sunscald and yellowing are also challenging the suppliers.

Green Onions

Quality is good overall with some insect pressure and triple digit heat in the growing region. Market is starting to show some signs of strength and looks to continue to be more active as we close out August.



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