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Hot News

Pork

Bellies continue to be in strong demand as bacon slicers have reached their capacity. Hams are moving up due to interest in seasonal bookings.

Shrimp

Texas brown shrimp landings are increasing and expecting even heavier landings within two weeks. Most plants are running at maximum capacity to process the catch.

West Coast Produce

Due to back-to-back heat waves, several West coast items will be impacted on supplies and increased quality issues. Expect volatile market conditions over the next 2-3 weeks.



Poultry

Whole birds are slightly up. Breasts are steady but demand is low. Tenders are steady with demand needs being met. 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 is indicating an upcoming correction. Middles are an interesting mix; ribs and tenders continue to garner demand due to low availability in the open market. Strips and short loins are popping up in small pockets and showing lower pricing availability. Rounds, following rest of the cuts, showing little price decline.

Pork

Suppliers are beginning to cut harvest numbers as plants continue to struggle with labor. Butts are backing off after Labor Day and less demand from retail. This is a normal seasonal trend. Loins are following suit with butts and are now weakening after Labor Day. Backribs continue to be hard to come by. These markets continue to stay well above normal levels.

Grains/Oils

Another volatile week last week for AG products. Large speculative traders have increased their contract positions, effectively moving markets higher. This week is starting off volatile also with reported decreases in bushels per acre. Crude oil moved a bit lower, and this generally puts downward pressure on soybean oil markets.

Dairy

The Cheese markets increased this past week and continue to move upward. There has been more activity within the markets as buyers tried to get ahead of the increases. The butter market increased slightly but remained relatively flat last week. There is enough inventory to meet demand. All white and brown shell egg sizes were flat this week.

Seafood

Texas brown shrimp supplies have improved tremendously in the last few weeks due to 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. Catfish production continues to suffer from limited plant worker availability.



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Top Produce Items

Asparagus

Market is adjusting as there is now good production coming in from Peru and Baja Mexico. Quality is reported as good to very good.



Avocados

Mexico's summer crop peaking on 48s/60s/70s and there are limited supplies of #2's. Harvest is increasing this week. California crop is 95% harvested for the season peaking on 40s/48s/60s. Volume will decline with harvest completion in mid-September.

Squash

Volume has dropped out West and expected to remain low for the next couple weeks due to the heat wave last week. The East coast has decent supply of zucchini, but lighter supplies on Yellow squash.

Mix Berries-Alert

Both raspberries and blackberries have been impacted by the recent back to back heat waves. Raspberry production is low as the heat causes the plant to hold the fruit. Blackberry supplies will continue to be limited for a couple more weeks. Blueberry supplies will not be impacted and are in good supply.

Strawberries-Alert

The market is very active and limited in supply, following yet another heat wave. Volumes are decreasing week-over-week and now accelerated due to the high temperatures. Product being diverted to the freezer or can markets due to the amount of damaged fruit. Expect to see active markets for the next 3 weeks.

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 and insect pressure with occasional mechanical damage. Market continues to be steady with some talks of the market starting to strengthen in the coming weeks.

Lemons

Demand is fair due to the lighter foodservice demand. Supplies are good. Quality is declining as the summer season comes to an end. New crop from Arizona and Southern California will start at the end of the month. Market is steady.

Oranges

Demand continues to be very good. Supplies are declining as Valencia's wind down. Navels will start in Mid-October. 88's and smaller are in very tight supplies. Subbing from 138 to 113ct may take place. Quality is fair on Valencia's with re-greening and tired fruit breaking down being the main issues. Market is steady.

Lettuce and Leaf-Alert

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.

Potatoes

Russet- Market continues to settle, expecting larger size to come off more so than smaller sizes. Quality is good to very good. Sweet Potatoes- Market is firm with strong demand. Storage is winding down, however North Carolina is starting to harvest new crop. Quality is fair to good.

Peppers-Alert

Green bell supplies are short in the East, quality is good and the market stronger. Out West, multiple growing areas producing, market is stronger due to heavier demand from the Midwest and East. Red bell supply is steady. Yellow bells tight supply until mid-October.

Tomato

Supply and quality continue to trend downward on all varieties both East and West. Continued rainfall out of TN combined with extreme hot temperatures out of CA will continue to impact the market on all varieties

Hot House

Peppers orange and yellow production is intermittent. Cucumbers in between crop cycles and demand expected to exceed supplies.

Cucumbers

Supplies are light in the East, good quality and demand. Excessive heat out West for the past 2 weeks showing its effect. Volume is light. New fields in Northern Mexico expected to begin late-September.

Eggplant

Light supplies in the East, and quality is good. West supplies are extremely short due to excessive heat. New production beginning in October out of Coachella, CA.

Spinach and Arugula

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

Green Onions & Cilantro

Market is starting to show some signs of strength and looks to continue to be more active through September due to supply challenges related to high heat in the growing regions.



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