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Hot News



Beef

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French Fries

Industry-wide increases for French fries/frozen potatoes went into effect this week. All major processors cite raw material increases as the primary cause of inflation.

Cheese

Cheese markets have hit a 5-year high. Reduced dairy cow numbers are slowing production, forcing the trend.

Broccoli

The market is very unsettled and supplies for both commodity and value-added packs are limited. Hollow core and brown bead are causing quality concerns.



Poultry

The whole bird market is slightly weaker this week. The jumbo breast market continues to trend down and the small/medium breast market is steady. Overall wing demand should increase as we move deeper into the regular football season. Tenders are steady but will continue to reacting to the pressure of the breast market.



Grains/Oils

Soybean oil moved higher, being pushed up by higher crude oil markets, globally, and reduced production according to the USDA. The markets were very volatile, but have settled down, still remaining much higher than a week ago. This is also helping move palm and Canola markets higher.



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Dairy

Cheese markets continue to rise as the Block hit a five year high. This is mainly attributed to slow cheddar production and decreased dairy cow numbers. Demand continues to be strong. Butter has moved lower due to variations in cream availability for churning. Good supplies have helped shell eggs move lower overall.



Pork

Hams, bellies, and trimmings were all relatively flat as good production is hindering any moves higher. Bone-in loins moved slightly lower, but boneless were flat. Butts moved lower as reported supply is more than adequate. Ribs remained steady.



Seafood

Several categories imported from China (haddock, shrimp, catfish, tuna, tilapia, scallops, calamari and red swimming crab) will face tariff increases of 5% effective October 15th. Lobster markets are steady in spite of tight availability. Scallop markets are higher, mostly the larger sizes, as harvest is producing fewer large scallops.

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Top Produce Items

Asparagus

The market is declining as volume improves. Expect Peru to normalize production once we get to October.



Avocados

Mexican volume and crossings are expected to be good into next week. We are seeing the market soften on all sizes, but with more limited availability on small fruit.

Limes-Alert

Extreme heat and lack of rain has affected the quality and size of limes. Larger sizes are very tight, with 230 and 250ct volume slightly better.

Blackberry-Blueberry

Blackberries: Supplies are down due to lower CA production and Mexico is still a few weeks away. Blueberries: Good supplies this week, but we anticipate a quick decline as BC production ends. WA and OR production has decreased significantly as well. Expect active markets for 2-3 weeks.

Strawberry-Raspberry

High temps and rain this week has affected production and volume. More heat is forecast and may further reduce availability due to heat-related quality issues. Raspberries: Heat-related stress to plants may cause more industry challenges. The market is expected to remain unsettled.

Broccoli-Alert

Broccoli quality is fair with visible brown bead, hollow core, and mildew. Occasional blue-green color cast and some under-sizing in crowns. Supplies remain extremely limited on commodity and value-added broccoli. Active markets are expected for the next 2-3 weeks.

Cauliflower

Cauliflower volume is mostly steady. There are some sizing concerns but shippers have been able to sub where needed to fill orders. Expect this market to be unsettled due to forecasted warmer days in CA.

Melons

The market is steady, and quality is good. Small size availability has improved.

Citrus

The lemon market is stronger on large sizes. Quality will be improving as we start in a new growing area and will be heavy with small sizes. The orange market is steady on all sizes and grades, and small sizes are in high demand. Quality is just fair with re-greening and weak, tired fruit being the main issues from the heat.

Lettuce Leaf

The iceberg market is making a move upward due to lower field yield. Romaine markets continue to be unsettled and may be on the up-tick for next week. Green, Red and Butter remain in plentiful supply. Quality is fair on iceberg and romaine and better on green, red and butter lettuce. Markets active next week.

Onions

For red, white, & yellow onions, the market is steady with good quality. Super Colossal sizes are short.

Peppers-Alert

The western colored bell market is easing off a little with green bells shortening up next week. Green pepper supply and quality are good. Red and yellow pepper supplies are very short in the East.

Tomatoes

East: Supply continues to be light out of TN and AL, and VA's fall crop volume remains low. Grape and cherry markets are improving with the start of GA and FL. West: Northern CA round fruit is steady, but quality is challenged from heat. Mexican Romas remain steady, and grape and cherry markets are lower.

Broccoli

Supplies are becoming extremely limited on commodity and value-added broccoli.

Iceberg and Romaine

Markets are active due to quality issues and less usable yields coming out of the fields. Expect the markets to remain stronger as we head into the fall transition.

Limes

Extreme heat and lack of rain has affected the quality and size of limes. Larger sizes are very tight, with 230 and 250ct volume slightly better.

Green Onions

Quality is fair due to insect pressure and heat, as well as the shift to the autumn crop.

Salinas Valley Heat Advisory

Temperatures in the Salinas Valley are warming up again. Several crops will be impacted. Look for next week to have more detailed updates on each commodity.



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