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Hot News



Beef

Tyson continues to struggle filling orders on box beef and grinds. Retail and Food Service buyers are hoping the rest of the industry will pick up the slack.

Frozen Potatoes

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

Seafood

5% increases to tariffs assessed on several seafood items imported from China to start in October.

Broccoli

The market is very active and unsettled. Supplies are limited for commodity and value added packs. Quality is a concern due to brown bead and hollow core.

Poultry

The whole bird market is slightly weaker this week. The jumbo/medium breast market continues to trend down and the small breast market is up, due to a weaker retail demand. Overall wing demand should increase as we move deeper into the regular football season but the markets held steady this week. Tenders are steady.

Beef

Ribs, strips, and tenders continue to slow in demand; therefore, leading packers to take action on certain grades and specs. Higher grade products are shorter in supply. Chucks and rounds appear to be losing steam and reductions in market are expected. Briskets continue to hold value on choice or higher but Select and No-Roll are more readily available. Ground has moved lower.

Pork

Harvest levels are strong keeping hog markets down. Butts are moving lower as a result of increased supply and seasonal trends. Loins, however, are very tight in supply moving this market higher. Ribs are lower, but expected to level off. Bellies, again, are searching for a bottom with large supply numbers. Export demand should push hams higher in the coming weeks.

Grains/Oils

The soybean oil market is stuck in a range as traders seem unsure of its direction. Argentina is expected to export soybean meal to China, effectively halting U.S. exports, moving meal lower. USDA has released its latest report on stocks and production which has helped boost some agricultural markets.

Dairy

With milk production lagging due to dairy cow availability, some concern has increased the market for cheese. Also, cheddar production is down. Shell egg demand is in-line with seasonal standards and wholesale markets have begun to retreat. Production by cow has increased for milk, but overall there are fewer cows.

Seafood

Several categories imported from China (haddock, shrimp, catfish, tuna, tilapia, scallops, calamari and red swimming crab) will face tariff increases of 5%. Maine season is off to a late start for Lobster and it is unknown if the season is just off to a late start or if it will be another year with a declining harvest.

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Top Produce Items

Asparagus

The market is trending down as supplies have improved. Expect another couple of weeks before volume normalizes to traditional levels.



Avocados

Inventory is meeting demand and the market is mostly stable. There is some pressure on 48ct and larger, but 60ct and smaller remain tight. Size 70/84ct are very limited. Pack-out is mostly #1 fruit, leaving #2 supplies tight. Most suppliers subbing orders with #1 fruit to cover.

Limes-Alert

The shortage on larger lime sizes continues. They are packing all they can (230/250ct), but all the over-picking does not bode well for Mexican production in the months to come.

Berries-Mix

Raspberry crop varieties are transitioning, this coupled with warm weather will cause supplies to be low the next 2 weeks and the market very active. Blackberry supplies are good. Blueberry supplies are light as BC production starts to wind down. Country of origin is still mostly from BC.

Strawberries

Supplies are decreasing as more ranches are removed from production. Quality remains fair at best. Growers are very worried about the upcoming high heat in the forecast. The autumn strawberry season for Santa Maria and Oxnard growers is expected to begin in about 2-3 weeks.

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 are becoming extremely limited on commodity and value-added broccoli. Extreme 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 cantaloupe market is increasing due to a supply gap, but this should turn around in another week or two. Honeydews are slightly higher due to better demand. Quality is good on both.

Citrus

The lemon market on small sizes is steady with large sizes more available. A good supply of imports and a new growing region starting in CA/AZ will keep the market in check. Quality will be improving in the coming weeks as we start the new areas. Small size orange markets are increasing due to light supplies.

Lettuce Leaf

Iceberg: Quality is fair to good with a large frame and occasional seeder. Leaf: Quality is fair with seeder, insect pressure, and occasional yellowing. Romaine: Quality is fair at best. All markets are steady for now. The upcoming heat wave may turn this market quickly as temps are expected to be over 90°F for 3 days.

Onions

The market looks to be settled on all colors and quality is good.

Peppers-Alert

Green bells are in good supply, quality is good, and the markets are weaker. Red and yellow bells remain very short in supply.

Tomatoes

East: Limited production continues in AL and TN. The overall market will remain strong until autumnal supply kicks in. West: Mexican supply remains light on rounds due to rain. Roma markets continue to trend higher, while grape and cherry markets have improved (slightly) due to steady supply.

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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 over 90 degrees and are forecasted to remain for the next 3-4 days. Several crops will be impacted. Look for next week to have more detailed updates on each commodity.



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