

# Weekly Commodity Report

10/15/18

## FRESH POULTRY



via Urner Barry (Wednesday Close)

All steady except cutlets,  
down 1¢.



## FRESH EGGS



Fresh Eggs- via Urner Barry  
(Thursday Close)

Large market down 1¢ per dozen.  
Medium market down 2¢ per dozen.  
Liquid eggs stable.



## USDA WEIGHTED AVG



Market based on 5 day Moving Avg

Strips coming down 20¢.  
Rounds remain steady. Skirts  
remain strong. Ribs are steady.  
PSMO remain strong  
Exports up 15-25¢.



## CHEESE PRICING



Cheese Pricing- (Market  
changes daily off Chicago  
Merchantile Exchange)

Cheese prices are stable.  
Block & barrel no change.



## PORK MARKET



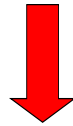
Bacon is up 8¢. Loins are up 1¢,  
butts are down 10¢.



## BUTTER MARKET



Butter market is down 3¢ per lb.



## SEAFOOD MARKET



Shrimp market steady. Tuna remains  
strong. Cold water lobster tails  
are strong but steady. Blue crab is  
coming down.



Tilapia is up .15 - .20

## SALAD OIL & SHORTENING



Market changes daily off Chicago  
Merchantile Exchange

Soybean market  
is up 50¢ per case.

Canola market  
is up 60¢ per case.



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## Market Alerts

**SEVERE WEATHER CROP IMPACT** - Hurricane Michael's path from Florida through Virginia, and Tropical Storms Rosa and Sergio across western/central Mexico, will affect quality and availability of the following crops: Corn, Green Beans, Tomatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Cucumbers, Green Onions and Melons. Be sure to read The Source Plus weekly for up-to-date information and product recommendations.

**EASTERN VEGETABLES – ZUCCHINI SQUASH** supplies continue to be limited, with **Yellow** or **Autumn Squash** being a much better cost option. **Bell Peppers, Cucumbers, Eggplant** and **Green Beans** in the Eastern U.S. will also be of varying quality and price over the next few weeks.

**BERRIES** - Harvest transition continues to affect supplies and quality of **Strawberries, Blueberries,** and **Blackberries.** Quality is fair, and pricing may be higher in certain markets.

**LETTUCE** - Supplies of **Romaine** and **Green Leaf Lettuce** remain tight, due to cooler weather and the beginning of California field transition. Quality is fair, with lighter case weights reported. **Iceberg, Red Leaf, Romaine Hearts** and **pre-cut product** are all better cost and quality options.

**GREEN ONIONS** – Wet weather in Mexico, which is the primary growing area for **Green Onions,** has slowed harvesting and caused a small supply gap. Pricing is higher than normal, and quality is fair, with decay and short shelf life reported.

**TOMATOES** **Roma, Cherry,** and **Grape tomatoes** have all been affected by Hurricane Florence in the Southeast and heavy rains in Mexico's Baja region. Quality is fair and pricing is higher. **Round tomatoes** are the best cost and quality option.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Apples:** All varieties are being harvested out of the major growing areas: Washington, Michigan and New York and more. The perfect autumn hand fruit!

**Pears:** Bartlett, Bosc and Red Pears are approaching peak harvest out of Washington and California. Quality is excellent.

**Onions:** – The new crop of Yellow and Red Onions are in, with excellent quality. Pricing is high for **Green Onions** as supply is tight.

**Grapes:** Quality is excellent, with great texture and sweetness, on Red and Green medium-sized fruit.

**Kale:** Quality is excellent on all Green and Tuscan Kale, with good color and full bunches.

**Colored Potatoes:** – Yellow, Purple, Red and Fingerling Potatoes are all in season, with great quality reported.

**Squash:** Autumn Squash is beginning to be harvested throughout the country. Butternut and Acorn are the most available—ask your distributor for recommendations!

## What's Happening

### It's Pear Season

- 98618 - Green/Yellow Bartlett Pears
- 99090 - Large Brown Bosc Pears
- 98570 - Red D'Anjou/Bartlett Pears
- 98580 - Anjou Pears

### New Crop Local Apples Now in Season

- 98866 – NYS Honey Crisp Apples (NY)
- 98874 - NYS Empire Apples
- 98868 – NYS Gala Apples
- 97810 - NYS Macintosh Apples
- 98969 - NYS Lady Apples

**Pumpkins, gourds and fall hard squashes now in season! Don't forget to order cider!**

APPLES	Quality and pricing are good	CELERY	Quality and pricing are good	LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is good to fair; pricing is slightly higher
ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good, with Pencil and Standard the best buys.	CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair; pricing is good
AVOCADO	Quality and pricing are good	CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good	MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good	CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is poor; pricing is higher; smaller sizes are very scarce	MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	CUCUMBERS	Quality is good to fair; pricing is higher on Western product	MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is fair; pricing is higher	EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is fair	ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good
BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	GARLIC	Quality is fair; pricing is higher	PEARS	Quality and pricing are good
BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality is fair to good, pricing may be higher	GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality and pricing are good	PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is higher	GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	POTATOES	Quality and pricing are good
BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is improved to good to fair. Pricing is higher than normal	GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair to poor; pricing is higher	POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
CARROTS	Quality and pricing are good	KALE	Quality and pricing are good	SQUASH	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Zucchini
CAULIFLOWER	Quality is good, pricing is higher	LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good	TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing may be higher in certain markets