

Weekly Commodity Report

1/15/17

FRESH POULTRY



via Urner Barry (Wednesday Close)

This week cutlets and wings were steady. However tenders rose 10¢ per lb, thighs 2¢.



FRESH EGGS



Fresh Eggs- via Urner Barry (Thursday Close)

Large market is down 11¢ per dozen. Medium market is down 10¢ per dozen and liquid eggs had no change.

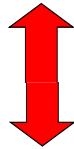


USDA WEIGHTED AVG



Market based on 5 day Moving Avg

Although ribs and tenderloins dropped as expected, most other cuts moved higher. Rounds by 5-10¢, thin cuts by 20-30¢ per lb. Strips and loins were steady.



CHEESE PRICING



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

Cheese market is declining. Block is down 6¢ per lb. Barrel is down 10¢ per lb.



PORK MARKET



Fresh pork remains steady and very inexpensive. Bacon fell 3-6¢.



BUTTER MARKET



Butter market is down 7¢ per lb.



SEAFOOD MARKET



Shrimp market is steady with no price changes.



SALAD OIL & SHORTENING



Market changes daily off Chicago Merchante Exchange

Oil market continues to gain strength. Up 25¢ per case.



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Market Alerts

TOMATOES Supplies of **Round and Roma Tomatoes** continue to slowly improve from earlier crop damage in Florida and Mexico. While pricing remains higher than normal on most fresh tomatoes, it's lower than in prior weeks, and quality has improved to fair. **6x6 and smaller Round Tomatoes** are the best value.

ORANGES The severe shortage of **Oranges** has reached the point where certain sizes are largely unavailable. Orders for **113 CT, 138 CT and 163 CT** fruit are very likely to be shorted, or substituted with an **88 CT or larger size**. We recommend **88 CT, 72 CT or larger Oranges** be used through the end of the **Navel** season in early spring.

BROCCOLI Broccoli supplies are slowly increasing from all growing regions. Cauliflower supplies are finally back to a normal level. Both markets are adjusting lower.

ASPARAGUS All sizes of **Asparagus** are more expensive than normal, due to growing area transitions in Peru and Mexico. Quality is fair, with some tip seeding and splitting reported.

STRAWBERRIES Cold and rain in Florida continue to impact quality and supplies. Softness and short shelf life are reported, and pricing may be higher. **Blueberries, Raspberries and Blackberries** are all better quality options.

TENDER LEAF LETTUCE We are still struggling with supplies of Organic baby spinach, conventional baby spinach, and cello spinach. Quality issues such as yellowing and mildew are a problem. This has decreased raw product yields for processors and creating shortages.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Chili Peppers: Jalapeño, Pablano, Anaheim and Serrano peppers are all in great quality and availability.

Colored Potatoes: Washington, Idaho, Wisconsin and North Dakota are all at peak season on Reds, White and Gold potatoes.

Pears: Washington's winter season is producing great Bosc, Bartlett, D'Anjou and Red Pears.

Kale: Green, Tuscan and Flowering Kale are all great quality, good coloring and full bunches.

Mushrooms: Seasonal mushrooms such as Enoki, Hedgehog and Oyster are great winter menu additions. Ask your distributor for recommendations and availability.

Winter Citrus: Blood Oranges, Tangelos, Mandarins and Clementines are all available – be sure to ask your distributor for recommendations!

Winter Squash: Hard Squash varieties such as Kabocha, Butternut, Acorn and Spaghetti are in good supply.

What's Happening

Baby its cold outside- be sure to offer up some Soup!

- #98200 LI chef potatoes- great for potato soup! Add some leeks #98590 for potato & leek soup!

- #99400 - Kitchen Cuts peeled & halved butternut squash- Great for Butter nut soup!

- #98862 - Add a little local flair with NY Empire apples

- #99566- Kitchen Cuts Mirepoix soup mix- labor saving and a great base for your homemade chicken soup!

APPLES	Pricing and quality are good	CELERY	Quality and pricing are good	LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
ASPARAGUS	Quality is fair; pricing is very high	CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes	LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair; pricing is higher
AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair	CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good	MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher	CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, sizes are running large, pricing is higher	MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	CUCUMBERS	Quality is good, pricing is higher	MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality is fair; pricing is good
BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are good	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 poor; pricing is higher	GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair	PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is higher	GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on medium sizes
BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is good, pricing is higher	GREEN ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is higher	POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher	KALE	Quality and pricing are good	SQUASH	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher
CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good	LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good	TOMATOES	Quality is fair; pricing is higher