

Weekly Commodity Report

3/19/18

FRESH POULTRY



via Urner Barry (Wednesday Close)

Wings, Tenders & Thighs are steady.
Cutlets continue to rise up
.08 - .10¢ lb.



FRESH EGGS



Fresh Eggs- via Urner Barry
(Thursday Close)

Large market is up 30¢ per
dozen. Medium market is up 10¢ per
dozen and liquid eggs moved
up \$2.00 per case.

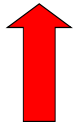


USDA WEIGHTED AVG



Market based on 5 day Moving Avg

Beef market remains strong.
Skirt steaks are very tight
and will be for awhile.



CHEESE PRICING



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

Cheese market continues to rise.
Block is up 1¢ per lb.
Barrel is up 6¢.



PORK MARKET



Bacon softer.
Fresh pork was steady.



BUTTER MARKET



Butter market is up 1¢.



SEAFOOD MARKET



Shrimp Aisian Gold steady.
Black Tiget are stronger and tight.

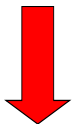


SALAD OIL & SHORTENING



Market changes daily off Chicago
Merchantile Exchange

Oil market down 25¢.



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Market Alerts

TRANSITION The movement of Western growing regions from the Yuma, Arizona area back north to Central California. Many of the products you use year-round are affected during this time, which normally lasts from March to early May. Affected crops may include all lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, berries and more. "Transition", as this movement is called, often comes with more frequent quality and availability issues. Be sure to read The Source Plus each week for up-to-date recommendations.

LETTUCE Supplies of all head lettuce are lighter than normal. Pricing is higher than normal on **Iceberg, Romaine and Romaine Hearts**. Quality is good to fair.

LIMES Poor growing conditions in southern Mexico continue to affect the lime crop. Pricing is higher than normal, and is expected to remain so for a few weeks. Quality is good to fair. For the best per-piece value, use 200 CT-sized fruit and purchase full cases wherever possible.

ASPARAGUS Cooler weather and rain in Mexico and California's growing regions have tightened supplies. Quality is good, but pricing is higher than normal. Pencil and Standard sizes are the best value.

CAULIFLOWER / BROCCOLI Increased supplies has the market trending lower. Quality has improved.

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.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Roma Tomatoes: Mexico's harvest of Romas is unusually strong for this time of year. Pricing is good and quality is excellent.

Bell Peppers: Pricing and quality are great on most colors of Bell Peppers, particularly with Choice- and Medium-sized product.

Potatoes, Specialty/Colored: All varieties of Fingerling and Round colored potatoes are in great supply, with good quality and pricing reported.

Kale: Quality in all growing regions is excellent, with dark green color and full bunches.

Spring Pears: D'Anjou, Red and Bosc Pears are in good supply out of Washington, with very good quality reported.

Melons: Honduras is peaking on their Cantaloupe and Honeydew harvest. Great quality is reported.

Blackberries: The Mexican crop is at peak harvest.

What's Happening

Winter citrus season is in full swing!

- #97654 - Cara Cara Navel Oranges
- #99981 - Blood Oranges (Moro)
- #99837 - Tangelo Minneola Oranges
- #99030 - Tangerines

APPLES	Quality and pricing are good	CELERY	Quality and pricing are good	LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair; pricing is higher on Romaine. Green Leaf is the best value.
ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are fair	CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes	LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair; pricing is good.
AVOCADO	Quality is good, pricing is fair	CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good
BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good	CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, sizes are running large, pricing is higher	MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good
BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	CUCUMBERS	Quality is good, pricing is higher	MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are 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 and pricing are good	GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality and pricing are good	PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
BROCCOLI	Quality is fair; pricing is higher	GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	POTATOES	Quality and pricing are good
BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is good, pricing is higher	GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good	POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher	KALE	Quality and pricing are good	SQUASH	Quality and pricing are good
CAULIFLOWER	Quality is fair; pricing is higher	LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is fair; pricing is higher, pre-cut product is the best value	TOMATOES	Quality and pricing are good, Romas are the best buy