

Weekly Commodity Report

4/30/18

FRESH POULTRY



via Urner Barry (Wednesday Close)

Market steady across the board.



FRESH EGGS



Fresh Eggs- via Urner Barry (Thursday Close)

Large market no change. Medium up 6¢. Liquid eggs down.



USDA WEIGHTED AVG



Market based on 5 day Moving Avg

Strips up 95¢ per lb. Ribs and ounds are steady. Skirts remain strong.



CHEESE PRICING



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

Cheese market continues to rise. Block is up 1¢ per lb. Barrel is down 2¢.



PORK MARKET



Bacon slightly stronger 2¢. Butts up 14¢ and loins up 10¢ per lb.



BUTTER MARKET



Butter market is up 7¢.



SEAFOOD MARKET



Asian shrimp market is steady, black tigers are strong. Crab meat continues to rise. Swai is tight to not available. Cod loins strong.



SALAD OIL & SHORTENING



Market changes daily off Chicago Merchentile Exchange

Oil market steady. No price change from last week.



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Market Alerts

LETTUCE Quality is good to fair on all whole head lettuces, and pricing is higher than normal on **Romaine, Romaine Hearts and Green Leaf**. Consider using **Iceberg** as a substitute.

GRAPES The Chilean grape season is approaching its end, and quality is beginning to decline on both Red and Green Grapes, with Reds being the better value.

BERRIES Supplies of **Blackberries** and **Raspberries** are very light, due to slow early harvests in central California, and the ending of Mexico's crop. Pricing may be higher than normal in certain markets, and quality is good. **Strawberries** and **Blueberries** will be a better buy for the coming week.

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.

SQUASH Yellow and Zucchini (Italian) Squash supplies are in a short gap, due to field transitions in both Mexico and the Southeast. Quality is good, but pricing may be higher than normal, with **Medium-sized Zucchini** being the best value.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Cantaloupe: Supplies of Central American-grown melons are great quality, with high sugar levels.

Tomatoes: Mexico and Florida's early spring harvests are very strong. Supplies of Round, Roma and Grape Tomatoes are plentiful and quality is very good for this time of year.

Ramps: This wild onion with a pungent flavor grows during a very short season in early to mid-spring. Ask your distributor for availability.

Fiddlehead Ferns: Another spring crop with a short season, this tightly wound vegetable has a taste and texture similar to asparagus. Ask your distributor for availability.

Brussels Sprouts: Supplies are plentiful and quality is very nice, with vibrant color and firmness.

Bell Peppers: The harvest of Green Bell Peppers is abundant. Quality and pricing are very good, with choice-grade product being the best value.

What's Happening

Spring is on the way! Time to plan for the season!

Seasonal Favorites

- #97002 - Asparagus
- #99870 - White Asparagus
- #98092 - Fava Beans
- #99625 - Haricot Vert French Beans

Local Selections Perfect for Holiday Dishes & Buffet Tables

- #99745 - Edible Pansies
- Pre-Order - Cornabra Blossoms
- #98530 - Wheat Grass
- #97331 + 97334 - Holy Schmitt Horseradish

APPLES	Quality and pricing are good	CELERY	Quality and pricing are good	LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
ASPARAGUS	Quality is good, pricing is higher on most sizes	CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality and pricing are good	LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
AVOCADO	Quality is good, pricing is fair	CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good	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 is good, pricing is slightly higher
BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher	CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good	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 is good, pricing may be higher	GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	PEARS	Quality and pricing are good
BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
BROCCOLI	Quality and pricing are good	GRAPES (RED)	Quality is fair, pricing is good	POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher: 90 CT and smaller sizes are the best value.
BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality and pricing are good	GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good	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
CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good	LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is good, pricing is higher	TOMATOES	Quality and pricing are good