

# Weekly Commodity Report

9/25/17

## FRESH POULTRY

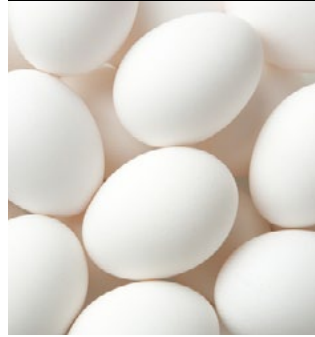


via Urner Barry (Wednesday Close)

Chicken cutlets and tenderloins continue to drop in price this week by 10¢. Wings remain steady at all time record pricing.



## FRESH EGGS



Fresh Eggs- via Urner Barry (Thursday Close)

Shell eggs - Large market is up 11¢. Medium market is up 8¢. Market is on the rise.



## USDA WEIGHTED AVG



Market based on 5 day Moving Avg

The beef market continues to be weak with little change, except skirt steaks which dropped by a dollar per pound.



## CHEESE PRICING



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

Cheese market is mixed. Block is down 2¢ per lb. Barrel is up 8¢ per lb.



## PORK MARKET



Fresh pork was steady this week. However, bacon dropped again this week by 30¢ per pound.



## BUTTER MARKET



Butter market is up 3¢ per lb.



## SEAFOOD MARKET



White shrimp market has begun to decrease now that supplies are plentiful.

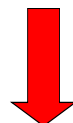


## SALAD OIL & SHORTENING



Market changes daily off Chicago Merchandise Exchange

Oil market is down 20¢ per cs from last week.





## Market Alerts

**HURRICANE IRMA** Much of Florida experienced crop damage from Irma. Tomatoes, Squash, Strawberries and Cucumbers may be affected over the next few months. Be sure to read The Source Plus each week for up-to-date recommendations.

**ASPARAGUS** Weather-related import and harvest issues have reduced supplies even further. Pricing is much higher than normal, with good to fair quality.

**CITRUS** Supplies of **Valencia Oranges** and most **Lemons** are very light and are expected to continue through mid-October. Product may be substituted with a different size or grade. For optimal availability, consider using **88 CT** or larger **Oranges**, and **165 CT** or smaller **Lemons**.

**BERRIES** **Blackberries** are poor to fair quality due to the extreme heat in California. **Strawberries** and **Raspberries** have improved in quality and are much better options this week.

**AVOCADOS** The supply situation remains critically tight, particularly with the Mexican harvest, which accounts for the majority of available product. Quality is good to fair, however pricing is at record highs.

**TOMATOES** Pricing is higher than normal due to the combined impact of Hurricanes Irma and Kita, and the excessive heat in Central California. **Roma** and **5x6 or smaller Round tomatoes** are the best values, and **Cherries** are a better buy than **Grapes**.

**BROCCOLI** Supplies of **Bunched, Crowns, and Florets** are very tight, with fair quality. Pricing is much higher than normal and orders may be shorted. Consider using **Kale** as a substitution in the coming week.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Melons:** Quality and pricing is still very good on all melons.

**Colored Potatoes:** Red, Gold, White and other colors are at peak season out of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

**Apples:** New crop apples are now available out of Washington, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania. Ask your distributor for recommendations.

**Pears:** Bartlett and Red Pears are at peak harvest out of Washington, along with in California and New York. It's the perfect time of year to use them for hand fruit and recipes.

**Green Bell Peppers:** Harvests in the Midwest, Northeast and California are all peaking. Great quality and pricing on all grades and sizes of Green Peppers.

## What's Happening

### LI Grown Produce:

- Hard winter squashes are now in season! Butternut, Acorn, Spaghetti & Kabocha squash! Pumpkins & Gourds Now In stock!
- Eggplants & peppers plentiful and great quality!
- Long Island potatoes! Red B, golds, and white chef's all in stock!

### New Crop pears from Washington and California are now in season!

Bartlett 98618  
Bosc 99090  
Anjou (end of week) 98580  
Red Bartlett 98570

### New crop local apples just starting!

Ginger Golds 97813  
McIntosh/Paula Red 97810  
Cortland apples 97819 & 99705

APPLES	New crop product is beginning, with Gala being the most plentiful. Local product is available in Michigan and New York.	CELERY	Quality and pricing are good.	LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is suffering due to the heat and pricing is starting to rise.
ASPARAGUS	Quality is good to fair; pricing is much higher on all sizes.	CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are very good.
AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.	CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.	MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are very good.
BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, with Green Peppers being the best buy.	CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are very good.
BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is poor; pricing is higher.	CUCUMBERS	Quality is good to fair; pricing is higher.	ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.
BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are good.	PEARS	New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.
BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	GARLIC	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.	PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	POTATOES	New crop product is available, quality and pricing are good.
BROCCOLI	Quality is fair; pricing is higher; product is limited.	GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good.
BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair; pricing is higher than normal.	GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.	SQUASH	Quality is fair to good, pricing is higher.
CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	KALE	Quality and pricing are good.	STONE FRUIT	The season is ending early. Quality is fair and pricing is higher.
CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good.	LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good.	TOMATOES	Quality is fair to good, pricing is higher. Cherries, Romas and small Rounds are the best values.