

Overview

Tomato supplies will be short for the next two weeks, with occasional supply interruptions possible, particularly on Rounds and Grapes. We expect this to improve slowly by the end of next week with supply expected to increase daily by the second week of November.

The **Lime** market remains firm across all sizes. Current forecasts indicate that smaller fruit will make up most production, while 175-count and larger sizes remain extremely limited. Substitutions with smaller sizes will be necessary over the next several weeks.

Hot Pepper production is expected to tighten up on several varieties with quality being mixed.

U.S. **Table Grape** availability will start to decline daily as the season comes to a close, Greens are currently the shortest. Offshore availability was limited this week but expected to improve by end of month.

Cremini Mushrooms are in short supply due to production declines and yield losses caused by green mold. We also expect Canadian tariffs on Mushrooms to affect the industry over the coming weeks. In addition, costs are expected to rise across the domestic supply chain, particularly growing and operating costs.

Insect pressure, INSV, and Sclerotinia continue to affect production and are expected to remain challenges throughout the Salinas season. Supplies on some commodities remain extremely limited. Quality issues will continue as disease and insect pressure remain, particularly in Leafy Greens (**Lettuce, Romaine, Green Leaf**, etc.). Many growers are now in Huron, providing relief for Lettuce supplies, although transfer fees may apply in some instances. **Cabbage, Broccoli**, and **Cauliflower** are still seeing heavy insect pressure, but supplies have improved. Growers are expected to hold to average order volumes for Lettuce, Romaine and Green Leaf, but prorates should be expected.

For **Green Onions**, growers are still holding to averages, but supplies are improving. We are approximately three weeks away from the transition, and supply and quality challenges will likely continue until production settles into Yuma.

Avocado supplies are tightening as Michoacan approaches a full week without harvesting, and existing U.S. inventories are beginning to dwindle. Market prices are increasing rapidly as limited supply reduces availability and puts pressure on upcoming shipments. Harvesting continues in Jalisco, but protest-related blockages affecting fruit movement have added uncertainty, and volumes cannot fully offset the loss of Michoacan production. Even after harvesting resumes, additional time will be needed to harvest, pack, ship, and ripen fruit before inventories recover. Expect further pricing increases, potential prorations, and loading delays if the disruption continues.

EXTREME					
	Asparagus	Avocados	Boston/Butter Lettuce	Green/Red Leaf	Tomatoes Grape, Cherry
ESCALATED					
	Lettuce	Romaine/Romaine Hearts	Snow Peas	Tomatoes	
WATCHLIST					
	Cabbage Green	Green Onion	Limes 150's & larger	Napa	Parsley Italian
WATCHLIST					
	Strawberries	Sugar Snap	Tomatoes Rounds, Romas	White Asparagus	
WATCHLIST					
	Blackberries	Broccoli	Cauliflower	French Beans	Herbs
WATCHLIST					
	Potatoes	Raspberries	Small Citrus all varieties	Sweet Potatoes	Tomatillos

California **Cantaloupe** and **Honeydew** production is expected to continue through at least next week, although virus pressure in late season fields could bring the Central California season to an earlier conclusion than the originally planned. Yuma program is scheduled to begin with limited initial production, while the impact of recent Arizona rainfall is still being assessed. Sizing has shifted smaller due to weaker fields, cooler temperatures, and reduced daylight, with larger fruit already commanding premium pricing. Internal quality remains consistent, with strong sugar levels. Availability may be tight during the regional transition, particularly larger sizes.

Strawberry supplies are declining as California rainfall and potential rain-related delays in Mexico limit production, with extremely tight availability expected into November and continued shortages through December. **Blackberry** volumes remain relatively steady in Mexico, although organic supplies are light and Watsonville production is winding down. **Raspberry** supplies are steady this week, but rain-related quality issues and reduced shelf life could tighten availability and push prices higher. Peru remains the primary Blueberry source, with volumes slightly below expectations but excellent quality across conventional and organic offerings. Over the coming weeks, Strawberry availability will remain the greatest concern, while Blueberry supplies are expected to improve in December as production increases in Mexico and Chile.

Citrus markets are experiencing tight supplies of smaller sizes, particularly **Lemons**, as fruit generally trends larger. A warm, wet winter is anticipated, and suppliers will work to mitigate potential supply disruptions caused by rain-related harvest delays. California **Valencias** are winding down, with **Navels** expected to begin in November. Cara **Cara Oranges** are anticipated to begin in mid-to-late November.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Avocados: EXTREME Avocado supplies are tightening rapidly as the harvest disruption in Michoacan extends toward a full week, with U.S. inventories dwindling and market prices rising sharply. The loss of more than a week of harvesting would significantly disrupt the industry's supply chain and its ability to replenish available fruit. Trucks carrying avocados from Jalisco are now being blocked by protesters, further limiting volumes available to the U.S. market. This development reduces the industry's ability to use Jalisco production to offset the interruption in Michoacan. If harvesting does not resume this week, industry-wide shortages are expected, increasing the risk of prorations, loading delays, and unfilled orders. Even once harvesting resumes, recovery will take time as fruit moves through harvesting, packing, inspection, transportation, and ripening. Customers requiring conditioned or ripened fruit may experience a longer recovery period as inventories are rebuilt. Growers and shippers continue working to fulfill existing programs while prioritizing the safety of their crews and operations. Expect continued upward pricing pressure and increasingly limited availability until harvesting and fruit movement resume.

CITRUS

Limes: ESCALATED Supply will get lighter, and markets are firming up as current regional product will decline. We will continue to see size issues with distribution will skew heavily toward 175s and 250s. Unfortunately, this is leaving larger sizes. Due to limited sizing on the larger end of the scale, we are still seeing a need to substitute with smaller sizes for the next several weeks. Overall quality will be a concern; external blemishes, oleocellosis and limited shelf life may occur.

WEST COAST LETTUCE

Iceberg: EXTREME Lettuce quality is okay and supplies are extremely limited. Prorates should be expected. There has been an increase of disease and insect pressure. We have seen some reports of internal burn, wind burn and soil-related defects. We are also seeing smaller heads and light weights. The market is trending up. September will be challenging for lettuce. Lettuce is now at the extreme trigger.

Iceberg VA: EXTREME Quality is fair and supplies are extremely limited. Prorates should be expected.

Romaine VA: ESCALATED Quality and supplies are fair. We are still seeing more core in the bags and some mildew. Growers are holding to strict averages when they can but prorates should be expected.

El Niño: While it's still too early to predict how severe the impacts of El Niño will be, we do know that impactful storms will likely hit the Central Coast. We will be adding updates as we receive them, but for now all indicators are pointing towards a strong El Niño taking shape over the next several months. Yuma will likely see increased precipitation, so growers are planning to place crops across various growing regions to try to mitigate supply issues. The growers do have plans in place and will be acting accordingly to try to minimize the effects of the weather event as much as they can.

Table Grapes: Production is winding down out of California; we are approximately 70% complete for the season. Fruit quality is outstanding, with good-sized Berries, very little shatter, and high Brix. Current production with varieties including Autumn Royals, Globes and Ivory, Timson, and Summer Royals. We will need to keep a close eye on the market as the season progresses, as the crop is approximately two weeks ahead of schedule and there may be supply issues on the back end of the season. Black Grapes will start to decline rapidly and expected to conclude in 2 weeks.

Bananas: Banana supply will be stable, but production curtailed due to virus pressure, low yields, and rising costs. Though quality is very good and current supply is adequate, consistency will be crucial. To navigate the coming year, ensure consistent supply, maintain regular ordering patterns, and proactively address any potential issues impacting the banana program. Bunker rates will be released this week and next, expect them to be higher due to rising fuel costs.

Pineapples: Supplies have tightened up, and we have seen an increase in open market pricing. Contract volume is holding firm, but open market availability has dropped. Suppliers are expecting this to last for 2 to 4 weeks. This should not affect quality, which has been good overall.

Lemons: Small Lemons are tightening up. Some suppliers will not take new volume on smaller sizes until supplies improve.

Navels: Domestic Navels are set to begin in November.

Valencias: California Valencias have begun and are projected to have strained supplies on small sizes.

Mandarins: California Valencias are winding down for the year and should finish in November.

Boston/Butter Lettuce: EXTREME Quality is good, but supplies are limited.

Romaine & Romaine Hearts: EXTREME Supplies and quality are fair. There have been reports of light weights, tip and fringe burn. We are seeing high core, soil concerns, and insect pressure. Yields are being affected. Baby Romaine disease pressure has also increased, and supplies will be light. All Romaine items are now at the extreme level. Growers are holding to strict averages when they can but prorates should be expected.

Green Leaf, Better Burger and Red Leaf: EXTREME Quality is fair and supplies are limited.

BERRIES

Strawberries: ESCALATED Strawberry supplies continue to decline following the rain events across Santa Maria, Oxnard, Salinas, and Watsonville. Mexico was expected to ramp up more quickly to help offset these declines; however, several anticipated rain events could significantly reduce projected volumes and delay that relief. Quality concerns over the next several weeks may include reduced shelf life, bruising, softness, premature breakdown, misshapen fruit, and pale color. Supplies will be extremely tight moving into November and are expected to remain limited through December, with meaningful improvement dependent on weather conditions and production increases in Mexico and Florida.

Blackberries: WATCHLIST Blackberry volumes are somewhat steady in Mexico, with direct exports to Texas underway, although organic availability remains light. Watsonville production is winding down, and availability is limited. Quality is generally good across both regions, with some softness and leaking fruit reported.

Raspberries: WATCHLIST Raspberry supplies from Mexico remain on par this week, with exports already moving into Texas. Rainfall has had a slight impact on quality, which remains fair to good overall. Some reduction in shelf life may be experienced over the next few weeks as the industry works through rain-affected fruit. Expect tighter availability and potential upward pricing pressure until production stabilizes.

Blueberries: Peru remains the primary source over the next few weeks before production begins to wind down and supply transitions to Mexico. Peruvian volumes remain slightly below expectations, consistent with typical seasonal availability. Quality remains excellent across both conventional and organic offerings. Overall supplies are expected to improve in December as production from Mexico and Chile increases.

EASTERN AND WESTERN VEGETABLES

Green Bell Pepper: Supply is lighter out of California this week, and markets are expected to firm up; Coachella is about two weeks out. Improving supply out of South Georgia.

Color Bell Pepper: Supply is tightening this week as coastal California regions begin to wind down for the season, and we prepare for Transition to the desert. The Hothouse Pepper category has also turned the corner and firmed up.

Jicama: Good supply and good quality available.

Mini Sweet Pepper: Supply lighter this week and expected for the next several weeks. Quality is good.

Mixed Chili Pepper: WATCHLIST Supplies are lighter this week on several varieties: Poblano, Thai Chili and Serrano. Mainland Mexico, Baja and local programs in California remain the primary growing areas as well as the East Coast. Red Fresnos seem to be the shortest, and we see much higher prices per pound than normal.

Tomatillo: WATCHLIST Very tight this week and supply is expected to be a challenge through Thanksgiving.

Pickles: Lighter supply is available out of Tennessee/North Carolina, with limited supply out of Mexico. Quality is good.

Eggplant: Improving supply out of Nogales and the desert in the west. Good supply available out of South Georgia. Overall quality is good.

English Cucumbers: Steady supply and softer markets are putting downward pressure on the spot market this week out of Mexico and Canada. Quality is good.

Slicer Cucumbers: Supplies crossing through Otay Mesa and McAllen are much improved with stable volume available. In the East, we are seeing good supply out of Tennessee and Michigan. Quality is good from all shipping points.

Green Beans: WATCHLIST Round Type: Local deals are winding down out of Virginia and Michigan as we transition to South Georgia. Overall supplies on the east and west coast are lighter this week and markets firm. Quality is mixed by region.

French Beans: WATCHLIST Guatemalan production remains at approximately 35 to 40% of normal levels due to rain-related quality issues and unfavorable field conditions. Supplies may improve in two to three weeks, depending on field recovery and weather conditions. French bean supplies from Mexico also remain limited.

Zucchini/Yellow Squash: Improving supply out of South Georgia and Mexico crossing in Nogales available this week. Quality is good.

HERBS

WATCHLIST Basil production, quality, and supply remain good across both regions. On the East Coast, all herbs, including imported chervil, are readily available. On the West Coast, most herbs have steady supplies and fair quality, although chervil, lemon thyme, and marjoram remain limited due to heat.

HERB	SUPPLY	QUALITY	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
Arugula	Steady	Steady	USA
Basil	Steady	Steady	MEX
Opal Basil	Steady	Steady	USA
Thai Basil	Steady	Steady	USA/MEX
Bay Leaves	Steady	Steady	USA/COL
Chervil	Steady	Steady	USA
Chives	Limited	Steady	MEX
Cilantro	Limited	Steady	USA/MEX
Cilantro	Steady	Steady	Costa Rica
Dill	Steady	Steady	USA/MEX
Epazote	Steady	Steady	MEX
Lemongrass	Limited	Steady	USA
Marjoram	Steady	Steady	USA
Mint	Steady	Steady	USA
Oregano	Steady	Steady	USA/MEX
Italian Parsley	Steady	Steady	USA
Rosemary	Steady	Steady	USA
Sage	Steady	Steady	USA/MEX
Savory	Steady	Steady	USA
Sorrel	Steady	Steady	USA
Tarragon	Limited	Steady	MEX
Thyme	Steady	Steady	USA/MEX
Lavender	Steady	Steady	USA
Lemon Thyme	Steady	Steady	USA
Lime Leaves	Steady	Steady	USA

MELONS

Overview: California is now done for the season and the transition to the desert is complete. Very light offshore volume may become available by the second week of November.

Cantaloupe: Production consists mostly of 9-count and 12-count fruit, with very few jumbos, which is typical for this time of year. Fruit has a slightly greener cast, but internal quality has been very good. Brix levels have settled mostly in the 12%-14% range. Due to rain during the growing cycle, some fruit may have dried dirt on the exterior. Harvest crews are working to clean the melons as thoroughly as possible while keeping pace with harvest volumes.

Honeydew: Current production consists almost entirely of jumbo fruit. Since last week, sizing has peaked at 4Js and 5Js, leaving 6s and 8s in very limited supply. We are exploring alternative ways to meet demand for smaller fruit, including packing 6Js or sourcing honeydews to ship with cantaloupes. As is typical for Yuma, honeydews may show some external scarring but are of sound overall quality.

Watermelon: The market is starting to transition the late-season US crop from Texas to imports. Most imports will start coming from Mexico. Pricing is steady even with lower supplies as demand tapers off. Quality throughout the growing regions has been good.

MIXED VEGETABLES

Artichokes: Quality and supplies have improved.

Asparagus: EXTREME Weather-related production challenges in Peru and Mexico continue to reduce supplies, affect quality, and push prices higher. Mexican volumes are expected to remain lower for the next 10 to 14 days, adding pressure to an already tight market. Southern Peru is nearing the end of its season as northern production increases, shifting availability toward smaller sizing and further limiting larger sizes through year-end. Warmer-than-normal temperatures associated with El Niño have also contributed to reduced yields and less predictable harvests, making consistent shipments more difficult. Expect extremely active markets, elevated pricing, and limited availability through the remainder of the year.

Bok Choy: Quality is okay and supplies are limited.

Broccoli Florets/Broccoli Crowns: WATCHLIST Quality is fair, and supplies remain limited but have improved. Reports of browning and pin rot continue. With the heavy insect pressure, we will still watch this item.

Broccolini and Sweet Baby Broccoli: Quality is good, but supplies are limited. Growers are holding to average order volumes, and we will continue to monitor this item due to ongoing heavy insect pressure.

Brussels Sprouts: Quality is good and supplies have improved but remain limited.

Carrots: (JUMBOS, MEDIUMS and CELLOS) Quality and supplies are good.

Cauliflower: WATCHLIST Quality is okay. Supplies remain limited. Prorates should be expected from some growers. Insect pressure has increased drastically and is affecting yields.

Celery: Quality and supplies are good. Organic Celery is at the extreme level.

Corn, Sweet: We are seeing a split market with good supply available in the East while the West markets remain lighter than usual as we transition back to California, which is the primary shipping point for the West Coast. In the East, we continue to see steady numbers out of Georgia, North Carolina and upper Midwest. Local availability will start to decline as we see cooler weather move into the upper Midwest and Northeast this week. Quality is good out of all regions.

Fennel: Quality and supplies have improved.

Kale: Quality and supplies look good.

Leeks: Quality and supplies look okay.

Garlic: Quality remains good although supply is snug on this Garlic crop. Continue to purchase steadily to ensure product as the year progresses.

Ginger: Supplies and market are steady.

Green Cabbage: ESCALATED Quality looks good, but supplies are tightening up. Prorates should be expected. The market is rising and there is heavy insect pressure that is reducing harvestable yields.

Green Onions: ESCALATED Quality is fair, with insect damage and smaller sizes reported. Supplies remain limited but are improving. Growers will continue to hold to averages but should be able to fill those average order volumes.

Mushrooms: WATCHLIST PExtra volume is expected to decrease over the coming weeks as retail demand increases ahead of the holidays. Thanksgiving is just a month away! Overall quality is good; however, green mold may affect production in northern growing regions. Cremini volumes have declined significantly, potentially due to this issue. We are not currently experiencing problems with our grower partners but prorates may occur over the coming weeks. We have been advised that cremini production could be affected through November.

Napa Cabbage: ESCALATED Quality is good, but supplies are tightening up.

Parsley (Curly, Italian): ESCALATED Quality is good, but supplies are tightening up. Italian Parsley 60ct is escalated.

Rapini: Quality is good, but supply continues to be light. The market is strong and therefore the supplies will continue to be light.

Red Cabbage: Quality looks good, but supplies are light.

Spinach: Quality is good, but supplies are tightening up. October is expected to be a roller coaster for this item. Insect activity has increased and yields will be affected.

Spring Mix: Supplies are limited and quality is okay. We are starting to see some decreased shelf-life. All leafy greens are affected by disease pressure.

Snow Peas and Sugar Snaps: ESCALATED Guatemalan snow pea and sugar snap supplies remain extremely limited, with improvement expected in mid-November. Domestic availability is also limited due to weather-related challenges and field transitions. Mexican production is expected to begin in mid-November, providing additional supply as volumes build.

POTATOES:

WATCHLIST Growers are shipping new crop Potatoes, and some will start adding volume into storage in the upcoming weeks. With less acreage, issues with water and high nighttime temperatures, larger 40-70 count Potatoes are limited and will remain that way throughout the season. Suppliers are still hoping that Potatoes will size up over the next couple of weeks. Smaller 80-120 count Potatoes have better availability. Current market pricing remains elevated and getting stronger on bigger Potatoes.

SWEET POTATOES:

WATCHLIST Growers have started to harvest the new crop and will put them in storage to let the skin set before shipping. This will take 3-4 weeks before we start to see the new crop shipped out. Limited old crop supplies remain available nationwide, putting a premium on all sizes. Demand from both retail and foodservice continues to be steady to strong, supporting a firmer market. Quality has been fair to poor as we finish up the old crop.

TOMATOES:

Q4 Updates: Quarter 4 is upon us, and we need to remember this can be the most challenging time of year for the tomato supply chain with local and seasonal production winding down for the season. We will begin transitioning to Florida in the coming weeks as well as Mainland Mexico for the winter months; with a forecasted Super El Niño season expected we want to be prepared for any vulnerability to weather related pressure on supply. We will continue to monitor the weather in all growing regions as well as receive updates from our grower partners and provide that information to you as soon as possible.

MEXICO

Round Tomatoes: ESCALATED Supply will be tighter on all sizes this week, particularly the larger sized fruit. This scenario, combined with overall higher demand, will keep prices higher this week. Quality is outstanding on what is crossing this week.

Roma Tomatoes: ESCALATED Stable supply and quality available out of Jalisco and Baja. Demand is very good this week putting upward pressure on prices. The drive for this is high demand from the East and lower production numbers out of Baja.

Grape Medley, Grape and Cherry Tomatoes: EXTREME
A combination of events between the east coast and west coast being shorter than expected, markets will be firm across the category out west with possibilities of supply interruptions. Quality on the product loading in the west is far better than the east on all varieties.

CALIFORNIA

Supply has been stable on Rounds; however, larger sizes seem to be limited and drawing a premium; Romas have been mostly stable as well. General call prices are up this week as demand from the East was higher due to the ongoing rain in Central Tennessee and surrounding areas. Quality has been mostly consistent across California; we should start to see volume start to decline daily as the season is expected to wrap up in approximately three weeks.

ONIONS:

The transition to the NW, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho is mostly done. Most California suppliers are finished for the summer season. Overall, the market is still struggling to keep up with demand, elevating open market pricing. NW suppliers are reporting less volume on colossal and super colossal sizing due to extended periods of smoke from neighboring wildfires and heat.

EAST COAST

Round Tomatoes: ESCALATED Volume is mixed this week, and demand continues to exceed supply. Quality also varies across regions. Georgia should see additional volume this week; however, it will not be enough to meet demand. We do not expect relief from Florida for another three weeks.

Roma Tomatoes: ESCALATED Supply will remain light in South Georgia this week and should begin improving next week, with additional volume anticipated the following week. Quality is fair at best due to weather-related pressure. As with round tomatoes, significant relief is not expected until Florida production ramps up.

Snacking, Grape Medley, Grape and Cherry Tomatoes: EXTREME Volumes of cherry, grape, and medley tomatoes are very light this week due to weather-related pressure in South Georgia. Supply interruptions may occur across the entire category in the East until Florida production begins. Quality is fair at best. We expect market volatility over the next two to three weeks.

OTHER FRUIT:

Apples: New crop Gala apples are being harvested, and inventory is building up. Granny Smiths are limited as they finish up storage crop, new crop will start in 1 week. Red Delicious, Fuji and Gold Delicious all have very limited storage supplies left, and new crop will start in mid to late September. New crop Honeycrisp apples have started, and good volume is available.

Pears: D'Anjou availability is limited; volume from both domestic and imports have dried up. The market remains stable, with new crop Bartletts. Red D'Anjou Pears are moderately available in U.S. #1 35–55ct sizes and should remain in the market for another couple of weeks. Bosc Pears are currently gapping until their respective new crop harvests.

Persimmons: New crop FUYUs available out of California.

Pomegranate: Good supply available; New Crop out of California.

Asian Pears: Lighter volume, good supply on larger sizes.

Cherries: Limited availability on offshore fruit this week.

Stone Fruit: Limited/ Done for the domestic season.

Papaya: Maradol are steady out of Mexico, while Solos and Hawaiians are tight.

Kiwi Fruit: Supplies are fair out of Chile; California Kiwi Berries available. Some Golden Kiwis are also available.

Mangoes: Steady supply out of Mexico and Brazil. Varieties: Tommy's, Kents, Palmer and Keitts.

Quince: Limited supply available this week.

Figs: Black Mission and Brown Turkey available out of California.

DAIRY:

The SGX/NZX conference was on in Singapore this week. The single biggest topic of discussion was whether SMP would continue to increase. The consensus was, yes, it would. But with everyone seeming to have the same view there was some nervousness that groupthink may be setting in. One of my takeaways is that a lot of people are looking for some import strength from China, which would be bullish development. There was a lot of data this week. U.S. milk production was much stronger than forecast, but NZ production was a little weaker than expected. NZ exports were above forecast for September as global demand remained strong. El Nino is still a risk, but NZ weather has been good so far.

SHELL EGGS:

National FOB shell egg weighted average prices are steady to slightly higher. The undertone is steady to instances fully steady. Demand into retail channels is moderate. Domestic loose egg demand is light to moderate. Export movement is moderate to good. Offerings are in a range of light to available, the lighter weight eggs continuing to be in the tightest position. Supplies are moderate to fully adequate. Market activity is moderate to slow. California weighted average delivered prices are steady to mostly higher. The undertone is steady to firm. Retail demand is mixed, mostly moderate. Food service demand is light. Offerings are moderate to available for the larger sizes. Supplies are varied. Market activity is moderate to slow.

PROTEIN:

Beef: Last Friday the October Cattle on Feed report was released and is viewed as supportive to the cattle market. September placements down 12% from last year and at their lowest September level on record. Marketings were also down 7%, while total cattle on feed remained essentially even with last year. The sharp reduction in placements reinforces the tight cattle-supply outlook moving forward, although elevated numbers of long-fed cattle could provide some near-term supply.

Boxed beef has started the week firmer, with Choice gaining \$3.65 Monday and another \$2.78 Tuesday to close at \$372.22, while Select advanced to \$358.85. The Choice/Select spread widened to \$13.37. Tuesday's strength came on improved movement of 120 loads versus 89 Monday, with loins, rounds and chucks all moving higher while ribs held essentially steady.

Chicken: WOGs are still rated at full steady. Floor stocks still remain tight, asking prices are on the higher end. Trade activity is moderate. Bone-in breasts and front halves market remain mixed. B/S breasts are uneventful. Tenders and wings demands are fair though supplies are adequate. Dark meat section is clearing well. The market is about steady.

Export market activity for dark meat is clearing well.

PROTEIN:

Turkey:

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms steady. Demand light. Offerings light. Frozen commodity Grade A 8-16 lb. hens offered at 177-197 and 16-24 lb. toms at 180-197 cents FOB for current shipments.

The market on white meat and white trim is steady. Demand is light. Offerings of fresh white meat are light. Frozen white meat and white trim offerings remain light. Cooked and deli demand light. Grade A consumer sized breasts, institutional sized breasts are steady. Tom drums, full-cut, and V-type wings are steady to weak with the balance of bulk parts mostly steady. Demand light to instances moderate. Offerings light. The thigh meat market is steady to weak. Demand light. Offerings very light to light. Defatted gizzards, hearts and livers steady to barely steady. Demand and offerings light. Tails steady. Demand and offerings light. Tom necks steady with demand light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow. Market steady. Demand light. Offerings light to moderate.

Pork: Pork continues to grind lower. The cutout slipped another \$0.64 Wednesday to \$72.45, down from \$73.80 Monday. Butts took the biggest hit Wednesday, down \$2.94 to \$96.15, while ribs dropped \$4.31 to \$136.28 and hams lost \$1.11 to \$59.29. Loins were basically steady at \$75.51 and bellies held at \$76.62. Movement remained solid at 338 loads.

