

BEEF



Last week's cattle production estimate (ultimately reported at 642k head) was revised lower on Monday, following a late-Friday fire in Tyson's Holcomb, Kansas beef packing plant. Anticipate the loss of one of the largest beef processors to push beef prices higher until the approximate 6% to 7% of beef production lost is replaced. Just through the first two days of this week, the Choice boxed beef cutout is up more than \$0.10 from Friday's close, with much of the increase centered on the middle meats and grinds. Expect further price volatility in the near term as the need for remaining Labor Day demand will take priority.

BEEF	Price	LstWk	Diff	Last YR
Ground Beef 81/19	\$2.2220	\$1.8560	\$0.3660	\$1.8350
Ground Chuck	\$2.2980	\$1.9700	\$0.3280	\$1.8620
116 Chuck (choice)	\$2.7080	\$2.5770	\$0.1310	\$2.9790
168 Inside Round (ch.)	\$2.3050	\$2.1090	\$0.1960	\$2.0130
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	\$2.9250	\$3.0220	(\$0.0970)	\$3.0550
193 Flank Steak (choice)	\$5.5350	\$5.5750	(\$0.0400)	\$5.7350
50% Trimmings	\$0.8920	\$0.7910	\$0.1010	\$0.9140
75% Trimmings	\$1.6780	\$1.6780	-	\$1.5630
90% Trimmings	\$2.2220	\$2.2270	(\$0.0050)	\$2.1040

PORK



The sharp year-over-year gains on weekly hog harvests have eased, with last week's total coming in just .6% over last year. Still, heavier hog carcass weights continue to add to production, as seen in last week's 492.7 million pounds of pork produced, up 1.2% from a year ago. Higher ham and belly prices have boosted the USDA pork cutout value, but the higher prices became disengaging for end users. Pork prices have now begun to fall and may weaken into late-August. Pork trim prices have finally started to drop and may still fall into September.

PORK	Price	LstWk	Diff	Last YR
Live Hogs	\$0.5280	\$0.5680	(\$0.0400)	\$0.3340
Belly (bacon)	\$1.6970	\$1.5370	\$0.1600	\$0.8760
Ham (23-27 lb.)	\$0.7780	\$0.9210	(\$0.1430)	\$0.6050
Loin (bone-in)	\$0.7490	\$0.7460	\$0.0030	\$0.7580
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	\$1.8330	\$1.8280	\$0.0050	\$2.1400
Picnic, untrmd.	\$0.5230	\$0.5370	(\$0.0140)	\$0.4300
42% Trimmings	\$0.6340	\$0.7360	(\$0.1020)	\$0.3680
72% Trimmings	\$0.7160	\$0.7420	(\$0.0260)	\$0.5360

POULTRY



For the week ending August 3rd, weekly young chicken harvests continued to run over a year ago, for the first time since early June, bird weights dipped below the year prior. Still, RTC production remains over a year ago, with the six-week total holding near 5% above last year. Wing and dark meat prices remain elevated while breast meat and tenders have been sliding. Anticipate a modest pullback in chicken production given early summer chick placement data, but the window is closing on those expectations. Egg prices have begun to rise, and our expectations are for egg prices to further increase as the egg layer flock declines in response to worsening margins.

POULTRY	Price	LstWk	Diff	Last YR
Wings (jumbo, cut)	\$1.9030	\$1.8740	\$0.0290	\$1.4100
Wing Index- (ARA)	\$1.8960	\$1.8740	\$0.0220	\$1.4260
Breast, Bnless Index (ARA)	\$1.0290	\$1.0330	(\$0.0040)	\$1.0880
Tenderloin Index- (ARA)	\$1.6570	\$1.6790	(\$0.0220)	\$1.8040
Legs (whole)	\$0.6920	\$0.6840	\$0.0080	\$0.5110
Leg Qtr Index (ARA)	\$0.4100	\$0.4120	(\$0.0020)	\$0.3030
Thighs, bone in	\$0.8160	\$0.8540	(\$0.0380)	\$0.5870
Thighs, boneless	\$1.1150	\$1.1900	(\$0.0750)	\$1.1690

PRODUCE



The Idaho potato markets remain expensive, with the average 70 count price at its highest level since the summer of 2017. The Idaho potato crop is progressing well, with 89% of the crop rated in good or excellent condition. Washington (60%) and Oregon (50%) potato crops are not rated as highly. History suggests that sharply lower Idaho potato prices should be forthcoming. The five-year average move for the 70 count Idaho potato market during the next six weeks is a decline of 44%. Avocado prices could find support soon.

PRODUCE	Price	LstWk	Diff	Last YR
Limes (150 ct.)	\$17.0000	\$19.0000	(\$2.0000)	\$20.0000
Lemons (200 ct.)	\$27.4650	\$28.4650	(\$1.0000)	\$46.3000
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	\$20.0000	\$19.0000	\$1.0000	\$13.0000
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	\$9.0000	\$12.6670	(\$3.6670)	\$5.8130
Red Onions (25 lb.)-Term.	\$15.1500	\$16.7500	(\$1.6000)	\$16.3910
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	\$15.3140	\$13.9500	\$1.3640	\$11.5810
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	\$9.2500	\$8.5380	\$0.7120	\$18.7130
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	\$16.8750	\$16.8750	-	\$16.2500

DAIRY



The cheese markets remain firm, with block prices the highest in 33 months. The USDA is estimating that Q3 domestic milk production will be down .2% from last year. But, Q4 milk output is forecasted to be .8% better than 2018. Cheese prices may have more upside potential in the near-term but usually top in late-August. Spot butter prices were steady this past week and are near year ago levels. Cream supplies for butter manufactures have been tight but are expected to loosen up as ice cream manufacturing backs off. History hints that butter prices should seasonally peak next month.

DAIRY	Price	Last Week	Difference
Barrels	\$1.7440	\$1.7080	\$0.0360
40 lb. blocks	\$1.8800	\$1.8660	\$0.0140
Butter	\$2.3375	\$2.3315	\$0.0060
NFDM	\$1.0270	\$1.0240	\$0.0030

OIL & GRAINS



Wheat futures prices have fallen sharply this week, surprised along with corn and soybean markets by Monday's USDA reports. The USDA reported a better than expected forecast for U.S. corn bushels. As will usually happen with falling futures, buyers stepped back to await further information. It is thought that at these lower levels U.S. wheat could be very competitive in world markets which could improve export sales. The spring wheat harvest passed 8% this week; delayed by rain, it is well behind 32% one year ago. Improved exports and increased demand could support prices.

GRAIN/OIL	Price	LstWk	Diff	Last YR
Soybeans, bushel	\$8.3170	\$8.1280	\$0.1890	\$8.2830
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	\$0.2880	\$0.2720	\$0.0160	\$0.2720
Corn, bushel	\$3.4850	\$3.8570	(\$0.3720)	\$3.3370
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	\$0.2720	\$0.2720	-	\$0.2710
Distillers Grain, Dry	\$131.6670	\$132.3750	(\$0.7080)	\$136.3540
HRW Wheat, bushel	\$3.9100	\$4.2550	(\$0.3450)	\$5.7580
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	\$5.0830	\$5.2700	(\$0.1870)	\$5.8630
Durum Wheat, bushel	\$4.6600	\$4.6850	(\$0.0250)	\$5.0230

KITCHEN SINK



Nearby Arabica coffee futures declined notably over the last week. After finding support this past spring, the Brazilian real has reversed lower against the U.S. dollar which is boosting U.S. coffee imports. Arabica coffee futures look poised to depreciate further in the near term.

KITCHEN	Price	LstWk	Diff	Last YR
Whole Peeled, Stand (6/10)	\$12.6650	\$12.6730	(\$0.0080)	\$12.6170
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	\$0.4690	\$0.4690	-	\$0.4530
Coffee, lb., ICE	\$0.9640	\$0.9710	(\$0.0070)	\$1.0510
Sugar, lb., ICE	\$0.2590	\$0.2560	\$0.0030	\$0.2570



EURO vs. US Dollar

Current: \$1.1091

Lowest Last 30 Days: \$1.1037

Highest Last 30 Days: \$1.13052



ENERGY COMMODITIES

ENERGY	Price	LstWk	Diff	Last YR
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	\$55.2400	\$52.4300	\$2.8100	\$65.2700
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	\$2.1990	\$2.1130	\$0.0860	\$2.9510
Diesel Fuel, gal- nymex	\$1.8390	\$1.7900	\$0.0490	\$2.0870
Electricity, mwht- nymex	\$29.7000	\$29.9500	(\$0.2500)	\$37.2000
Gasoline, gal- nymex	\$1.6950	\$1.6630	\$0.0320	\$1.8940
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	\$3.0110	\$3.0320	(\$0.0210)	\$3.2170
Ethanol, gal- usda	\$1.3770	\$1.3930	(\$0.0160)	\$1.3370