

CATEGORY	NEAR-TERM MARKET PRICING TREND	SUPPLY vs. DEMAND	MARKET TRENDS COMMENTARY
Beef (Commodity)	Steady	Available - Steady	<i>February is the most challenging and lowest volume beef month of the year for the beef industry. Expect rib prices to continue to soften. The rest of the complex will feature stability. Appreciation will begin in mid March as the 2023 grilling season approaching sparking sharp middle meat price increase.</i>
Butter	Stable	Available - Steady	<i>Butter and butter cream remain readily available and relatively low after elevated market prices ruled in 2022. In support of that relatively lower pricing, global milk supply is improving along with slowing demand, and an expectation for butter production yields to increase. However demand from China and domestic margins squeezing for milk producers may support prices in the upwards direction.</i>
Fluid Dairy	Class I - Steady Class II - Higher	Class I Available - Steady Class II Short - Strong	<i>January Milk (Class I) pricing is steady. Cultured (Class II) pricing is higher. Cream production is extremely short, especially UHT. May have to offer fresh cream as an alternative. Fluid dairy shortage worst in the northeast and has expanded across the southeast and north central areas. Five 5 major plants closed in 2022. FL, SC, AL, MS &amp; IL.</i>
Cheese	Stable	Available - Strong	<i>Block pricing remains relatively flat within a range under the recent short-term highs in CME trading, and there is plenty of supply to go around. Barrels are well-below recent short-term highs, which provides relief alike to producers and manufacturers of processed goods. As it was last week, there is little concern for overall supply at the moment.</i>
Oils/Shortening/Margarine	Stable	Available - Steady	<i>Pricing on commodity oils, premium oils and shortening have not seen any major changes the past few months. Steady supply is available on all products with the exception of high oleic products. Pricing will likely continue to stay at the same relative levels in the near term based on supply and demand. The palm oils that are used to manufacture margarine are more steadily in the United States versus last year. However, delays in transit and manufacturer capacity constraints may cause sporadic tight supply in some markets. Prices on margarine should continue to maintain similar levels in the near term.</i>
Canned Vegetables (Tomatoes-West Coast)	Increasing	Short – Strong	<i>California tomato processors final tonnage figures are one of the lowest in recent history due to weather related challenges during the season. Availability and supply challenges will be present until new pack 2023.</i>
Canned Fruits (Peaches, Pears, Mixed Fruits)	Increasing	Short - Strong	<i>Northwest and West Coast processing tonnage for domestic pears and peaches came in under budget. Being the primary ingredients for fruit cocktail and fruit mixtures, availability and product allocation challenges will be present for these noted products until 2023 new pack.</i>
Canned Pudding & Cheese Sauces	Stable	Short - Strong	<i>Industry wide shortages of modified food starch (used extensively in the production of puddings and cheese sauces) has limited availability and caused temporary out of stock situations. While starch supplies are now starting to improve, reestablishing production and inventories to a manageable level will take time. Availability challenges will be present into early Spring 2023.</i>
Pork (Commodity)	Decreasing	Available – Short	<i>With an abundance of inventory in the freezer, tied with weak demand, pricing for bellies, butts, and ribs are declining in the near term.</i>
Pork (Value-Added)	Stable	Available – Steady	<i>With sufficient raw material availability relative to demand, availability of bacon, hams and sausage are adequate while pricing is stable in the near term.</i>
Poultry (Chicken)	Stable	Available – Steady	<i>Boneless breast meat prices have remained stable this week. Spot availability is showing on all sizes. Small and medium wing prices have remained steady while jumbo wings saw a slight increase. Tenders remain stabilized in price with availability showing. Demand on whole chickens and WOGS remains steady with spot availability showing on small birds. Demand for the back half of the bird remains low and spot availability showing on all parts.</i>
Poultry (Turkey)	Stable	Short – Strong	<i>Fresh Breast meat prices remain at record highs, as do the rest of the parts of the bird. Availability on whole toms and hens is scarce with prices remaining at record highs. This trend is expected to continue through the end of the year. HPAI is beginning to become more widespread again which is going to significantly affect supply well into 2023.</i>

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Produce	Lower - Oranges & Onions Steady - Apples, Iceberg & Romaine Higher - Oranges, Strawberries, Tomatoes & Idaho Potatoes	Improving/Steady - Iceberg, Romaine, Onions & Oranges Good/Strong - N/A Short/Strong - Apples, Strawberries, Tomatoes & Idaho Russet Potatoes	<i>Iceberg &amp; Romaine, AZ Lettuces weights and yields have improved. Supplies have increased and pricing has stabilized. Tomatoes, pricing steady on rounds, higher on Romas. Strawberries have limited supplies dues to rain and cold, which should last a few weeks. Apples, short harvest resulted in low supplies &amp; higher markets. Oranges supplies are improving as rains ends. Pricing is easing. Onions, ID/OR supplies ample, quality excellent. Col &amp; Supers tight Idaho Russet Potatoes, quality is good. #2's limited. Prices remain very elevated due to a short fall harvest. No relief until August '23.</i>
Shell Eggs	Decreasing	Available - Strong	<i>Egg pricing continues its slide despite Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) threats in the background. Availability was a concern with the HPAI outbreaks that occurred in late 2022, however the concern has been mitigated by swift action in preventing the spread. As previously mentioned we're not out of the woods yet with additional outbreaks being highly probable - it's a question of when, not if - so please remain vigilant.</i>
Seafood	Tilapia Decreasing	Tilapia Available - Weak	<i>Tilapia supply continues to outpace demand therefore prices are starting to drop on all sizes.</i>
Bulk Sugar	Stable	Mixed - Strong	<i>Bulk sugar products remain in tight supply in many markets. Pricing levels remain in higher ranges as well. Beet sugar may be very limited in some markets with historic high pricing levels expected near term. Cane sugar prices are expected to remain high as well as we move into warmer months. Brown sugar production is weaker than normal currently. That will pressure pricing and supply in the coming weeks.</i>
Wheat (Flour Based Products)	Stable	Available - Steady	<i>The domestic winter wheat crop is showing strong signs of amply US Supply in the coming months. This has caused domestic pricing on flour and other wheat based products to remain relatively steady in recent weeks. There is still some concern about world-wide supply and the Ukraine-Russia conflict still lingers on. At this time prices do remain steady and no additional pressure is being placed on the US supply chain. Prices should remain near current levels in the near term.</i>
Can Liners	Steady	Available - Steady	<i>Resin mills have rebalanced their production versus inventories. Going forward through Q1 2023 we can anticipate steady pricing and stable supply. In other words, can liner pricing has bottomed out without any foreseeable downward pressure.</i>

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