The market on russets is mixed this week. Roma prices are steady to down for the week. The Round tomatoes look to be steady in price for both the markets out of both Florida and California are steady. Quality is good, with moderate supply and demand.

**VEGETABLES**

**POTATOES**
- **Russets**: The market on russets is mixed this week. Burbanks out of Idaho are up on 70 ct. and 90 ct., and steady on 6 oz. minimum size. Moderate supply, and good demand and quality, are being reported out of Idaho.
- **Reds**: The red potato market is up this week. Product out of Kern District, California is up, with lighter supply and good demand.
- **Yellows**: The markets out of both Florida and California are steady. Quality is good, with moderate supply and demand.

**CABBAGE**
- **Round Green**: The cabbage market is down this week. Volume is increasing on the East Coast. Quality and demand are good.

**LEAF LETTUCE**
- **Green Leaf**: The green leaf market is up this week. Green leaf yield is slightly down, mainly because of recent changes in temperature this time of year. Growers are cautioning you could see some irregular sizing, fringe/wind burn and occasional internal burn. Demand is good, as markets are continuing to advance.
- **Romaine**: The romaine market is up this week. Romaine supplies are expected to be light this week. Both prices and demand are high, due to limited supplies. Cupping, fringe/wind burn, twist and occasional internal burn are present, which are reducing yields at the field level.

**ICEBERG LETTUCE**
The iceberg market is up this week. Iceberg supplies are expected to be light this week. The market is strong and high, as availability of supplies is lower, due to recent weather conditions that have impacted volume and quality.

**GARLIC**
Domestic garlic is steady this week, with good supply and demand, and good quality being reported.

**ONIONS**
The jumbo yellow onion market is up this week. Product out of San Joaquin Valley, California and New Mexico is up. Product out of Georgia is steady, with moderate supply and good demand. The North Texas region has had limited supply overall, and the weather has further stunted shipments. Additionally, both New Mexico and California are hitting gap situations between the early plantings and spring seeded onions, which is causing limited supplies in these areas. California is expecting this for roughly 10-14 days, and New Mexico for 7-10 days.

**MUSHROOMS**
There are no issues to report on mushrooms coming off the East Coast, with good supplies, demand, and quality. There continues to be issues on mushrooms coming from the West Coast regarding supply and quality.

**CILANTRO**
The cilantro market is up this week. Product out of Oxnard, California is steady on 30’s and up on 60’s, with moderate supply and good demand. Product out of Central Coast, California is up on 30’s and on 60’s, with moderate supply and good demand.

**CUCUMBERS**
Cucumbers are steady in price for the week, but prices will vary between the areas, now that the East is seeing production out of Georgia and the Carolinas. The West is seeing production out of Mexico and California. Quality looks to be strong out of all growing regions.

**CELERY**
The celery market is down this week. Celery supplies will be around normal this week. Prices are quickly falling, as volumes are finally starting to come up.

**YELLOW SQUASH**
Yellow squash is steady to up for the week. Georgia is reporting a slight price jump, due to a slight increase in demand. Quality continues to be a struggle, with good quality driving some higher prices. Wind scarring continues to be a challenge.

**ZUCCHINI**
Zucchini is steady to up for the week. Mexico looks to be flat, while the East is seeing a slight price increase. The increase is due to an uptick in demand. Quality is good for the most part.

**GREEN BEANS**
The green bean market is down this week, but supplies continue to be light out of domestic growing regions, due to the weather. Machine-picked product out of south Georgia is down, with lighter supply and moderate demand. Machine-picked product out of Eastern Shore, Virginia is down, with light supply and good demand. Imported haricot verts are down with moderate supply and demand.

**BELL PEPPERS**
- **Green**: Green bell pepper prices are steady to down for the week. In the East more fields are coming into the mixture, with North Carolina and New Jersey starting their seasonal harvest. The West continues to see improvement out of California and Mexico. Quality is mixed, with poor to good product coming out of the fields. Most of the poor product is coming out of older fields that have been picked multiple times.
- **Red**: Red bells are up in price this week. California, Mexico and Canada hothouses will cover the demand across the country. This has caused supplies to remain tight, but quality is good for the time being.

**TOMATOES**
- **Rounds**: Round tomatoes look to be steady in price for both growing regions. Florida continues to supply the East Coast with good quality. The West is split between Mexico and California right now, with fair to good quality. There have been some reports of soft fruit coming out of the California crop due to summer weather.
- **Romas**: Roma prices are steady to down for the week. The majority of Roma tomatoes are now coming out of Mexico, with good quality being produced.
- **Cherry**: Cherry tomatoes are steady for the week. Current supply out of both Florida and Mexico is meeting the current demand. Quality is good in both regions.
- **Grape**: Grape tomatoes are steady to up this week. Florida is seeing a slight price jump, due to moderate demand. Mexico looks to be flat for the week, as their supply is meeting demand. Quality is fair to good in both regions.

**CARROTS**
The jumbo carrot market is up this week. Product out of California is up, with moderate supply and good quality being reported. Product out of Mexico is up, with moderate supply and demand, but quality continues to vary.

**GREEN ONIONS**
The green onion market is mixed this week. Product out of Mexico is up on medium and on small, with moderate supply and good demand. Product out of South Carolina is steady, with lighter supply and good demand.
CAULIFLOWER
The cauliflower market is down this week. Cauliflower supplies are expected to be around normal this week. The market is on a downward trend, as demand has decreased.

ASPARAGUS
The asparagus market is mixed this week. Product out of Peru is up, with moderate supply and demand. Product out of Michigan is steady, with moderate supply and light demand. Product out of Mexico is up, with moderate supply and demand.

BROCCOLI
The broccoli market is down, and supplies will be around normal this week. Prices have lowered gradually overall, but there is strong demand.

HANGING FRUIT

APPLES AND Pears
Apples: All varieties are steady this week, with moderate supply and demand. Good quality is being reported.
Pears: The pear market remains stable. Green and red D’Anjou and Bosc are available. The small end of pears remains tight, while 90 ct. and larger remain constant.

CITRUS

LEMONS
Lemon prices are on the rise, as summer demand continues to be strong on all sizes. Quality is fair to good right now.

LIMES
Lime prices are down. The recent rain might cause some quality issues on incoming orders. Supply and harvest will improve as the rainy weather moves past the fields.

ORANGES
Orange prices are steady for the week, as supplies remain consistent for now. There is good availability on all sizes, and quality continues to be good. Sizes are trending toward the 113/88/138 cts.

BERRIES

STRAWBERRIES
The strawberry market is flat this week, despite demand exceeding supply. This is due in part to the erratic weather California has been experiencing. Quality has been average at best.

BLACKBERRIES
Blackberry quality still looks good. According to growers, blackberries will be finished in about three weeks out of Georgia.

RASPBERRIES
Raspberry packs look decent, with primary concerns being overripe, soft tips and some broken fruit, due to warm temperatures and moisture out of Mexico.

BLUEBERRIES
Despite the heat, Mexican blueberry quality is good, and most minor defects include undeveloped fruit, uneven ripening and overripe fruit.

GRAPES
The grape market is down this week. Black Seedless out of Mexico are down on Large and Medium/Large. Flame Seedless, Red Globes and Sugarones out of Mexico are down on Large. Flame Seedless out of California are down on Large/XL, and Sugarones are down on Large/XL. There is moderate supply and demand.

TROPICAL

PINEAPPLES
The pineapple market prices are going up, as supplies have begun to tighten. This is considered normal for this timeframe of the summer season, as this is the natural flowering part of the plant’s season, where production is lighter. Pineapple profile is trending toward smaller sizes for the time being.

BANANAS
Banana prices look to be flat for the week. Conditions are relatively stable for the inbound loads coming in during the summer months. Fruit quality is trending toward good.

AVOCADOS
The avocado market continues to go up in price. Loca crop, from a growing region in Mexico, is expected to start in the next couple of weeks, but it will take time to rebuild the pipeline. California crop continues to wind down on production.

MELONS

CANTALOUPES AND HONEYDEWS
Cantaloupes: The cantaloupe market is up this week. Harvesting will continue from the Arizona domestic melon crop. Supplies have been good, though size profiles have shifted slightly towards smaller sized fruit.

Honeydews: The honeydew market is up this week. Harvesting will continue from the Arizona domestic melon crop. Supplies have been good, though size profiles have shifted slightly towards smaller sized fruit.

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Cash cattle traded hands right around the $110/cwt. mark last week. This week’s asking prices from feeders are listed at $110-111/cwt., with packer bids coming in between $107-108/cwt.

Harvest came in at 662K head for the week, which was down about 3K from the week prior. Of that 662K head, 532K were of the steer/heifer variety. Harvest for the week of 6/24/2019 is expected to remain steady.

77.5% of all steers/heifers graded Choice or Prime for the week ending 6/14/2019, which was down from the week prior. Select grading was up at 19.2% and Ungraded reported down at 3.3%.

GRINDS

GROUND CHUCK: Ground chuck traded down a few cents last week and is showing a slight gain so far this week. These prices are right in line with the seasonal three-year average.

GROUND BEEF 81/19: 81/19 ground beef took a nice increase last week and is trading flat through three days of trading this week.

GROUND BEEF 73/27: 73/27 ground beef traded flat last week. It is currently showing a small decrease this week.

ROUNDS

PEELED KNUCKLES: Peeled knuckles traded down across all grades last week. So far this week, all grades are showing a similar pattern. Knuckles are trading exactly where the three-year trend would suggest.

INSIDE ROUNDS: Choice insides traded down a few cents, Select inside rounds were flat, and Ungraded product was up a few cents last week. Through three days of trades, the Choice grade is slightly up, and the Select grade is slightly down.

BOTTOM ROUND FLATS: Round flats were down slightly across the board last week. Currently, Choice bottom rounds are trading flat, and Select product is trading at a small decrease.

EYES OF ROUND: Eye of round traded slightly up across all grades last week. Currently, they are trading flat to slightly up. Eye of round are trading right in line with their three-year average price for this time of the year.

LOINS

STRIPS: Last week, Choice strip loins took a small decrease and Select strips took a moderate dip in price. Both grades are showing a similar pattern through three trading days this week. Select strips could be a real value buy right now, as the grade is trading well below where it usually is at this time of the year.

TOP BUTTS: Top butts traded flat for the Choice grade, and down moderately on the Select grade last week. This week so far, the Choice grade is showing a healthy gain, while Select product is slightly down.

TENDERLOINS: Except for Select tenders which took a significant decline last week, the rest of the tenderloin complex took healthy gains. Currently, graded product is trading similarly for the week.

RIBS

RIBEYES: All ribeyes were down modestly to moderately last week, except for Ungraded heavies, which took a nice increase. Select heavy ribeyes took the biggest hit. This week, Choice lights are trading slightly down, Choice heavies are trading slightly up, and Select lights and heavies are showing significant decreases.

CHUCKS

CHUCK ROLLS: Choice rolls were slightly up and Select product was flat last week. The market appears to be similar on all chuck rolls this week, with a possible slight loss on the Select rolls.

TERES MAJOR MUSCLE: Teres Majors traded down across the board last week. Currently through three days of trading, Choice Teres Majors are up a few cents, and Select product is showing a significant increase.

BRISKETS: Briskets were down across the board on all grades last week, and look to be continuing a similar trend midway through this week. Briskets typically soften through the summer months.

THIN MEATS

BALL TIPS: Choice ball tips were down a few cents last week, and Select tips were up a few cents. This week, the Choice grade has seemed to flatten out, while the Select grade is trading down slightly.

FLAP MEAT: All grades of flap meat took sizable gains last week, and through three days of trading, the Choice grade is heading in a similar direction, while the Select grade has traded flat. Even with the nice gains, flap meat is still below its three-year average and is a value buy.

FLANK: Choice flanks took a healthy increase last week, and Select flank steaks traded down moderately. This week is showing a similar pattern through three days, although the Select grade is showing a more minimal loss than it took last week.

SKIRT STEAK: The outside skirt market was down a few cents last week, and is currently trading down again in the current week. The skirt steak market typically softens as we move towards the back half of the year.
All pork market information and pricing trends are based on USDA data as of 6/21/2019.

Last week the USDA estimated hog slaughter was 2.45 MM, a slight increase over the previous and a 13.2% increase over one year ago. According to the USDA, weekly harvest numbers have averaged 8% higher than a year ago over the last four weeks, which is higher than analysts’ expectations. This implies that pork supplies are trending higher than a year ago.

**LOINS**

Prices in the loin complex, both bone-in and boneless, remained on their downward trend last week. The combination of ample fresh loin supplies and fewer retail features on pork loins and pork chops continues to put downward pressure on both the bone-in and boneless loins. Pricing on loins over the next few weeks will depend on how aggressively the retail channel decides to promote loins for July 4th promotions. From a seasonal perspective, bone-in loins begin to decline mid-July through mid-August, and boneless loins remain fairly steady through the summer months.

**TENDERS**

Pork tenderloin prices traded slightly lower, due to ample supplies and fewer retail features. Prices are expected to trend higher this week, supported by increased retail ads for Independence Day. Tenderloin prices typically peak in early July.

**BUTTS**

Pork butt prices firmed and turned slightly higher last week, supported by strengthening retail demand. Pork butt prices are expected to find support over the next two weeks, as retailers feature country-style ribs and boneless pork butts for Independence Day promotions.

**RIBS**

Trades in the rib complex were reported higher, supported by stronger retail demand. Back rib prices are trending higher early week, while spare ribs are on the decline in early week trades. From a seasonal perspective, rib prices turn lower after July 4th.

**BELLIES/BACON**

The belly market turned slightly higher last week, as supplies met current demand levels. Belly prices are trending lower this week, as a lack of retail features along with ample supplies put downward pressure on belly prices. Although later than expected, belly prices are forecast to make their move higher after July 4th, as retailers are expected to ramp up their bacon promotions, as prices are considered a value for this time of year. The belly market has been extremely volatile this year.

**HAMS**

Ham prices took significant declines last week, as ample supplies and a general lack of demand put downward pressure on prices. Ham prices are trading lower early week, as a lack of export and domestic demand continues to pressure prices. Ham prices are forecasted lower through mid-July, then to hold steady through late July. The industry believes unexpected export demand could support higher ham prices.

**TRIMMINGS**

Trimming prices turned lower last week, as ample supplies and weaker demand put downward pressure on prices. From a seasonal perspective, trimming prices move lower after July 4th through September. Trimmings are expected to find support during September, as retailers ramp up their Labor Day promotions.

**PICNICS**

Prices for both the bone-in and boneless picnics traded mixed. Boneless picnic prices traded higher, supported by strong retail demand for dinner sausage promotions. Conversely, bone-in picnics were lower last week, and are expected to trade in a narrow range through July 4th.
**TURKEY**

**BONELESS, SKINLESS TURKEY BREASTS**

Boneless, skinless turkey breasts remained unchanged during the week of 6/22/2019. In the near term, market expectations should be flat to slightly upward.

**WHOLE FROZEN TURKEYS**

The whole turkey market slightly increased during the week ending 6/22/2019. Near-term expectation should be that this market trends flat to slightly upward as we enter the summer months.

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**CHICKEN**

Small wings were down this week, medium wings remained flat, and the USDA noted a slight decrease in the jumbo wing market during the week of 6/24/2019. Supply has not yet been a burden, which has kept the availability of spot loads to a minimum at balanced pricing levels. The small boneless breast markets saw a decrease during the week of 6/24/2019, as Further Processors have reduced their demand in the near term. The industry expects this to be a short-lived situation, due to a lack of birds in this size category. The jumbo breast market was flat, with the medium market moving down. Jumbo tenders pricing was up slightly again, as this market is currently in a balanced to tight position, without any spot offerings being discovered. The select/small tender market was flat. This category remains short of supply, and well-supported by the ongoing lack of supply and the YTD headcount deficit in the small bird arena.

Export demand on boneless breast and dark meat continues to be at better than normal levels, trending flat to upward. Bone-in thigh markets were flat the week of 6/24/2019. As export demand continues an upward climb, the industry expects that slight incremental increases should be expected in all dark meat categories in the near term. Whole birds/WOG demand has softened slightly, incurring a slight price decrease. The trend for the near term should be flat to slightly downward.

**BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN THE UNITED STATES UP SLIGHTLY**

Hatcheries in the US weekly program set 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending 6/22/2019, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the US was 82.8%. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS PLACED IN THE UNITED STATES UP 1%**

Broiler growers in the US weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending 6/22/2019, up 1% from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the weeks ending 1/5/2019 through 6/22/2019 for the US were 4.65 billion, up 1% from the same period a year earlier.

**WHOLE CHICKEN & CUT-UP PARTS**

Small bird supply and demand is still out of balance, pushing pricing higher, as demand is hard to fulfill. This trend should be expected to continue through 2019. The demand for medium and jumbo whole birds and WOG’s has slightly declined. Analysts expect a potential decrease in interest after the July 4th holiday, which could develop into slight decreases in pricing for the near term.

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**BONELESS, SKINLESS BREASTS & CHICKEN TENDERLOINS**

The select/small boneless breast markets were flat during the week of 6/22/2019. Even with the decline, this market continues to be supported by the YTD headcount deficit in the small bird category. The select/small market might continue to trend flat to slightly downward in the near term. The medium boneless breast market was down, as spot load offerings are easily uncovered, but expected to be short-lived. The jumbo boneless breast category was flat, with spot product being offered, although deep discounting is not taking place. Looking near-term, analysts expect this market to continue a flat to slightly downward trend. As bird weights increase, as well as some processors switching from a medium to a jumbo bird, this market could continue a flat to downward movement.

During the week ending 6/22/2019, the select/small tenderloin market was flat. Further Processors and retailers in the small poultry category continue to support this market, with expectations of a flat to upward movement in the near term. The jumbo tenderloin market was up, with a near-term outlook being balanced to tight. Seasonal market increases should continue through the summer. This market should continue to trend flat to upward in the near term.

**WINGS**

The small wing market was down the week ending 6/22/2019, with expectations that this market will trend flat to downward for the near term. The medium wing market was flat, with spot load offers being consistently harder to uncover. Expectations are that the medium market remains flat to upward in the near term. The jumbo wing market followed the same pattern as the small, taking a slight decline. Processors continue to assess their individual inventories while keeping any heavy discounting at bay. The jumbo wing market is expected to trend flat to upward when we enter into typical seasonal wing market inclines.

**BONELESS, SKINLESS THIGHS**

The boneless, skinless thigh meat market was flat for the week of 6/22/2019. This market should be fully supported by both increased export and domestic demand. Expectation should be that this market trends flat to slightly upward in the near term.
COMMODITY OIL

SOY, CANOLA & PALM OIL
The July soybean oil contract closed at $0.2844/lb., up 83 points for the week of 6/17/2019.

SOY OIL:
- On May 10, 2019 US tariffs on $200 billion worth of Chinese goods were moved up to a 25% rate from 10% previously, while the US also stated that they were working on 25% tariffs for an additional $325 billion worth of Chinese goods going forward. President Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are expected to meet later this week at the G-20 summit in Japan.
- The Chinese cancelled 136,000 metric tons of U.S. soybean purchases the week of June 10, 2019, and are in the process of trying to get another 2 million metric tons rolled forward from July to August shipment.
- NOPA's May soybean crush report for the week of June 17, 2019 showed soybean oil stocks were reduced over 200 million pounds. The end-of-May soybean oil stocks were pegged at 1.581 billion lbs., down from 1.787 billion in April and 1.856 billion in May of 2018.
- The significant delays in this year’s corn crop may lead to higher than anticipated soybean acreage.

CANOLA
- The Canadian Prairies are still much drier than average at this time, which could lead to yield impact. Reports indicate that due to China not importing Canadian canola oil in response to the political dispute, the crop surplus will still be extremely high, with plenty of seed to crush into oil.

PALM OIL
- Malaysian palm oil stocks fell over 10% during the month of May, but are still well above last year’s level. Palm oil prices were mostly steady, and continue to follow the lead of the soybean oil market.

DAIRY
All dairy pricing trends are based on USDA and CME data as of 6/26/2019.

BUTTER
Butter production is mixed, primarily driven by the strong cream demand from other seasonal producers continuing to pull butterfat, affecting the amount available for spot butter makers. Demand is steady in all regions. CME butter markets reached a high for the year this week, and analysts expect volatility to continue, with prices potentially extending higher in the next 30 days.

CHEESE
With schools on summer break, Class III milk availability improved greatly this past week, as cheese processing really picked up speed. Also, given more milk availability, discounts to Class III prices have become larger, and are helping to drive increased usage by cheese plants. This increased production should help put more cheese into storage, which had been coming down from their loftier levels earlier this year. However, with demand remaining strong, cheese producers appear a little more optimistic about prices staying seasonally supported into the summer. This week, CME block prices were at their highest level since November 2016.

SHELL EGGS
The lower prices in May increased promotional activity, but the industry is seeing those promotions taper off, now that pricing has increased. Pricing is stable for now, except for the California market, which took some declines.

MILK & CREAM
Milk production across the US has entered a seasonal slowdown, with smaller herds and warming temperatures reducing output estimates. Demand has slowed compared to Q2, coinciding with school summer break.
All seafood pricing trends are based on Urner Barry data and supplier quotes as of 6/26/2019.

SHRIMP, DOMESTIC
(whites and browns): The current catch is producing larger shrimp in the 16/20, 21/25 and 26/30 range. This goes along with the reports that all the fresh water coming out of the Mississippi River has pushed the smaller shrimp further out into the Gulf of Mexico. Smaller shrimp will have a lot of pressure on availability and price.

(domestic pudds): Smaller pudds are becoming tight, as they have been pushed further out into the Gulf of Mexico, with the influx of fresh water coming out of the Mississippi River. There will be a lot of pressure on this category. Urner Barry is reporting higher pricing across the category.

SHRIMP, IMPORTED
(black tigers and whites): The seafood industry is seeing pressure on inventory, and higher pricing on both white shrimp and black tigers.

(mexican browns and whites): Suppliers have a concern that browns, as well as large-size shrimp, are in very tight supply.

CATFISH
DOMESTIC: The warm weather is allowing more feeding of fish. While production continues to improve, overall there are still shortages until the producers can operate at full capacity.

IMPORTED: Industry data is reporting rising prices.

SALMON
ATLANTIC FARMED SALMON: Pricing is mixed on fresh product. Product from Chile is seeing a slight decline, while product from Europe is seeing pressure to move up. Frozen portions have remained steady at this time. Reports indicate that there is still a concern that 4 oz. portions will get tight, as the size of fish needed to produce that size is in short supply.

MAHI-MAHI
Pricing has turned steady, with fewer offerings. Inventory is in good shape along all size portions.

SCALLOPS
SEA: Pricing has turned steady. The catch is going well for the new season.

BAY: Pricing is moving upward, as product from China is starting to enter the US after tariff increases.

TILAPIA
Inventory domestically is very good, and pricing is stable. Demand has been steady, keeping pricing in check.

PANGASIUS
Pricing is trending downward, as inventory levels in the US are in very good shape.

WHITEFISH COMPLEX
COD: Atlantic cod pricing is being finalized for Q3, as the market is firming, and increases are expected. Pacific cod will be mostly stable to start, but could also firm as we go forward.

POLLOCK: The fishery for Pacific pollock has produced only smaller fish, just 2-4 oz. fillets. This could cause an inventory issue for frozen loins if they don’t start catching larger fish. Larger fillets of 4-6 and 6-8 oz. are very tight.

HADDOCK: Pricing is stable now. However, given the new increase on tariffs from China, suppliers suspect that haddock pricing could increase in the near future.

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TUNA, YELLOWFIN
(frozen steaks & loins): Tuna pricing and inventory is stable.

SWORDFISH
Swordfish pricing is very stable. Inventory levels are in very good shape.

KING CRAB
(red & golden): Product is very short in the marketplace and will be tight ongoing. Some spot opportunity exists.

CRABMEAT
(blue & red, pasteurized): The market is showing an imbalance in movement and pricing. Inventory seems to be in good shape overall. As the summer demand starts to kick in over the coming weeks, this should stabilize the market. Mexico Blue Crab season is beginning to slow, as is common this time of year. Pricing is stable and supply is fair.

SNOW CRAB
ALASKAN: Most vendors are off the market on 5-8 clusters, and there are a few offerings on 8-ups and B pack.

CANADIAN: The Canadian fisheries continue to monitor whale activity in the fishing area. As a result, they have closed some zones when whales have arrived. There is some molting happening that will close zones as well. Pricing is increasing on 5-8’s. The market is very unsettled on 8-ups and 10-ups.

LOBSTER
NORTH AMERICAN LOBSTER: Pricing is steady to firm, as suppliers indicate there is not enough supply to support demand, due to exports being higher than last year and the live market driving demand through the first half of the season.

LOBSTER TAILS WARM WATER: The industry as a whole is extremely tight, with no new production set until the season starts in August. Very little product will be available.

LOBSTER MEAT: Pricing and demand are steady.
The US announced early in 2018 they would impose tariffs on imports to shrink the trade deficit.

Four rounds of tariffs have been implemented so far:

1. 3/23/18, ~$3 billion of products: imported Steel (25%) and Aluminum (10%).
2. The next round of ~$50 billion in products from China - mostly machinery and parts - was put on in two stages:
   - 7/6/18, ~$34 billion of imported products (25%).
   - 8/23/18, ~$16 billion (also 25%).
3. 9/24/18, an additional ~$200 billion in products from China (10%).
4. 5/10/19, the US government raised the 10% tariff it had implemented on $200B of Chinese goods to 25%.

China has initially matched the first $50 billion, and then an additional $60 billion against the latest round ($200 billion).

China announced on 5/20/19 that it would raise tariffs to 20% or 25%, up from the 10% already in place.

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<td>Metals - Iron, Steel, Aluminum</td>
<td>Value Added Shelf-Stable</td>
<td>EB Gelatin, Pudding &amp; Pie Filling, Shelf-Stable &amp; EB Sauces, Shelf-Stable</td>
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<td>Plastics</td>
<td>Disposables</td>
<td>Bags, Food Storage (PE) and (PP), Bags T-Shirt, Buckets, Can Liners, Cups, Dust Pans, Food Containers, Lids, Pastry Bags, Urinal Deodorizer, Aprons, Bibs, Headware (Disposable), Trays &amp; Film</td>
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<td>Fibers / Molded Fiber</td>
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<td>100% Cotton Fabrics, Cups &amp; Bowls, Food Containers, Plates, Platters, Lids</td>
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<td>Gloves</td>
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<td>Latex, Nitrile, PE, Vinyl/Synthetic</td>
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<td>Frozen Seafood</td>
<td>Finfish &amp; Shellfish</td>
<td>Catfish, Flounder, Haddock, Tilapia, Pasteurized Crabmeat, Scallops, Squid, Crawfish</td>
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