

CATEGORY	NEAR-TERM MARKET PRICING TREND	SUPPLY vs. DEMAND	DSR MARKET INSIGHTS COMMENTARY
Beef (Commodity)	Stable	Available - Short	<i>Consumer demand has decreased coming out of Easter weekend. Expected price to hold steady as the market waits for seasonal interest in springtime grilling meats to emerge.</i>
Butter	Increasing	Available - Strong	<i>Butter production is steady although cream supply is very tight. Global prices have bounced back a bit recently which will keep domestic prices firm.</i>
Cheese	Increasing	Available - Strong	<i>Demand is strong and milk supply is short, expect increasing prices. Pricing influence will hinge on the export demand in the coming weeks.</i>
Fluid Dairy	Increasing - Class 1 Increasing - Class 2	Short - Steady - Class 1 Short - Strong - Class 2	<i>Expect inflated costs in May on both Milk (Class 1) and Cultured (Class 2). This cost increase is primarily due to inflated cost of raw milk paid to Farmers. COVID-19 inflated input costs are also a factor and dairy plant closures almost monthly, which reduces capacity.</i>
Canned Fruits & Vegetables (Canned Pudding & Cheese Sauces)	Increasing	Short - Strong	<i>Industry wide shortages of modified food starch (used extensively in the production of puddings and cheese sauces) persists to cause significant shortages of a variety of pudding and cheese sauce products. Expect shortages to still continue into the third quarter of 2022.</i>
Canned Fruits & Vegetables (Peas, Corn, Various Fruits)	Increasing	Short - Strong	<i>Key producers of foodservice size peas, corn, and select West Coast &amp; Northwest fruit items continue to remain out of stock until new pack. Furthermore, availability of other canned fruit and vegetable items are sustained to remain in tight supply and will experience ongoing supply challenges into the 2022 new pack.</i>
Oils/Shortening	Increasing	Available - Strong	<i>Soybean Oil is on the rise, resulting in increased Foodservice pricing. Other Oil products are following a similar trend. Look for continued high pricing on all oil products as we move into Summer.</i>
Pork (Commodity)	Stable	Mixed - Mixed	<i>Bone-in butts and boneless loin prices should be stable one more week, then take the seasonal upturn. Spareribs, St. Louis sparerib, and backrib prices are climbing now. Sized backribs, especially 2.5 lbs. and below will be in very tight supply so expect shortages and inflated prices.</i>
Pork (Value-Added)	Mixed	Available - Strong	<i>Secondary processor bacon producer capacity seems to be improving availability of bacon. The belly market is bottoming out so bacon could be a good value the next couple of weeks. Pork trim price is on the rise, so expect sausage, pork franks, and pizza toppings to rise as well through at least May/June.</i>

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Poultry (Chicken)	Mixed	Short – Strong	<i>All sizes of boneless breasts continue to increase in price. Whole chickens remain short with limited availability showing. Wing prices of all sizes are decreasing. An increase in demand for dark meat has prices on the rise.</i>
Produce	Decreasing - Iceberg & Romaine Increasing - Strawberries, Avocados, Onions, Carrots, Garlic & Limes	Increasing - Steady Iceberg & Romaine Decreasing - Steady Avocados, Carrots, Garlic, Onions, Limes & Strawberries	<i>Rains on the west coast have reduced strawberry production with quality remaining fair. Avocados supplies have decreased due to Easter and border crossing issues resulting in inflating prices. Texas onions are inflated due to border crossing inspection issues resulting in decreasing supplies. Carrot orders are being pro-rated and experiencing inflation. Domestic garlic is experiencing tight supplies and inflation. Limes are experiencing historical highs and limited supplies. Romaine &amp; Iceberg pricing is experiencing deflation due to increased supplies.</i>
Seafood	Increasing	Mixed - Strong	<i>Supply remains tight with inflated pricing on most whitefish species. Fishing and production have been going well for species like pollock and cod, however demand is exceeding production capabilities. Pacific Rockfish is a suitable alternative to pollock and cod and is readily available.</i>
Shell Eggs	Increasing	Short - Strong	<i>The new strain of Avian Influenza is impacting egg pricings and creating strong speculative demand.</i>
Sugar	Increasing	Short - Steady	<i>Sugar inventories remains short, causing near term price inflation. It is not expected that there will be any major reductions in sugar pricing in the coming weeks.</i>
Wheat (Flour Based Products)	Increasing	Short - Strong	<i>Wheat pricing remains inflated as a result of the Russian-Ukraine conflict and will likely impact the long-term availability of wheat. Look for inflated prices on all flour based products in the coming weeks.</i>
Disposables (Gloves)	Increasing	Mixed - Steady	<i>Vinyl raw material costs has been increasing since Chinese New Year. Lockdowns are causing production delays. Pricing is expected to be unstable in Q2/Q3 2022.</i>

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