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**Beef-** Last week's holiday shortened beef output was 9% less than the prior week and was .2% below 2018. Amid the lighter slaughter schedule, beef prices escalated modestly from the week prior but remain near 2% below a year ago. Choice briskets are the largest standout of the carcass, with prices jumping near 6% week-to-week, and are running more than 20% over last year. Seasonally, briskets may have another two weeks of upside potential, but given the current high price structure, coupled with a continuation of out-front sales at lower money, sideways to lower pricing is likely to occur during the summer. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 18
Live Cattle	1.163	1.161	+0.002	1.116
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.322	1.366	-.044	1.390
Ground Beef 81/19	1.923	2.054	-.131	1.802
Ground Chuck	2.015	2.023	-.008	1.772
109e Export Rib (choice)	6.771	6.710	+0.061	7.644
109e Export Rib (prime)	8.306	7.519	+0.787	8.801
112a Ribeye (choice)	7.750	7.958	-.208	8.541
112a Ribeye (prime)	8.805	8.132	+0.673	9.091
114a Chuck, Shlder Cld (ch.)	2.278	2.259	+0.019	2.158
116 Chuck (select)	2.591	2.626	-.035	2.552
116 Chuck (choice)	2.706	2.685	+0.021	2.771
116b Chuck Tender (choice)	2.253	2.314	-.061	2.198
120 Brisket (choice)	3.221	3.069	+0.152	2.763
120a Brisket (choice)	5.239	4.969	+0.270	4.633
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	6.796	7.086	-.290	7.041
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	4.361	4.410	-.049	4.248
121e Cap & Wedge	2.849	2.814	+0.035	2.871
167a Knuckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.349	2.337	+0.012	2.203
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.013	2.019	-.006	2.024
169 Top Round (ch.)	2.458	2.376	+0.082	2.479
171b Outside Round (ch.)	2.159	2.142	+0.017	1.886
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	5.859	6.003	-.144	7.479
174 Short Loin (prime)	6.605	6.362	+0.243	6.871
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	6.838	6.934	-.096	8.936
180 0x1 Strp (prime)	8.469	8.276	+0.193	8.759
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	3.177	3.071	+0.106	3.491
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	3.957	3.957	-	3.967
184-3 Top Butt, bnls (choice)	3.119	3.165	-.046	3.668
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	5.055	4.996	+0.059	5.456
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	4.253	4.194	+0.059	4.298
189a Tender (select)	8.672	8.978	-.306	8.668
189a Tender (choice)	9.978	9.639	+0.339	9.910
189a Tender (prime)	13.808	11.956	+1.852	11.128
193 Flank Steak (choice)	5.535	5.460	+0.075	5.549
50% Trimmings	.907	.845	+0.062	0.768
65% Trimmings	1.218	1.179	+0.039	1.131
75% Trimmings	1.678	1.678	-	1.625
85% Trimmings	2.020	1.992	+0.028	1.971
90% Trimmings	2.238	2.242	-.004	2.222
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.190	2.193	-.003	2.098
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.398	2.413	-.015	2.205
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	8.875	8.875	-	7.700
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	13.875	13.875	-	13.375

**The Kitchen Sink (Various Markets)-** Nearby Arabica coffee futures rose this past week hitting the highest level since January. Brazil's next Arabica coffee harvest forecast has been tempered due in part to weather challenges. This factor, and the recently rising Brazilian real, may push Arabica coffee prices higher in the near-term. Price bases noted below.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 18
Whole Peeled, Stand (6/10)	12.545	12.545	-	12.658
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	.465	.465	-	.455
Coffee, lb., ICE	1.057	.961	+0.096	1.195
Sugar, lb., ICE	.267	.258	+0.009	.252
Cocoa, mt., ICE	2360.000	2450.000	-90.000	2289.000
Orange Juice, lb., ICE	1.086	1.044	+0.042	1.650
Honey (Clover), lb.	1.970	1.957	+0.013	2.135

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**Grains-** Corn and soybean planting remain behind due to persisting adverse weather in the Eastern grain belt. As of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, just 67% of the corn crop had been sowed which is a record low for the date. The USDA is expected to reduce their corn crop estimate in the coming weeks. Feed prices should remain volatile this month. Prices USDA, FOB

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 18
Soybeans, bushel	8.365	8.091	+0.274	9.708
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.280	.278	+0.002	.291
Soybean Meal, ton	320.000	311.800	+8.200	377.300
Corn, bushel	4.000	3.953	+0.047	3.556
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.268	.285	-0.017	.301
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.139	.138	+0.001	.129
Distillers Grain, Dry	134.333	125.375	+8.958	168.208
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.223	.221	+0.002	.274
HRW Wheat, bushel	4.770	4.693	+0.077	5.240
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	5.855	5.775	+0.080	6.320
Durum Wheat, bushel	4.646	4.593	+0.053	5.743
Pinto Beans, lb.	.217	.217	-	.217
Black Beans, lb.	.273	.273	-	.270
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.241	.241	-	.268

**Dairy-** The spot butter market is down slightly since last week but still near the recently established one year high. April U.S. butter production was down 3.9% from March and was 4.8% smaller than last year. Butter demand is solid. Since 2014, the average move for spot butter prices in the next four weeks was up 3.5%. Cheese block prices are firm this week, but barrel prices are down. April cheese output was 3.6% less than March but up .2% (yoy). Cheese exports have been active but may lessen due to weakening global cheese prices. Lower cheese markets in late-June is common. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundredweight), from USDA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 18
Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.485	1.543	-.058	1.505
Cheese Blocks (CME)	1.720	1.683	+0.037	1.575
American Cheese	1.630	1.693	-0.063	1.635
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	1.780	1.770	+0.010	1.700
Mozzarella Cheese	1.858	1.848	+0.010	1.773
Provolone Cheese	2.075	2.075	-	2.075
Parmesan Cheese	3.593	3.583	+0.010	3.508
Butter (CME)	2.350	2.408	-.058	2.363
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.118	1.118	-	.927
Whey, Dry	.365	.366	-.001	.329
Class I Base	17.070	17.070	-	15.250
Class II Cream, heavy	3.155	3.122	+0.033	3.027
Class III Milk (CME)	15.950	16.080	-.130	15.730
Class IV Milk (CME)	16.800	16.260	+0.540	15.290

**Pork-** Pork production last week was up 5.8% over last year's Memorial Day week. The belly market continues to struggle finding support, but history says to view it as a buying opportunity before the typical summer price rally. Ham prices are 35% higher than last year and are expected to continue to increase into July. Mexico has been a big buyer of US hams since the retaliatory tariffs have been removed. Still, there is a possibility for another set of tariffs to be put in place due to immigration policies which could occur as soon June 10<sup>th</sup>. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 18
Live Hogs	.567	.583	-0.016	.512
Sow	.544	.593	-0.049	.384
Belly (bacon)	1.089	1.308	-.219	1.257
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.370	1.574	-.204	1.397
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.870	.834	+0.036	.668
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.840	.804	+0.036	.640
Loin (bone-in)	.828	.794	+0.034	.750
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.608	2.614	-.006	2.398
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	1.904	1.951	-.047	2.099
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8 lb.)	.970	1.011	-0.041	.948
Picnic, untrmd.	.614	.611	+0.003	.495
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	.723	.739	-.016	.619
42% Trimmings	.535	.454	+0.081	.369
72% Trimmings	.893	.831	+0.062	.654

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**Poultry-** For the week ending May 25<sup>th</sup>, weekly chicken slaughter jumped 2.9% from the week prior and was 3.2% better than last year. While continuing to fluctuate, bird weights moved back above a year ago which boosted production 4.7% more than last year. The six-week average for output was up 1.1% (yoy), and gains are expected to hold into July. Amid the larger production schedules, the Wholesale Chicken Index (USDA) has been fading but is still more than 5% over year ago levels. Aggressive wing and leg quarter prices are carrying the whole Bird Index, but wing prices are likely to decline into the summer. Leg quarter prices are expected to remain firm. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 18
<b>Chicken</b>				
Whole Birds WOG - Nat	.995	1.010	-.015	1.202
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.941	1.912	+.029	1.299
Wing Index- (ARA)	1.924	1.880	+.044	1.361
Breast, Bnless Skinless NE	1.120	1.169	-.049	1.117
Breast, Bnless Skinless SE	1.179	1.169	+.010	1.106
Breast, Bnless Index (ARA)	1.150	1.181	-.031	1.137
Tenderloin Index- (ARA)	1.874	1.866	+.008	1.736
Legs (whole)	.582	.581	+.001	.580
Leg Qtr Index (ARA)	.418	.410	+.008	.365
Thighs, bone in	.690	.768	-.078	.597
Thighs, boneless	1.263	1.243	+.020	1.133

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<b>Eggs and Others</b>				
Large (dozen)	.483	.483	-	.870
Medium (dozen)	.457	.457	-	.767
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.525	.525	-	.890
Egg Whites- Liquid	.620	.645	-.025	1.000
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.955	.958	-.003	1.315
Egg Breaker Stock Central	.170	.170	-	.635
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	.860	.860	-	.810
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknl	2.070	2.070	-	1.845

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**Seafood-** The Canadian snow crab fishing season is progressing. As of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 73% of the Newfoundland quota had been landed. The combined Newfoundland and Gulf of St. Lawrence quota is 10.8% larger than last year but still historically small. Expensive snow crab prices are likely here to stay as small Canadian and U.S. quotas are expected next year. Prices fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 18
Shrimp (15/20), Frz.	4.386	4.386	-	4.913
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	2.417	2.417	-	2.979
Shrimp, (26/30), Frz.	3.420	3.420	-	3.979
Snow Crab, Frz	7.250	7.250	-	5.604
Tilapia Filet, Frz	1.827	1.827	-	1.771
Cod Filet, Frz.	3.684	3.684	-	3.400
Tuna Yellowfin, Frsh	4.606	4.606	-	4.665
Salmon Atlantic Filet, Frsh	5.444	5.444	-	5.084
Pollock Filet, Alaska, Frz	1.333	1.333	-	1.032

**Energy & Currency-** Nearby natural gas futures fell a whopping 8.8% since last week, the lowest since June 2016. Cooler temperatures are occurring for a big part of the U.S which is tempering natural gas fired electricity demand. The quarterly pivot model suggests that nearby natural gas futures could target \$2.250 before July. Currency US dollar is worth

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 18
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	52.690	57.910	-5.220	64.760
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	2.412	2.630	-.218	2.897
Diesel Fuel, gal- nymex	1.796	1.969	-.173	2.124
Electricity, mwht- nymex	34.500	29.500	+5.000	39.900
Gasoline, gal- nymex	1.702	1.903	-.201	2.066
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	3.136	3.151	-.015	3.285
Ethanol, gal- usda	1.348	1.240	+.108	1.433
Canadian \$	1.338	1.351	-.013	1.289
Japanese Yen	107.958	109.384	-1.426	110.140
Mexican Peso	19.662	19.252	+.410	20.372
Euro	.886	.897	-.011	.850
Brazilian Real	3.845	3.995	-.150	3.818
Chinese Yuan	6.905	6.912	-.007	6.394

**Paper/Plastic-** Provided by; resin- [www.plasticsnews.com](http://www.plasticsnews.com), pulp- BLS index estimate.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 18
<b>Wood Pulp/ Plastic Resin</b>				
WP; NBSK (napkin, towel)	1073.488	1073.488	-	1054.298
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	770.791	770.791	-	740.028
PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.04-1.08	1.04-1.08	-	1.140
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	.635-.655	.635-.655	-	.800
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	.530-.560	.530-.560	-	.605

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**Produce-** The tomato markets continue to trade at relatively engaging levels despite the 17.5% tariff on imports from Mexico and an additional 5% tariff set to begin on June 10<sup>th</sup>. For the most part, the U.S.'s reliance on tomatoes from Mexico will decline during the next few months as more product is domestically sourced. However, imports should begin to expand again in October which could be accompanied by lesser supplies and higher price levels. Avocado imports are subject to the 5% tariff on June 10<sup>th</sup> also. Avocado prices may stay elevated. Price bases noted below

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 18
Limes (150 ct.)	16.500	32.000	-15.500	15.000
Lemons (95 ct.)	18.965	18.965	-	25.300
Lemons (200 ct.)	31.965	29.965	+2.000	30.300
Honeydew (6 ct.)	6.063	3.750	+2.313	9.900
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	5.950	5.950	-	8.088
Blueberries (12 count)	13.000	15.000	-2.000	18.000
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	8.500	9.500	-1.000	6.500
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	58.750	59.250	-.500	38.000
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	16.522	16.063	+.459	15.552
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	10.000	10.313	-.313	10.688
Idaho Potato (60 ct.50 lb.)	14.250	14.000	+.250	14.000
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	14.250	14.000	+.250	14.000
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	21.375	20.781	+.594	20.063
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	9.000	8.750	+.250	11.000
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	10.500	10.500	-	12.500
Processing Potato (cwt.)	8.634	8.634	-	7.963
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	11.500	12.750	-1.250	6.500
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	16.671	15.875	+.796	12.386
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	17.107	16.800	+.307	11.844
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	33.708	30.781	+2.927	16.297
Tomatoes (large- case)	11.117	8.783	+2.334	11.950
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	12.933	12.944	-.011	14.625
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	11.617	9.783	+1.834	10.220
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	11.743	7.900	+3.843	8.700
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	12.164	8.400	+3.764	8.843
Green Peppers (large- case)	11.525	13.025	-1.500	16.167
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	18.950	18.950	-	11.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	11.103	7.588	+3.515	6.688
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	15.083	14.750	+.333	14.292
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	7.913	7.625	+.288	8.000
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	8.263	8.213	+.050	7.113
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	6.792	6.625	+.167	6.656
Broccoli (14 ct.)	11.750	14.075	-2.325	14.675
Squash (1/2 bushel)	10.800	10.600	+.200	6.300
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	7.700	6.800	+.900	6.533
Green Beans (bushel)	16.600	11.600	+5.000	21.013
Spinach, Flat 24's	15.075	15.600	-.525	11.550
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	16.875	16.875	-	16.389
Cucumbers (bushel)	10.400	9.150	+1.250	11.759
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	25.500	26.000	-.500	29.000
Asparagus (small)	10.000	10.000	-	9.000
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	6587.500	6300.000	+287.500	8075.000

**Retail Prices-CPI, % compared to prior month from BLS.**

	Apr-19	Mar-19	Feb-19	Jan-19
Beef and Veal	+.568	+.829	+.075	+.861
Dairy	+.010	+.432	-.223	+.197
Pork	-.545	+1.510	-.751	+1.150
Chicken	+.862	-.631	+.668	-.277
Fresh Fish and Seafood	-.749	+.241	-.467	+.863
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	-.523	+.136	-.432	+1.219

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