

CATEGORY	NEAR-TERM MARKET PRICING TREND	SUPPLY vs. DEMAND	DSR MARKET INSIGHTS COMMENTARY
Beef (Commodity)	Mixed	Short - Mixed	Beef markets remain unsettled. Packers are interested in increasing prices to improve margins. Buyers remain on the sidelines while packer struggle to clear on hand inventories without price discounts. Live Cattle values are creeping higher, which will cause packers to be more aggressive shorting the market to improve financial returns. Sustainable price appreciation will occur in 2-weeks. Beef market will look for traction until then.
Pork (Commodity)	Butt - Increasing Sparerib - Decreasing Backribs - Decreasing	Butt - Available - Decreasing Sparerib - Available - Decreasing Backrib - Available - Increasing	Bone-in Butt 1/4" prices are expected to hold steady or slightly increase for a few weeks before declining through October. Spare ribs are forecasted to steadily decrease as demand softens. Backribs will experience a more gradual price drop due to stronger demand, though supply is tightening less aggressively than for spare ribs.
Pork (Value-Added)	Bacon - Decreasing	Bacon - Increasing - Steady	Bacon prices are expected to decrease in the near term as belly primal prices trend lower. Supply is increasing due to more normalized inventories, while demand remains stable. This combination will likely drive prices down through the end of the year, with bacon costs expected to decline steadily.
Poultry (Chicken)	Mixed	Mixed - Mixed	Pricing on jumbo breast meat increased this week, while jumbo and medium wings decreased. Tenderloins remain in tight supply. The back half of the bird remains steady and supply is tight.
Poultry (Turkey)	Steady	Available – Steady	Frozen whole bird pricing remains steady and well below pricing we saw a year ago. Breast meat also remains steady with plentiful availability. Expectation is this will remain the pattern near term.
Seafood	Shrimp - Increasing Salmon - Increasing Lobster - Increasing	Shrimp - Mixed Salmon - Available - Steady Lobster - Decreasing - Steady	Shrimp prices are stable with supply challenges, especially in wild shrimp, while demand is mixed but expected to rise. Salmon prices are stable to slightly increasing, with tight supply for larger sizes and moderate demand. Lobster prices are increasing due to limited fishing and raw material shortages, with active demand leading to unfilled orders in some cases.
Butter	Decreasing	Available - Steady	Domestic butter demand is steady in the East. For the Central region, domestic butter demand varies from steady to quiet. In the West region, domestic butter demand varies from steady to lighter. That said, some stakeholders note 2025 contractual booking is picking up. Demand from international buyers is stronger. Cream volumes are widely available across the nation. However, parts of the East region are seeing some disruptions in milk production and cream load transportation. Cream demand from butter manufacturers is mixed. Retail butter production paces are strong or steady. However, bulk butter production paces are more mixed.  Source: USDA AMS as of October 4
Cheese	Decreasing	Available - Strong	Cheese production continues to vary throughout the U.S. In the East, cheese production varies from seasonally lighter to steady depending on manufacturer. The National Agricultural Statistics Service August Cold Storage report released last week lists total cheese stocks in storage at 1.4 billion pounds, down 3.1 million pounds from July. Cheesemakers in the Central region note mixed cheese demand. Some barrel processors have shared increased barrel availability but say spot loads move quickly. In the West, contacts share bottling demand continues to draw upon milk volumes available for Class III manufacturing. Contacts share steady cheese production schedules. Mozzarella production is strong. Cheese barrel inventories remain tight.  Source: USDA AMS as of October 4
Fluid Dairy	Class I - Increasing Class II - Increasing	Class I Available - Steady Class II Short - Strong	October cost increase for Milks (Class I) are in place. October cost increase for Cultured/Creams (Class II) are in place.

CATEGORY	NEAR-TERM MARKET PRICING TREND	SUPPLY vs. DEMAND	DSR MARKET INSIGHTS COMMENTARY
Oils/Shortening	Mixed	Available - Steady	<p>The price of Soybean Oil had taken a downward turn this past week, which had suppliers hopeful for a price decrease. However, the dip in the markets was short-lived and the markets have increased back to levels that we have seen the past couple of weeks. This will likely translate to pricing on commodity products (Soy, Canola, Peanut, etc.) to remain as similar levels to those we have seen the past couple of weeks. Cottonseed Oils may show some longer term increases due to hurricane damage to the crops in the Southeast. Margarine prices will likely maintain the higher ranges that we have seen in recent weeks. At this time there is steady supply to cover all domestic demand on most products. We will need to watch Cottonseed oil over a longer term to determine if there may be any availability concerns.</p>
Produce	<p>Decreasing - New Crop 40-70sz Russet Potatoes</p> <p>Steady - Apples, Iceberg, Romaine, Lemons, Onions</p> <p>Increasing - Avocados, Bell Peppers, Broccoli, Tomatoes, Strawberries, Oranges, New Crop 80-100sz Russet Potatoes</p>	<p>Improving/Steady - Avocados, Broccoli &amp; Peppers</p> <p>Good/Steady - Apples, Romaine, Iceberg, Tomatoes, Peppers, Onions &amp; Russet Potatoes</p> <p>Short/Strong - Strawberries, Oranges, Lemons</p>	<p>Apples, fall harvest below 2023. Small Grannies limited.</p> <p>Avocados, rains reduced harvest in MX, pushing prices. Peaking on 48s.</p> <p>Bell Peppers, recent GA &amp; NC rains reduced supplies, good quality.</p> <p>Broccoli, supplies tighter due to insects. Quality is average.</p> <p>Iceberg, some lower quality, light weight lettuce is being discounted.</p> <p>Romaine, warm temps resulted in surplus but some tip burn showing.</p> <p>Tomatoes, higher as record rainfall reduced east coast supplies.</p> <p>Strawberries, CA heat wave affecting quality. Order for fast turns.</p> <p>Oranges, CA Val's scarce, fair quality. New CA Navels start in late Oct.</p> <p>Lemons, CA 165-235s supply improving as a new areas start harvest.</p> <p>Onions, ID/OR harvest finishing. Excellent quality. Reds still elevated.</p> <p>Russet Potatoes, new crop Nekota harvest peaking on large 40-70sz. 80-140 sizes and #2s remain limited. Quality Excellent!</p>
Sugar	Mixed	Available - Steady	<p>Domestic cane and beet crops continue to show signs of a healthy harvest and solid yields. This has caused the market to show some minimal softening in domestic prices of both beet and cane sugar in some regions. It is expected that similar pricing levels will remain in the coming weeks. The final harvest tonnage will not be known yet for a couple of months, so analysts will continue to watch weather patterns and hope that the crop conditions continue in the current healthy trend.</p>
Shell Eggs	Steady	Available - Steady	<p>Demand for shell eggs continues to improve over the past week, driven more by a short bout of panic buying and tight supplies than sustained consumer interest. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose eggs are advancing with improved demand for light to moderate offerings and supplies. Trading is moderate to active. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are higher with moderate to good demand for light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Trading is moderate to active. Wholesale breaking stock prices are higher with moderate demand for light offerings and mostly moderate supplies. Schedules are full and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates limited activity with a sharp rise in the average ad price on the limited test.</p> <p>Source: USDA AMS as of October 9</p>
Wheat (Flour Based Products)	Increasing	Available - Steady	<p>Prices on bulk flour products have shown some increases in recent days. This increase has particularly impacted high gluten products. This increase is primarily due to world politics and potential world supply tightening longer term. Domestic supply remains adequate to demand for this year. Winter Wheat planting season is looking solid at this point. We do not foresee any additional major changes in bulk flour prices or products containing wheat in the coming days.</p>

All UniPro Foodservice DSR Market Insights information is based on domestic US market data only, unless indicated otherwise. The UniPro Foodservice Market DSR Insights update is not a recommendation to buy or sell a commodity. While this update is based on sources we believe to be reliable and accurate, UniPro Foodservice does not guarantee the accuracy of the information presented.

CATEGORY	NEAR-TERM MARKET PRICING TREND	SUPPLY vs. DEMAND	DSR MARKET INSIGHTS COMMENTARY
Beef (Commodity)	Mixed	Short - Mixed	<i>Beef markets remain unsettled. Packers are interested in increasing prices to improve margins. Buyers remain on the sidelines while packer struggle to clear on hand inventories without price discounts. Live Cattle values are creeping higher, which will cause packers to be more aggressive shorting the market to improve financial returns. Sustainable price appreciation will occur in 2-weeks. Beef market will look for traction until then.</i>
Pork (Commodity)	Butt - Increasing Sparerib - Decreasing Backribs - Decreasing	Butt - Available - Decreasing Sparerib - Available - Decreasing Backrib - Available - Increasing	<i>Bone-in Butt 1/4" prices are expected to hold steady or slightly increase for a few weeks before declining through October. Spare ribs are forecasted to steadily decrease as demand softens. Backribs will experience a more gradual price drop due to stronger demand, though supply is tightening less aggressively than for spare ribs.</i>
Pork (Value-Added)	Bacon - Decreasing	Bacon - Increasing - Steady	<i>Bacon prices are expected to decrease in the near term as belly primal prices trend lower. Supply is increasing due to more normalized inventories, while demand remains stable. This combination will likely drive prices down through the end of the year, with bacon costs expected to decline steadily.</i>
Poultry (Chicken)	Mixed	Mixed - Mixed	<i>Pricing on jumbo breast meat increased this week, while jumbo and medium wings decreased. Tenderloins remain in tight supply. The back half of the bird remains steady and supply is tight.</i>
Poultry (Turkey)	Steady	Available – Steady	<i>Frozen whole bird pricing remains steady and well below pricing we saw a year ago. Breast meat also remains steady with plentiful availability. Expectation is this will remain the pattern near term.</i>
Seafood	Shrimp - Increasing Salmon - Increasing Lobster - Increasing	Shrimp - Mixed Salmon - Available - Steady Lobster - Decreasing - Steady	<i>Shrimp prices are stable with supply challenges, especially in wild shrimp, while demand is mixed but expected to rise. Salmon prices are stable to slightly increasing, with tight supply for larger sizes and moderate demand. Lobster prices are increasing due to limited fishing and raw material shortages, with active demand leading to unfilled orders in some cases.</i>
Butter	Decreasing	Available - Steady	<i>Retail and food service butter demand is steady in the East. For the Central region, butter demand is stronger. In the West region, salted butter demand is steady, while bulk butter demand is lighter. Cream volumes are widely available throughout most of the country. Some plant downtime in the Midwest is noted as contributing to more abundant cream availability. Butter production varies from steady to strong across the nation. Churns are building stocks ahead of Q4 maintenance projects and holiday period demands yet to come.</i>  <i>Source: USDA AMS as of September 27</i>
Cheese	Decreasing	Available - Strong	<i>Cheese production remains mixed throughout the country. In the East, limited milk availability has tempered cheese production schedules. Contacts in the region say current cheese price points have dissuaded some customers, and demand is quiet. Cheesemakers in the Central region continue to note extended plant downtime. While milk availability remains tight, plant downtime has freed up some milk volumes to cheesemakers. Cheese demand has slowed in the region. In the West, cheese production ranges from steady to stronger. Mozzarella demand is reportedly strong. Overall, spot cheese inventories, namely for barrel cheeses, remain tight.</i>  <i>Source: USDA AMS as of September 27</i>
Fluid Dairy	Class I - Increasing Class II - Increasing	Class I Available - Steady Class II Short - Strong	<i>October cost increase for Milks (Class I) are in place. October cost increase for Cultured/Creams (Class II) are in place.</i>

CATEGORY	NEAR-TERM MARKET PRICING TREND	SUPPLY vs. DEMAND	DSR MARKET INSIGHTS COMMENTARY
Oils/Shortening	Increasing	Available - Steady	<i>The higher pricing levels that we have seen in recent days on most commodity oil products will likely prevail over the next couple of weeks. Though the current crop harvest is still progressing at a steady pace, global supply concerns and domestic political issues have impacted prices in the trading markets over the past couple of weeks. We do expect to see Premium and Blended Shortenings along with Commodity Frying Oils to maintain relatively steady pricing levels in the near term. Margarine prices remain at elevated levels based on limited global production and supply. It too early to tell if the Dock-Workers Strike will impact pricing levels.</i>
Produce	Decreasing - New Crop 40-70sz Russet Potatoes Steady - Apples, Bell Peppers, Iceberg, Romaine, Lemons, Onions Increasing - Avocados, Broccoli, Tomatoes, Strawberries, Oranges, New Crop 80-100sz Russet Potatoes	Improving/Steady - Avocados, Broccoli & Peppers Good/Steady - Apples, Romaine, Iceberg, Tomatoes, Peppers, Onions & Russet Potatoes Short/Strong - Strawberries, Oranges, Lemons	<i>Apples, new fall Crop 12% below 2023. Leaning to small size fruit. Avocados, rains reduced harvest in MX. Peaking on 48ct size. Bell Peppers, adequate supply, good quality. Broccoli, supplies tighter due to insects. Quality is average. Iceberg, some lower quality, light weight lettuce is being discounted. Romaine, warm temps resulted in surplus supply, quality strong. Tomatoes, higher as record rainfall reduced east coast supplies. Strawberries, north CA supply declining, south CA New Crop increasing. Oranges, CA Val's scarce, fair quality. Navel relief in late Oct. Lemons, CA 165-235s supply improving as a new areas starts harvest. Onions, ID/OR harvest finishing. Excellent quality. Reds still elevated. Russet Potatoes, new crop Nekota harvest peaking on large 40-70sz. 80-140 sizes and #2s remain limited.</i>
Sugar	Mixed	Available - Steady	<i>Domestic cane and beet crops continue to show signs of a healthy harvest and solid yields. This has caused the market to show some minimal softening in domestic prices of both beet and cane sugar in some regions. It is expected that similar pricing levels will remain in the coming weeks. The final harvest tonnage will not be known yet for a couple of months, so analysts will continue to watch weather patterns and hope that the crop conditions continue in the current healthy trend.</i>
Shell Eggs	Steady	Available - Steady	<i>Demand for shell eggs continues to make incremental improvements but remains below average. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose eggs are firm to higher mostly moderate demand for moderate offerings and supplies. Trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are steady with mostly moderate demand, moderate offerings, and light to moderate supplies. Trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are steady with moderate to good demand for light to moderate supplies and offerings. Schedules are full and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a decline from last week's pace with a focus on specialty types. Source: USDA AMS as of October 2  Avian Influenza News: On 7/15 Eggs America reported a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak affective 1.3MM hens. This follows a report on 7/8 from Eggs America of an HPAI outbreak at another Colorado farm affecting 2MM cage-free birds, in addition to earlier HPAI outbreak reports back in April/May.</i>
Wheat (Flour Based Products)	Steady	Available - Steady	<i>No major changes in the price of commodity flour products have occurred in recent days. Supply remains adequate to cover domestic demand for the near term. Winter Wheat planting season is looking solid at this point. World markets on wheat are not showing any recent signs of turmoil at this time. Analysts will continue to watch world politics as conflicts could impact pricing longer term.</i>

*All UniPro Foodservice DSR Market Insights information is based on domestic US market data only, unless indicated otherwise. The UniPro Foodservice Market DSR Insights update is not a recommendation to buy or sell a commodity. While this update is based on sources we believe to be reliable and accurate, UniPro Foodservice does not guarantee the accuracy of the information presented.*

CATEGORY	NEAR-TERM MARKET PRICING TREND	SUPPLY vs. DEMAND	DSR MARKET INSIGHTS COMMENTARY
Beef (Commodity)	Mixed	Short - Mixed	Beef market should be quiet and general stable for approximately 3-weeks. Week-over-week price appreciation should return after that. Nothing has changed in the Beef. The challenges we have faced all year will continue.
Pork (Commodity)	Butt - Increasing Sparerib - Decreasing Backribs - Decreasing	Butt - Available - Decreasing Sparerib - Available - Decreasing Backrib - Available - Increasing	Bone-in Butt 1/4" prices are expected to hold steady or slightly increase for a few weeks before declining through October. Spare ribs are forecasted to steadily decrease as demand softens. Backribs will experience a more gradual price drop due to stronger demand, though supply is tightening less aggressively than for spare ribs.
Pork (Value-Added)	Bacon - Decreasing	Bacon - Increasing - Steady	Bacon prices are expected to decrease in the near term as belly primal prices trend lower. Supply is increasing due to more normalized inventories, while demand remains stable. This combination will likely drive prices down through the end of the year, with bacon costs expected to decline steadily.
Poultry (Chicken)	Mixed	Mixed - Mixed	Pricing on jumbo breast meat increased this week, while jumbo and medium wings decreased. Tenderloins remain in tight supply. The back half of the bird remains steady and supply is tight.
Poultry (Turkey)	Steady	Available – Steady	Frozen whole bird pricing remains steady and well below pricing we saw a year ago. Breast meat also remains steady with plentiful availability. Expectation is this will remain the pattern near term.
Seafood	Shrimp - Increasing Salmon - Increasing Lobster - Increasing	Shrimp - Mixed Salmon - Available - Steady Lobster - Decreasing - Steady	Shrimp prices are stable with supply challenges, especially in wild shrimp, while demand is mixed but expected to rise. Salmon prices are stable to slightly increasing, with tight supply for larger sizes and moderate demand. Lobster prices are increasing due to limited fishing and raw material shortages, with active demand leading to unfilled orders in some cases.
Butter	Steady	Short - Steady	Butter demand in the East is steady. Butter demand is picking up in the Central region. For the West region, salted butter demand is steady, but unsalted butter demand varies from steady to lighter. Cream volumes are generally available throughout the country. However, cream volumes are comparatively tighter in the Northeast part of the nation. Butter production varies from strong to steady in the West. In the Central and East regions, butter producers convey production schedules are busier than expected. Butter manufacturers suggest production paces are comfortable for anticipated Q4 demands.  Source: USDA AMS as of September 20
Cheese	Increasing	Available - Strong	Contacts share mixed cheese production throughout the U.S. Cheesemakers in the East note limited spot milk availability as Class I demand draws upon milk volumes available for cheese processing. Contacts note demand for several cheese varieties is steady to stronger. In the Central region, contacts note plant maintenance and downtime have freed up some milk supplies for processors. Cheesemakers in the region say production efforts are geared toward upcoming holiday demands. Barrel inventories have grown enough to accommodate spot purchases. In the West, cheese manufacturers relay steady to stronger production, despite variable spot milk availability. Cheese inventories in the region are mixed, with barrel inventories noted to be especially tight.  Source: USDA AMS as of September 20
Fluid Dairy	Class I - Increasing Class II - Increasing	Class I Available - Steady Class II Short - Strong	September cost increases for Milks (Class I) are in place. September costs increases for Cultured/Creams (Class II) are in place.

CATEGORY	NEAR-TERM MARKET PRICING TREND	SUPPLY vs. DEMAND	DSR MARKET INSIGHTS COMMENTARY
Oils/Shortening	Increasing	Available - Steady	Traders are reporting that Oil Markets have shown some slight price increases this week based on world supply/demand outlook. This may impact the price of commodity oils slightly in the coming days. Domestic crops are still looking strong as harvest season ensues. Palm harvest continues to be below expectations and demand on palm products remains strong. This has caused Palm Oil Markets to increase to some of the highest levels that we have seen in a long time. This will continue to impact the pricing of margarine products and cube shortening products in the coming weeks. At this time, there does appear to be enough supply to cover US needs through the fall months.
Produce	Decreasing - New Crop 40-70sz Russet Potatoes Steady - Apples, Avocados, Bell Peppers, Iceberg, Romaine, Tomatoes, Lemons, Onions Increasing - Broccoli, Strawberries, Oranges, New Crop 80-100sz Russet Potatoes	Improving/Steady - Avocados, Broccoli & Peppers Good/Steady - Apples, Romaine, Iceberg, Tomatoes, Peppers, Onions & Russet Potatoes Short/Strong - Strawberries, Oranges, Lemons	Apples, storages finished. New fall Crop 12% below 2023. Leaning to small fruit. Gala & Granny reduced volumes. Market steady. Avocados, MX supply improving. Note longer ripening time. Bell Peppers, good supply, strong quality. Broccoli, supplies tighter. Quality is average. Iceberg, ample supply, market flat. Above average quality, 39-44lbs. Romaine, good supply, market steady, quality strong, good weights. Tomatoes, good supply, market steady. Good quality. Strawberries, north CA supply declining, south CA New Crop increasing. Oranges, CA Val's scarce, fair quality. Navel relief in late Oct. Lemons, CA 165-235s supply to improve in late Sept. Imports arriving. Onions, shipping ID/OR new crop. Excellent quality. Reds still elevated. Russet Potatoes, new crop Norkotah peaking on large 40-70sz. Smaller sizes limited but available.
Sugar	Decreasing	Available - Strong	Domestic cane and beet crops continue to show signs of a healthy harvest and solid yields. This has caused the market to show some recent softening in domestic prices of both beet and cane sugar. It is expected that this trend will continue through the fall/winter baking season based on current conditions. The final harvest tonnage will not be known yet for a couple of months, so analysts will continue to watch weather patterns and hope that the situation remains at the current standard.
Shell Eggs	Decreasing	Available - Steady	Demand for shell eggs improved slightly over the last week but remains below average. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose eggs are weak on light to moderate demand for moderate to available offerings. Supplies are moderate with slow to moderate trading. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are lower with light to moderate demand, moderate offerings, and light to mostly moderate supplies. Trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are weak with moderate to good demand for moderate supplies and offerings. Schedules are full and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates continued limited activity with a large push on offerings of caged 18-count packs. Source: USDA AMS as of September 25  Avian Influenza News: On 7/15 Eggs America reported a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak affective 1.3MM hens. This follows a report on 7/8 from Eggs America of an HPAI outbreak at another Colorado farm affecting 2MM cage-free birds, in addition to earlier HPAI outbreak reports back in April/May.
Wheat (Flour Based Products)	Steady	Available - Steady	Supply yield from the current harvest will be adequate to cover domestic supply for the near term. Winter Wheat planting season is looking solid at this point. World markets on wheat are not showing any recent signs of turmoil. These conditions should provide with a steady price on bulk flour products and products whose predominate ingredient is flour as we move through the fall months.

All UniPro Foodservice DSR Market Insights information is based on domestic US market data only, unless indicated otherwise. The UniPro Foodservice Market DSR Insights update is not a recommendation to buy or sell a commodity. While this update is based on sources we believe to be reliable and accurate, UniPro Foodservice does not guarantee the accuracy of the information presented.