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Disclaimer: *The navel prices listed below are reported to CCM from various industry representatives each week. The lemon and grapefruit prices are pulled from USDA and reflect the spot market price. Both data sets represent a range of prices that are then calculated into an average. Growers should consult their packing houses if they have specific questions about the price their fruit is receiving.*

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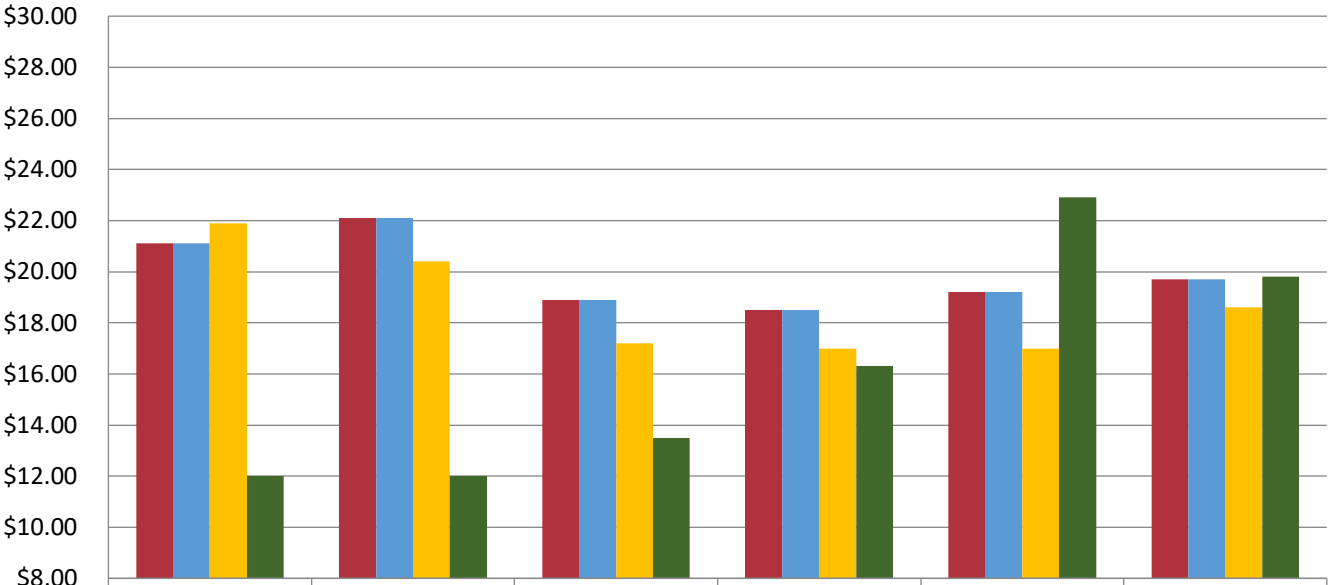
Navels – Navels are over 90% harvested. Movement remains strong and import pressure is limited for the time being. Noted quality issues are re-greening, soft fruit and decay, which is not entirely uncommon at this late stage of the season. These challenges and the gradual drop in utilization will likely continue through the end of the season.

Below are the week 21 pricing averages. Peak sizes were 56s and 72s followed by 48s and 88s. Utilization was around 70-80%.

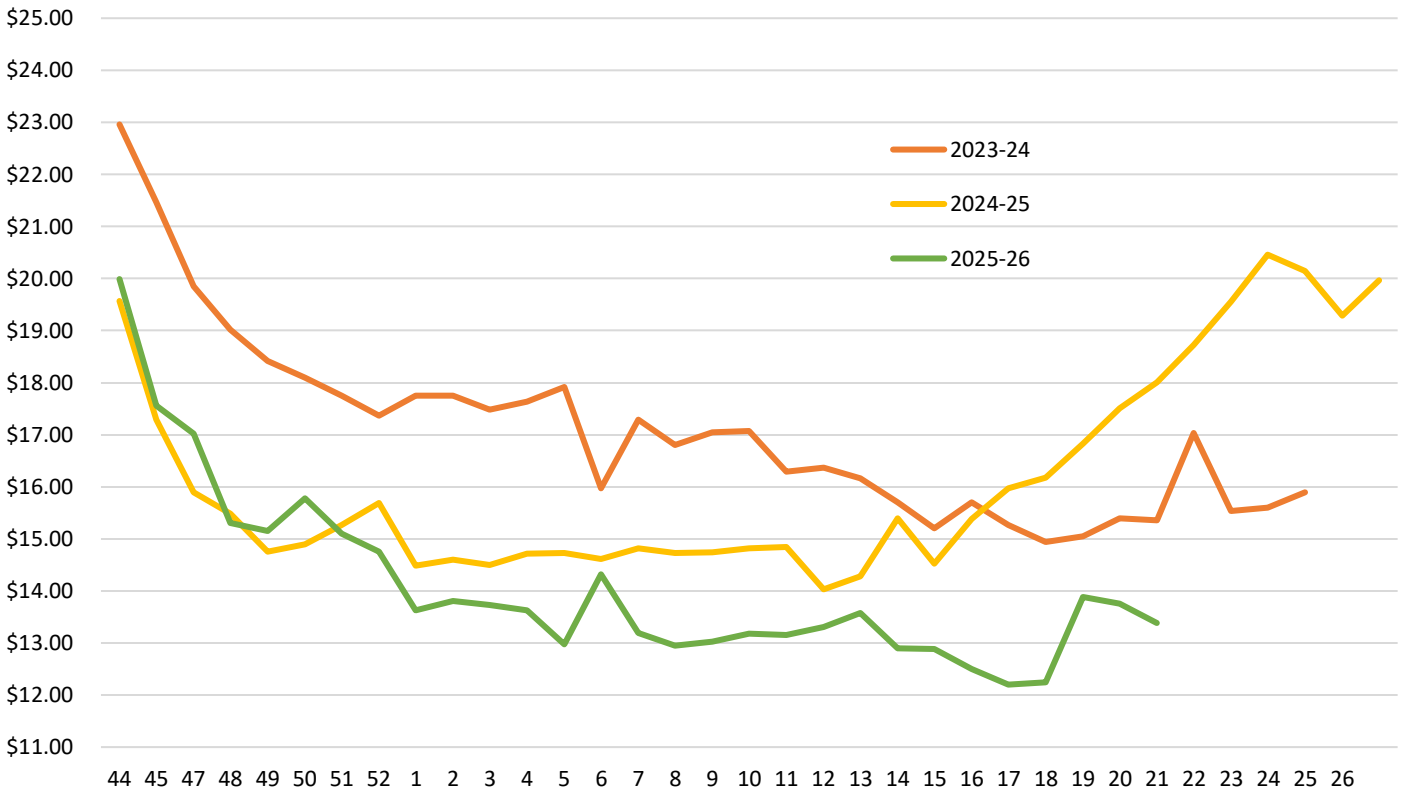
Navel Average Prices by Week							
Week #:	21		20		***Change in Price***		*Peak Sizes*
Week Ending:	5/23/2026		5/16/2026				
Size	Fancy	Choice	Fancy	Choice	***Fancy***	***Choice***	
48	14.30	8.40	14.60	9.00	**-2%**	**-7%**	15%
56	14.00	8.50	14.10	8.50	**-1%**	**0%**	30%
72	15.50	10.10	15.90	10.20	**-3%**	**-1%**	26%
88	17.30	14.60	16.90	15.20	**2%**	**-4%**	14%
113	24.60	20.00	23.40	19.80	**5%**	**1%**	5%
138	20.30	19.00	22.80	17.60	**-11%**	**8%**	1%

Domestic Average Navel Prices: Week 21



	48	56	72	88	113	138
2022-23	$21.10	$22.10	$18.90	$18.50	$19.20	$19.70
2023-24	$21.10	$22.10	$18.90	$18.50	$19.20	$19.70
2024-25	$21.90	$20.40	$17.20	$17.00	$17.00	$18.60
2025-26	$12.00	$12.00	$13.50	$16.30	$22.90	$19.80

NAVELS
Average Weekly Price - All Sizes and Grades

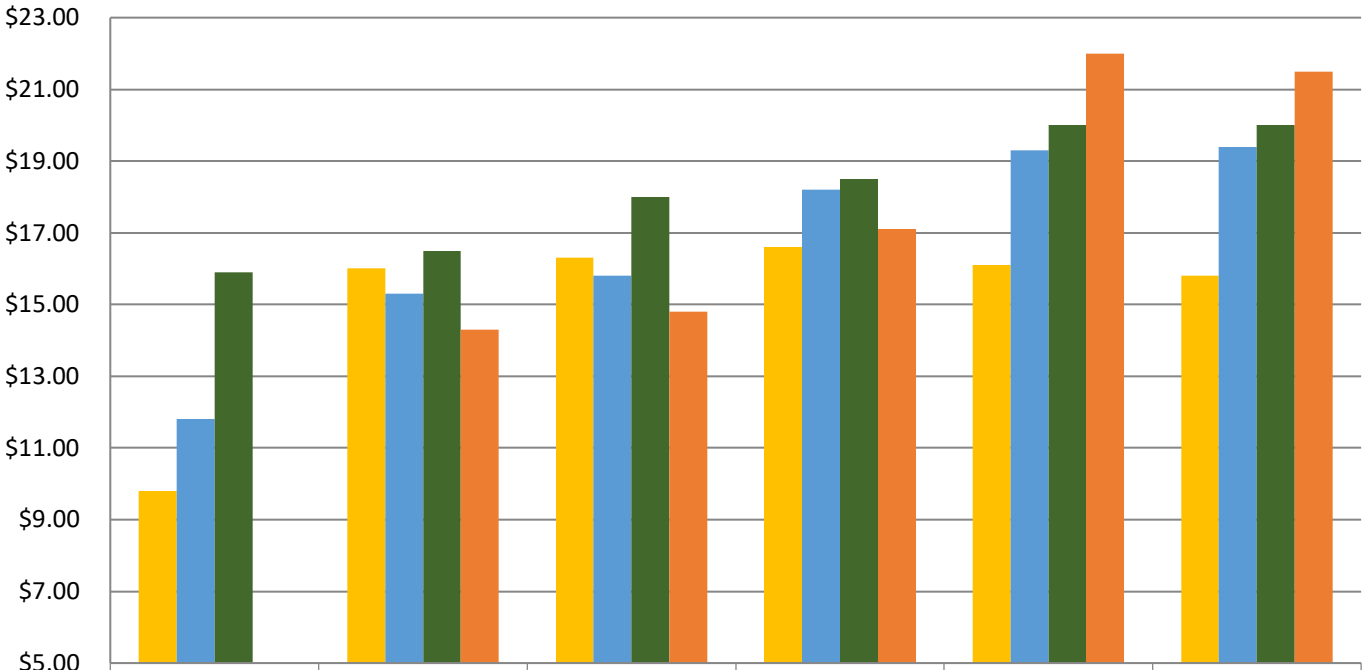


Week	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Week	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
44	$ 22.96	$ 19.57	$ 19.99	10	$ 17.07	$ 14.82	$ 13.18
45	$ 21.47	$ 17.30	$ 17.56	11	$ 16.29	$ 14.85	$ 13.15
47	$ 19.85	$ 15.90	$ 17.02	12	$ 16.37	$ 14.03	$ 13.31
48	$ 19.02	$ 15.49	$ 15.30	13	$ 16.16	$ 14.28	$ 13.58
49	$ 18.41	$ 14.75	$ 15.15	14	$ 15.70	$ 15.40	$ 12.90
50	$ 18.10	$ 14.89	$ 15.78	15	$ 15.20	$ 14.52	$ 12.88
51	$ 17.75	$ 15.27	$ 15.10	16	$ 15.70	$ 15.40	$ 12.50
52	$ 17.36	$ 15.69	$ 14.76	17	$ 15.26	$ 15.97	$ 12.20
1	$ 17.75	$ 14.48	$ 13.63	18	$ 14.94	$ 16.17	$ 12.24
2	$ 17.75	$ 14.59	$ 13.81	19	$ 15.05	$ 16.82	$ 13.88
3	$ 17.48	$ 14.50	$ 13.73	20	$ 15.40	$ 17.50	$ 13.75
4	$ 17.64	$ 14.71	$ 13.63	21	$ 15.36	$ 18.01	$ 13.38
5	$ 17.92	$ 14.72	$ 12.97				
6	$ 15.97	$ 14.61	$ 14.32				
7	$ 17.29	$ 14.82	$ 13.19				
8	$ 16.80	$ 14.73	$ 12.95				
9	$ 17.05	$ 14.74	$ 13.03				

Valencias – Valencias are around 10% harvested and starting to pick up traction on the domestic market. Re-greening has led to some reduced export volumes early on, but overall, we've heard of strong quality and limited external pest damage. The movement of smaller fruit has been a focus as large navels remain on the market for the time being. Below are the week 21 pricing averages. Utilization was around 80%.

Valencia Average Prices by Week							
Week #:	21		20		***Change in Price***		*Peak Sizes*
Week Ending:	5/23/2026		5/16/2026				
Size	Fancy	Choice	Fancy	Choice	***Fancy***	***Choice***	
48	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0%
56	15.00	12.70	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15%
72	15.10	13.80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20%
88	17.40	16.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36%
113	22.20	21.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21%
138	21.90	20.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6%

Domestic Average Valencia Prices: Week 21

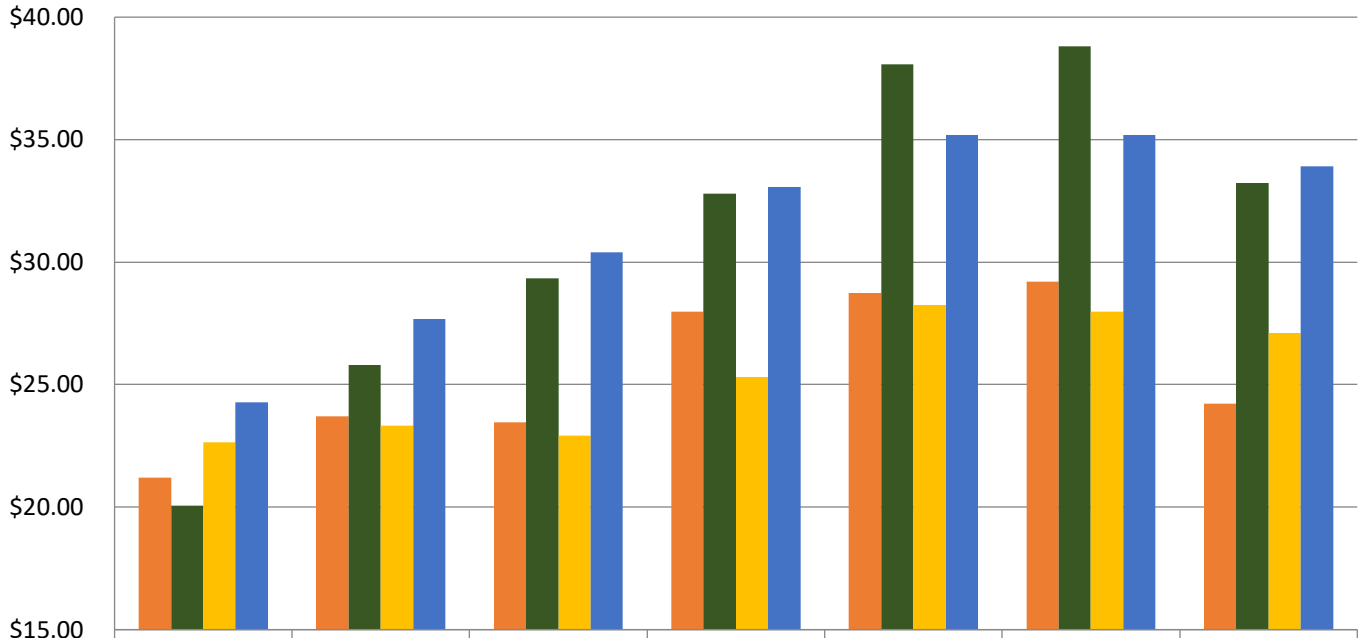


	48	56	72	88	113	138
2023	$9.80	$16.00	$16.30	$16.60	$16.10	$15.80
2024	$11.80	$15.30	$15.80	$18.20	$19.30	$19.40
2025	$15.90	$16.50	$18.00	$18.50	$20.00	$20.00
2026		$14.30	$14.80	$17.10	$22.00	$21.50

Lemons - As D1 lemon harvesting wraps up, we transition into the bulk of the D2 lemon season, which are around 40% harvested and are peaking around 115s, 95s, 140s, and 75s. Utilization has been around 70-80%. It is said that the fruit is coloring up well after some challenges with green fruit early on. Some early fruit drop has also been noted. Import pressure is limited for now, and it appears pricing is trending in a positive direction. Below are the week 21 pricing averages.

Lemon Average Prices by Week						
Week #:	21		20		***Change in Price***	
Week Ending:	5/23/2026		5/16/2026			
Size	Fancy	Choice	Fancy	Choice	***Fancy***	***Choice***
75	27.50	21.05	27.13	20.68	**1%**	**2%**
95	31.85	23.53	29.95	22.23	**6%**	**6%**
115	34.05	26.73	34.18	26.23	**0%**	**2%**
140	34.05	32.08	34.05	31.65	**0%**	**1%**
165	35.43	34.98	34.93	34.55	**1%**	**1%**
200	35.43	34.98	34.93	33.93	**1%**	**3%**
235	34.00	33.80	34.03	33.60	**0%**	**1%**

Domestic Average Lemon Prices: Week 21 Source: USDA AMS



	75	95	115	140	165	200	235
2022-23	$21.20	$23.70	$23.45	$27.99	$28.74	$29.20	$24.21
2023-24	$20.06	$25.81	$29.35	$32.79	$38.08	$38.81	$33.24
2024-25	$22.65	$23.34	$22.91	$25.33	$28.25	$27.98	$27.11
2025-26	$24.28	$27.69	$30.39	$33.06	$35.20	$35.20	$33.90

Orange Juice

- Futures price as of May 22, 2026, was up the week prior at 171 or $1.71 per pound solid.
- Futures price around the start of the Navels season, on October 31, 2025, was 169 or $1.69 per pound solid.
- Futures price 1 year ago, on May 22, 2025, was 272 or $2.72 per pound solid.

ICYMI: California Citrus Mutual 2025 Impact Report

California Citrus Mutual's (CCM) 2025 Impact Report highlights the organization's continued efforts to protect and strengthen the California citrus industry through advocacy, funding, and grower support programs. In 2025, CCM helped secure funding and support for citrus growers, including USDA citrus purchases, HLB research funding, MASC payments, and investments in citrus breeding and pest prevention programs. The report highlights key advocacy wins that protected growers' profitability and preserved critical tools and markets for the industry.

The report further details CCM's work representing growers in trade discussions, combating harmful legislation, and protecting fresh citrus from restrictive food classification proposals. In addition to policy and funding work, CCM continues to provide member services and grower education opportunities.

CCM 2025 Impact Report

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tulare County Grower Meeting – June 18, Lindsay

Join CCM staff and board on Thursday, June 18, 2026, for lunch, an update on organizational activities from Director of Governmental Affairs Jacob Villagomez, and a Q&A session. We want to hear from you! Come prepared to discuss the issues you feel we should be advocating for. This event will be held at China's Alley Mexican restaurant in Lindsay.

All growers are encouraged to attend, regardless of CCM membership, and learn more about the work CCM is doing on their behalf. This event is free to attend, but please RSVP. Please note that this is a grower event and, as such, growers will be prioritized for registration if space becomes limited.

Following the meeting, attendees will have the option to tour Porterville Citrus' cutting-edge mandarin facility, which is located right down the street from China's Alley.

If you have questions, please contact Jessica Gravitt at jessica@cacitrusmutual.com or (559)936-9100.

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Citrus Research Board Webinar Series

CRB announced the return of its Citrus Growers Educational Webinar Series. The webinars at scheduled for June 9 and 23, 2026 and will cover the latest citrus research.

WEBINAR 1

- Tuesday, June 9, 12 PM
- Review and Update for Plant Growth Regulators and California Citrus
    - Review of the plant growth regulators currently available to the California citrus industry. Will include uses and effects of each of the PGRs covering both a historical perspective and current needs. The importance of 2,4-D timing will also be discussed with respect to the premature fruit drop observed in Fall 2025.

WEBINAR 2

- Tuesday, June 23, 10 AM
- On the Ground with CA-CRaFT
    - Updates on canine-assisted ACP inspections, field scouting, tap sampling, sticky traps, and drone imagery being integrated to support regional ACP management decisions and strengthen early detection efforts. Expansion of CA-CRaFT activities into Ventura County with stronger emphasis on biological control using self-release Tamarixia radiata cage systems and ongoing Argentine ant management efforts.

Learn more and register.

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