

# SIMON LEEMAN CROP REPORT BROUGHT TO YOU BY PROACT

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## Market Alerts



**ROW CROPS** All row crops, particularly Romaine, Green Leaf Lettuce, Broccoli and Cauliflower are in extremely short supply. This is due to planting and harvesting gaps resulting from intermittent heavy rain and cold weather over the past few months in Central California. Product shortages, higher prices and quality issues will persist over the next several weeks.

**LETTUCE** Supplies are extremely short on Iceberg, Green and Red Leaf Lettuces. Romaine supplies are slightly better. Quality is poor to fair, and orders are very likely to be shorted. Pricing is also very high. For optimal availability and quality we recommend tender leaf items such as Arcadian Blend, Spring Mix, Arugula or Spinach.

**CAULIFLOWER & BROCCOLI** Quality is still poor and pricing still high on whole heads and florets. Orders may be shorted in some markets. Crowns and Florets are the best quality options.

**CELERY** Quality is fair to poor, and pricing is higher than normal due to short supplies. Celery Hearts are the best quality option, where available.

**GRAPES** Quality is poor to fair on Green Grapes, with higher pricing than normal. Red Grapes are a slightly better quality and cost option, however they also have similar issues as Green. Please limit use where possible.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons.



**Eggplant & Squash:** Harvests of Eggplant and Summer Squash in the Southeast, Mexico and California are all in full swing. Pricing is very good on all grades and sizes, and quality is also very good.

**Pears:** Spring pears such as Anjou and Bosc (Pacific Northwest) and Bartlett (Chile) are now available, and are a great late winter addition to hand fruit selections and recipes.

**Peppers:** Bell Peppers of all colors and grades are once again in great quality, availability and pricing. Be sure to incorporate these staples into your menus.

**Cucumbers:** Southeastern and Western U.S. crops are approaching peak harvest, with all field-grown Cucumbers of great quality and pricing.

**Apples:** Certain varieties are at peak season out of Idaho, Washington and Michigan. Pink Lady, Gala, Fuji and Red Rome apples are excellent quality and pricing.

**Mushrooms:** Most varieties of mushrooms are in great supply, with excellent quality and pricing reported. Ask your distributor for availability on specialty product!

## Weather Update



**California:** A warming trend and dry, breezy conditions will come to Central California next week.

**Mexico:** Northern Mexico will also have significant warming, and dry conditions. Central Mexico will be cooler and have light showers through the weekend.

**Florida:** Above-average temperatures and dry, windy conditions are expected throughout the week.

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# Commodities at a Glance

 <b>Apples</b>	WA, ID and MI are at peak season on certain varieties. Quality is excellent.
 <b>Asparagus</b>	Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality reported.
 <b>Avocado</b>	Pricing is slightly higher than normal, quality is good to fair.
 <b>Bell Peppers</b>	Quality and pricing are excellent.
 <b>Berries (Blackberries)</b>	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 <b>Berries (Blueberries)</b>	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 <b>Berries (Raspberries)</b>	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 <b>Berries (Strawberries)</b>	Pricing and quality are good.
 <b>Broccoli</b>	Pricing is very high, quality is poor.
 <b>Brussels Sprouts</b>	Quality and pricing are good. Mexican product is at peak season.
 <b>Carrots</b>	Quality is good, pricing is stable.
 <b>Cauliflower</b>	Quality is fair to poor, pricing is very high.

 <b>Celery</b>	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 <b>Citrus (Lemons)</b>	Quality and pricing are good.
 <b>Citrus (Limes)</b>	Quality and pricing are good.
 <b>Citrus (Oranges)</b>	Quality and pricing are good.
 <b>Cucumbers</b>	Quality and pricing are good.
 <b>Eggplant</b>	Quality and pricing are good.
 <b>Garlic</b>	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 <b>Grapes (Green)</b>	Quality is fair to poor, pricing is very high.
 <b>Grapes (Red)</b>	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 <b>Green Onions</b>	Quality is good, pricing is trending higher.
 <b>Kale</b>	Quality and pricing are good.
 <b>Lettuce Iceberg</b>	Supplies are very scarce, quality is fair to poor and pricing is very high.

 <b>Lettuce Leaf</b>	Supplies are very scarce, quality is fair to poor and pricing is very high.
 <b>Melon (Cantaloupe)</b>	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher.
 <b>Melon (Honeydew)</b>	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher.
 <b>Melon (Watermelon)</b>	Quality is good, pricing is steady.
 <b>Onions</b>	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 <b>Pears</b>	New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.
 <b>Pineapples</b>	Quality and pricing are good.
 <b>Potatoes</b>	Quality is good, pricing is very good.
 <b>Potatoes (colored)</b>	All colors are at peak season.
 <b>Squash</b>	Quality is good, pricing is lower
 <b>Stone Fruit</b>	Quality and pricing are good. Chilean product is at peak season.
 <b>Tomatoes</b>	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher on Western grape and cherry tomatoes.

