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Market Alerts



AVOCADOS The supply of product out of Mexico continues to be severely restricted, due to a combination of growing condition and import issues. Product from other sources, including California, is not plentiful enough to offset the Mexican shortage, and pricing continues to be much higher than normal.

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 Supplies continue to improve slowly, however orders are still being shorted here and there. Quality is poor to fair, with Broccoli Crowns/Florets and Cauliflower Florets the best quality options. Pricing is lower than in previous weeks.

ASPARAGUS Pricing is higher than normal for all sizes of Asparagus, with Pencil and Standard being the best values.

GRAPES Quality is still poor on Green Grapes, with higher pricing than normal. Red Grapes are the better buy for price, and the quality is improved to fair. Please limit use where possible.

A Peek at Peak Seasons



Cucumbers: All field-grown Cucumbers are in great supply, with excellent quality and pricing reported on Select and Super Select grades.

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, Bosc and Bartlett are now available, and are a great addition to hand fruit selections and recipes.

Blueberries: Excellent quality and pricing on all Blueberries out of the Southeast, Mexico and California.

Limes & Peppers: Just in time for Cinco de Mayo menus, Limes and Green and Red Bell Peppers supplies are plentiful, with great pricing and quality reported.

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.

Commodities at a Glance

 Apples	WA, ID and MI are at peak season on certain varieties. Quality is excellent.	 Celery	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.	 Lettuce Leaf	Supplies are very scarce, quality is fair to poor and pricing is very high.
 Asparagus	Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality. Pencil and Standard are the best values.	 Citrus (Lemons)	Quality and pricing are good.	 Melon (Cantaloupe)	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher.
 Avocado	Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality. Pencil and Standard are the best values.	 Citrus (Limes)	Quality and pricing are good.	 Melon (Honeydew)	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher.
 Bell Peppers	Quality and pricing are excellent.	 Citrus (Oranges)	Quality and pricing are good.	 Melon (Watermelon)	Quality is good, pricing is steady.
 Berries (Blackberries)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 Cucumbers	Quality and pricing are good.	 Onions	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 Berries (Blueberries)	Pricing and quality are good.	 Eggplant	Quality and pricing are good.	 Pears	New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.
 Berries (Raspberries)	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 Garlic	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.	 Pineapples	Quality and pricing are good.
 Berries (Strawberries)	Pricing and quality are good.	 Grapes (Green)	Quality is fair to poor, pricing is very high.	 Potatoes	Quality is good, pricing is very good.
 Broccoli	Pricing is very high, quality is poor.	 Grapes (Red)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.	 Potatoes (colored)	All colors are at peak season.
 Brussels Sprouts	Quality and pricing are good. Mexican product is at peak season.	 Green Onions	Quality is good, pricing is trending higher.	 Squash	Pricing and quality are good.
 Carrots	Quality is good, pricing is stable.	 Kale	Quality and pricing are good.	 Stone Fruit	Quality and pricing are good. Chilean product is at peak season.
 Cauliflower	Quality is fair to poor, pricing is very high.	 Lettuce Iceberg	Supplies are very scarce, quality is fair to poor and pricing is very high.	 Tomatoes	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher on Western grape and cherry tomatoes.

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