

Produce that's Fresh. Information that's to the Point.



Top 5 Five

1. AVOCADOS **ALERT!**

We expect a few more weeks at elevated markets before it begins to fall off.

2. BERRIES **ALERT!**

Extreme heat has affected yields.

3. BRUSSELS **ALERT!**

SPROUTS

Insect pressure remains our main concern.

4. CILANTRO/ **ALERT!**

ARUGULA/ SPRING MIX

Tender-leafed items are active due to quality issues.

5. CITRUS— **ALERT!**

LEMONS & ORANGES

Sizing is an issue, if you can, be flexible to fill your orders.



heirloom tomatoes

asparagus **ALERT!**

Central Mexico is waning; a tropical storm hit Baja where 35-40% of Mexican asparagus is from now. Most asparagus has already started coming from Peru, but supplies are down from cooler weather and Hurricane Irma causing freight delays. Be flexible on sizing; pricing and markets will be active for two weeks.

Raspberries: Record heat out west has reduced yields by half for some growers, tightening supplies and plummeting quality.

berries— **ALERT!** strawberry

Poor-to-fair quality overall depending on location; record heat caused a 50% crop loss for many western growers; defects are due to bruising and decay, and sizing is small.

broccoli & cauliflower

Broccoli: Markets are unsettled; quality is fair with occasional brown bead, yellowing, and stress. **Cauliflower:** Markets are starting to move upward. Quality is fair with varying degrees of discoloration in some lots from extreme heat.

avocados **ALERT!**

The Loca (variety) bloom is light, and rain is slowing down the harvest and delaying maturity of the next bloom. We expect a few more weeks of elevated markets before it begins to fall off.

beans, green

Supplies remain steady with improved quality.

berries—black, **ALERT!** blue & raspberry

We are seeing a wide range in pricing overall. **Blueberries:** Quality is mostly good. Blackberries &

celery

Quality is fair; QA is noting inconsistent sizing, discoloration, and sunburn.

Outlook

WEST COAST

Record temps were documented for Salinas last weekend, followed immediately by detrimental monsoonal patterns bringing high humidity. Current temps are more reasonable, but expecting to climb this weekend followed by a cool down.

MEXICO

Hurricane Katia is affecting the Gulf of Mexico, with East of Tampico maintaining Cold Front #2 and rain through most of Mexico.

EAST COAST

The GA fall season and plantings in FL will be affected by Hurricane Irma; expect a flush of product as many growers will pick ahead of the storm. Expect wet and windy conditions up and down the east coast next week, as the hurricane is expected to make landfall.

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citrus **ALERT!**

Be flexible on sizes to fill your orders. The next several weeks will likely be a roller coaster. **Lemons:** Demand exceeds supplies on 140's and larger. The desert district will remain short until volume reaches sufficient production. **Limes:** Hurricane Harvey has affected the movement into TX/CA; rvrain in Mexico from Hurricane Katia and could further disrupt the harvest. **Oranges:** Valencia demand remains strong; heat in the San Joaquin Valley heat is creating harvest delays with the crew. This combined with an already diminishing crop will make the last few weeks of the Valencia deal extremely challenging, especially for 88ct and smaller. Some suppliers are starting to run out of fruit already and we are expecting a 3-5 week gap. Subbing fruit is very likely as offshore supplies are also sizing larger.

cucumbers **ALERT!**

Supplies have tightened from heat, bloom drop, and rain; quality is average. New fields are expected to start late next week and should improve supplies over the next 10 to 14 days.

eggplant

Supplies are improving as GA starts; MI/NJ/TN continue with fair-to-good quality.

grapes

Overall quality of red and green seedless remains very good with green seedless sizing Large to Extra-large. Supplies are good despite reduced harvest times from hot afternoons. Rains may affect quality not quantity, and will be assessed over the next few days with markets adjusting accordingly.

lettuce

Iceberg: Markets are unsettled due to heat stress and demand; moderate-to-heavy sunscald, tip burn, and irregular growth are noted by QA. **Leaf:** Supplies are

tighter; quality is fair with defects due to sunburn, under-sizing, insect damage, and seeder. **Romaine:** The market is up; quality is poor-to-fair with defects due to sunburn, insect damage, twisting, cupping, and under-sizing.

melon

Cantaloupe and honeydew both experienced high temps and yields are lighter. Quality remains very good on both.

onions

The new crop has started in WA/ID with good quality; sizing is still small, but will improve.

peppers

East: Green pepper supplies/quality are good from many northern growing areas; Canadian production continues to improve with good quality. West: Supplies were hit with triple digit heat in CA. Product will be affected in the North while Coachella fared better.

potatoes

New crop Norkotahs are ramping up production in WA/ID with good quality.

squash

East: Availability has improved; zucchini quality remains better than yellow squash with less scuffing and scarring. West: Supply is light out of CA.

tomatoes—cherry & grape **ALERT!**

Markets remain active on lower supply across the country.

tomatoes—roma & round

Eastern round volume is short due to rain in eastern TN from Hurricane Harvey. Western markets are stronger due to increasing demand and hot weather.

Reality Check

VEGETABLES	Supply			Price						
	HIGH	INCREASING	AVG	DECREASING	LOW	HIGH	INCREASING	AVG	DECREASING	LOW
Asparagus										
Green Beans										
Broccoli										
Cabbage										
Carrots										
Cauliflower										
Celery										
Com										
Cucumbers										
Eggplant										
Herbs-Cilantro										
Lettuce - Iceberg										
Lettuce - Leaf (G/R)										
Lettuce - Romaine										
Lettuce - Spring Mix										
Mushrooms										
Onions - Yellow										
Onions - Red										
Onions - Green										
Peas - Snow/Snap										
Peppers - Chiles										
Peppers - Green										
Peppers - R/Y										
Potatoes - Russet										
Potatoes - R/W/Yuk										
Potatoes - Yams										
Spinach										
Squash - Yellow										
Squash - Zucchini										
Tomatoes - Round										
Tomatoes - Roma										
Tomatoes - Grape/Cherry										
FRUIT										
Apples										
Avocados										
Bananas										
Berries - Blackberries										
Berries - Blueberries										
Berries - Raspberries										
Berries - Strawberries										
Citrus - Grapefruit										
Citrus - Lemons										
Citrus - Limes										
Citrus - Oranges										
Grapes - Green										
Grapes - Red										
Kiwifruit										
Melons - (C/H)										
Melons - Watermelon										
Pears										
Pineapple										

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