

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



Top 5 Five

1. BEANS, GREEN **ALERT!**

Rain and freezing temps have curtailed harvest for this week, demand is high and supplies are very low.

2. CAULIFLOWER **ALERT!**

The market is active and demand exceeds supply.

3. PEPPERS, RED & YELLOW **ALERT!**

Demand exceeds supplies.

4. MUSHROOMS **ALERT!**

Hurricanes have affected TX/FL farms, burdening the industry.

5. TOMATOES, ALL VARIETIES **ALERT!**

Markets are expected to remain escalated on all varieties through December.

Outlook

WEST COAST

Weather remains cool in western growing regions with another chance for rain. Next week seems mild with a midweek chance at more rain, as we look to close out the Salinas season.

MEXICO

Western Mexico will experience low temps below 5° C at higher elevations.

EAST COAST

Southern GA is calling for mostly sunny skies with highs in the high 60s during the day and lows 50s at night with minimal rain showers. The south FL weather forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies with some scattered rain storms over the weekend followed by sunny skies with highs in the low 80s during

delicata squash



asparagus

Mexican supplies (mostly from Baja) will continue to drop through November and sizing is trending smaller than usual; Peru supplies continue to track behind historical and forecasted figures. Airfreight rates remain a concern.

avocados

Good availability and quality out of Mexico; however, larger sized fruit still remains extremely short.

beans, green **ALERT!**

Supplies remain extremely tight; GA remains very light due to cooler temp and quality is poor. FL is just getting started; supplies are limited with fair to good quality from TX and Mexico.

berries—black, blue, & raspberry

We are seeing a wide range of quality and pricing overall. **Blueberries:** Supplies are limited as we transition

to South America. **Blackberries & Raspberries:** Availability is a concern as we continue to transition away from CA towards Mexico.

berries—strawberry

Northern regions are finished. The transition south continues as Oxnard has begun harvesting and noting strong quality with sizing small.

broccoli & cauliflower **ALERT!**

Broccoli: The market is mixed as the transition starts; supplies are tight and quality is fair to good with some hollow core visible from Mexico. **Cauliflower:** The market is active and demand exceeds supply; quality is good. Inconsistent weather patterns have disrupted the growth cycle.

celery

Quality is mostly good, with defects due to discoloration. The market is moving upward.



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citrus

Lemons: Supplies are good on 140 count and larger, with very few 165 and 200 ct. The market is firming and volume is lighter. Quality is good. **Limes:** Quality and supplies are good from Mexico. **Oranges:** Navel oranges are peaking on 88 ct and smaller, larger sizes are a little bit tighter.

cucumbers

Supplies/quality from northern Mexico are good; Baja CA volume is extremely low; markets are firming out of Nogales with fewer crossings. GA is waning and supplies are tightening, quality remains good; minimal harvesting in FL but with very good quality.

eggplant

Coachella volume is light and mostly Choice. Mexican eggplant (through Nogales) quality is good with improving volume. GA supplies are tightening; quality is fair with more Choice than Fancy. Supplies will remain limited until FL improves in the next 10–14 days.

grapes

The market is advancing on red seedless, and supplies are good on green seedless. Black seedless and Red Globes are becoming very scarce.

lettuce

Iceberg: The market continues to drop. Salinas, Santa Maria, and Huron are waning with fair quality. Yuma has started with fair and improving quality. **Leaf:** Markets are steady. Quality is good with defects due to seeder, insect damage, and ribbiness. **Romaine:** The market continues to drop. Quality is fair to good, with defects due to twisting, seeder, insect damage, fringe burn, and cupping.

melon

The cantaloupe market is still very active and demand exceeds supply on 9's & Jumbo 9's, markets are falling off as sizes get smaller. The honeydew market is steady with much better supplies on all sizes. Quality is mixed on both melons.

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Quality is very good on all colors.

peppers **ALERT!**

Green peppers: Supplies remain steady, GA volume is good with more #1's; FL will start in 7–10 days. Coachella is in full production.

Red and yellow peppers: Demand exceeds supplies. We are in a transitional gap—Oxnard is waning and Coachella is a couple weeks away. Quality is fair.

potatoes

Norkotahs are harvested; quality and size are good. Burbanks are in storage and supplies are very light due to the late harvest and skin set.

squash

East: Quality is mostly fair to good and improving; zucchini supplies are good, yellow squash is a bit tighter but improving with good quality. West: Mexican supply is able to meet demand.

tomatoes— **ALERT!** all varieties

Markets are expected to remain escalated on all varieties through December. Minimal volume is available in the U.S. due the damage caused by Hurricane Irma, specifically Immokalee, FL. Central Mexico has some vine-ripened fruit available, but supply will not meet the expected demand.

Reality Check

VEGETABLES	Supply			Price						
	HIGH	INCREASING	AVG	DECREASING	LOW	HIGH	INCREASING	AVG	DECREASING	LOW
Asparagus										
Beans - Green										
Broccoli										
Cabbage										
Carrots										
Cauliflower										
Celery										
Corn										
Cucumbers (e)										
Cucumbers (w)										
Eggplant (e)										
Eggplant (w)										
Herbs - Cilantro										
Lettuce - Iceberg										
Lettuce - Leaf G/R										
Lettuce - Romaine										
Lettuce - Spring Mi*										
Mushrooms										
Onions - Green										
Onions - Red										
Onions - Yellow										
Peas - Snow/Snap										
Peppers - Chiles										
Peppers - Green (e)										
Peppers - Green (w)										
Peppers - R/Y (e)										
Peppers - R/Y (w)										
Potatoes - Russet										
Potatoes - R/W/Yuk										
Potatoes - Yams										
Spinach										
Squash - Yellow (w)										
Squash - Zucchini (w)										
Squash - Yellow (e)										
Squash - Zucchini (e)										
Tomatoes - Gr/Ch										
Tomatoes - Roma										
Tomatoes - Round										
FRUITS										
Apples										
Avocados										
Bananas										
Berries - Blackberry										
Berries - Blueberry										
Berries - Raspberry										
Berries - Strawberry										
Citrus - Grapefruit										
Citrus - Lemons										
Citrus - Limes										
Citrus - Oranges										
Grapes - Green										
Grapes - Red										
Kiwifruit										
Melons - C/H										
Melons - Watermelon										
Pears										
Pineapple										

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