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Market Alerts

Avocados – Supplies out of Mexico continue to be very tight, driving pricing to extreme highs in many markets. Quality is good on what little product is available, and **#2-grade 48 or 60 CT fruit** is the best value. We recommend you limit use where possible.

Celery – Very light harvests out of Mexico and Central California continue to keep pricing high. Quality is fair, with abnormally leafy tops and seeder reported. The situation is expected to continue through the month of June. Avoid use where possible.

Lettuce – A short planting gap and extreme temperatures in Central California have slowed the harvest of head lettuces, including **Iceberg, Romaine** and **Leaf**. Quality is fair to poor and pricing is higher than normal. **Romaine Hearts** and pre-cut product are the best quality options.

Bell Peppers – Excessive heat in the Southeast has tightened supplies of **Green Bell Peppers**. Quality is fair, pricing is slightly higher than normal, and **Choice Grade product** is the best value.

Strawberries – Supplies remain tight, from the recent rain and heat in Central California. Quality is fair, with short shelf life and decay most commonly reported. Pricing may be higher in certain markets.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Grapes – Quality is excellent out of California's Coachella Valley.

Stone Fruit – California Peaches, Nectarines, Apricots and Plums are all available – ask your distributor for recommendations!

Kale – Quality is very nice, with full bunches and vibrant color reported.

Squash – Quality and pricing are great on Zucchini.

Potatoes – Smaller-sized Idaho baking potatoes are less expensive than larger ones. 80 CT and smaller are the best values.

Asparagus – Mexico and Peru are harvesting excellent quality in all sizes.

Watermelon – The Mexican and Southwestern U.S. harvest is yielding great quality with high sugar levels.

Specialty Melons – Juan Canary, Casaba and Crenshaw melons are starting to be harvested. Ask your distributor for availability.

Weather Update

California: Temperatures colder than normal most of the week, with morning drizzle in most major growing areas.

Mexico: Warmer temperatures and scattered thunderstorms in the Central and Northern regions.

Southeastern U.S.: Very warm, humid conditions with widespread thunderstorms.



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Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality is good, 125 CT and smaller sizes will be less available through the summer	 CELERY	Quality is fair, pricing is very high, avoid use if possible	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 AVOCADO	Quality is fair, pricing is extremely high	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Western product	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good fair, pricing is higher on Western product	 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 PEARS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing may be higher	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality and pricing are good	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair, pricing is good	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on larger sizes
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is improving, pricing is fair	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
 CARROTS	Quality and pricing are good	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good	 SQUASH	Quality and pricing are good
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 TOMATOES	Quality and pricing are good

