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Market Alerts

GRAPES Pricing and quality on **Green** and **Red Grapes** have improved from last week. Quality is still fair, and prices remain higher than normal. Conditions should be completely back to normal in one more week, now that California's grape harvest has begun.

TOMATOES Supplies of **Round, Roma, Grape and Cherry Tomatoes** have all increased, with California, Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern growing areas all ramping up for their summer harvests. Pricing is lower than in prior weeks and is expected to continue dropping, but still slightly higher than normal this week. 5x6 or smaller Rounds and Grapes are the best buys.

STRAWBERRIES After the recent long stretch of abundant supplies and great pricing, the **Strawberry** crop is harvesting lower numbers than expected. Quality is good to fair, with smaller/unevenly sized fruit the most common issue reported. Pricing may be higher in certain markets. **Blueberries** may be a better berry option.

ASPARAGUS A short harvesting gap, due to the heavy rains from Tropical Storm Bud in Mexico, have caused supplies to tighten and prices to spike. **Pencil** size is the best value by far, followed by **Standard**. Quality is good.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Stone Fruit: California, Georgia and South Carolina are producing great Peaches, Nectarines and Plums.

Eastern Vegetables: Eggplant, Squash, Bell Peppers and Cucumbers out of the Southeastern U.S. are all very nice quality and good pricing.

Blueberries: California and New Jersey are producing great quality berries.

Avocados: Quality on Avocados out of California and Mexico is outstanding.

Leaf Lettuce: Green Leaf, Red Leaf and Romaine Lettuce are plentiful, with great quality and low pricing. Great alternatives to Iceberg!"

Summer Squash: California and most of the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic growing regions are producing very good quality Yellow and Zucchini Squash.

The local growing season for most of the U.S. is heating up. Be sure to ask your distributor for locally grown recommendations!

Weather Update



California: Typical summertime weather across the Central Coast, with plenty of moisture on the coastal fields.

Mexico: A large tropical system off the coast of Southwestern Mexico may bring more rain to the region. Temperatures are seasonal.

Florida: Seasonal temperatures and afternoon showers throughout most of the state.



Commodities at a Glance

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|  APPLES | Quality and pricing are good |  CELERY | Quality and pricing are good |  LETTUCE LEAF | Quality and pricing are good |
|  ASPARAGUS | Quality is good, pricing is much higher. Pencil and Standard are the best values. |  CITRUS (LEMONS) | Quality and pricing are good |  LETTUCE TENDER LEAF | Quality and pricing are good |
|  AVOCADO | Quality and pricing are good |  CITRUS (LIMES) | Quality and pricing are good |  MELON (CANTALOUPE) | Quality and pricing are good |
|  BELL PEPPERS | Quality is good, pricing is higher on Red and Yellow |  CITRUS (ORANGES) | Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher on smaller sizes |  MELON (HONEYDEW) | Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher |
|  BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES) | Quality is good, pricing may be higher |  CUCUMBERS | Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher |  MELON (WATERMELON) | Quality and pricing are good |
|  BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES) | Quality and pricing are good |  EGGPLANT | Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher on Western product |  ONIONS | Quality and pricing are good |
|  BERRIES (RASPBERRIES) | Quality is good, pricing may be higher |  GARLIC | Quality is fair, pricing is higher |  PEARS | Quality and pricing are good |
|  BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES) | Quality is good to fair, pricing may be higher |  GRAPES (GREEN) | Quality is fair, pricing is higher |  PINEAPPLES | Quality and pricing are good |
|  BROCCOLI | Quality and pricing are good |  GRAPES (RED) | Quality is fair, pricing is higher |  POTATOES | Quality is good, pricing is higher. 90 CT and smaller sizes are the best value. |
|  BRUSSELS SPROUTS | Quality is fair, pricing is higher |  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 and pricing are good |  LETTUCE ICEBERG | Quality is good, pricing is higher |  TOMATOES | Quality is good, pricing is higher, smaller Rounds are the best value |

