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Market Alerts

SUMMER SQUASH – ZUCCHINI SQUASH is fair quality, with some withering and spotting reported. Pricing is higher than normal. Consider using **Yellow Squash** or fall (hard) squashes such as **Butternut, Acorn** or **Spaghetti**.

BERRIES Harvest transition continues to affect supplies and quality of **Strawberries, Blueberries,** and **Blackberries**. Quality is fair, and pricing may be higher in certain markets.

LETTUCE Supplies of **Iceberg** and **Green Leaf Lettuce** have lightened, due to cooler weather and the beginning of field transition on the West Coast to points south. Quality is fair, with some insect activity and lighter case weights reported. Consider **Romaine** or **pre-cut product** for optimal cost and quality.

ORANGES 113 CT and smaller Oranges are very scarce, and will continue to be through the end of October when the Navel season begins and the Valencia season ends. **88 CT and larger sizes** are plentiful. Quality is fair to poor on all sizes and grades, with softness, mold and decay all reported. Consider **Apples** or **Stone Fruit** as a hand fruit alternative.

GREEN ONIONS – Wet weather in Mexico, which is the primary growing area for **Green Onions**, has slowed harvesting and caused a small supply gap. Pricing is higher than normal, and quality is fair, with decay and short shelf life reported.

TOMATOES Roma, Cherry, and **Grape tomatoes** have all been affected by Hurricane Florence in the Southeast and heavy rains in Mexico's Baja region. Quality is fair and pricing is higher. **Round tomatoes** are the best cost and quality option.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Apples: All varieties are being harvested out of the major growing areas: Washington, Michigan and New York and more. The perfect autumn hand fruit!

Pears: Bartlett, Bosc and Red Pears are approaching peak harvest out of Washington and California. Quality is excellent.

Onions: – The new crop of Yellow and Red Onions are in, with excellent quality. Pricing is high for **Green Onions** as supply is tight.

Grapes: Quality is excellent, with great texture and sweetness, on Red and Green medium-sized fruit.

Kale: Quality is excellent on all Green and Tuscan Kale, with good color and full bunches.

Colored Potatoes: – Yellow, Purple, Red and Fingerling Potatoes are all in season, with great quality reported.

Squash: Autumn Squash is beginning to be harvested throughout the country. Butternut and Acorn are the most available—ask your distributor for recommendations!

Weather Update

California: Temperatures are cooling across all growing regions as autumn begins.

Mexico: Unseasonably cool temperatures are following Hurricane Rosa's exit this week. Mostly dry conditions are expected, and another Hurricane (Sergio) is being monitored off the coast of Baja.

Southeastern U.S.: Mostly dry conditions and unseasonably hot temperatures.



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Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality and pricing are good	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Green Leaf
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good, with Pencil and Standard the best buys.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is good
 AVOCADO	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is poor, pricing is higher, smaller sizes are very scarce	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are fair	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is much higher on Western product	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is fair	 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 to good, pricing may be higher	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality and pricing are good	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES	Quality and pricing are good
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is improved to good to fair. Pricing is higher than normal	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair, pricing is high as supply is tight	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
 CARROTS	Quality and pricing are good	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good	 SQUASH	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Zucchini
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is good to fair, pricing is steady. Consider using pre-cut product for best value.	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing may be higher in certain markets

