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Market Alerts

TOMATOES Slow harvests in Florida, California, and Mexico have caused higher pricing on some Tomato varieties. **Round tomatoes (5x5 and larger), Romas, Grapes** and **Cherries** are all more expensive than usual. We recommend using **Romas** and smaller **Round tomatoes (5x6 and smaller)** for the best value, and avoid **Cherries** and **Grapes** where possible. Quality is good across all sizes and varieties.

GRAPES Quality is now good to fair on both **Red** and **Green Grapes**, and pricing is lower than in previous weeks, but still remains higher than normal. Supplies are expected to increase significantly within the next week as domestic harvests ramp up, with quality and pricing continuing to improve.

AVOCADOS The supply of product out of Mexico continues to be severely restricted, due to a combination of growing condition and import issues. Product from other sources, including California, is not plentiful enough to offset the Mexican shortage, and pricing continues to be much higher than normal.

CELERY Quality is fair to poor, with higher pricing than normal due to prolonged short supplies. For optimal quality, we recommend using **Celery Hearts**.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Strawberries: Supplies of Strawberries are plentiful, with great quality and pricing reported.

Ramps and Fiddlehead Ferns: These mid-spring specialty items are popular menu additions during their very short growing seasons. Ask your distributor for availability.

Melons: Cantaloupe, Honeydew and Watermelon are all in great supply, with excellent pricing and quality.

Blueberries: Central California is at the beginning of a 2-to-4-week peak harvest. Excellent quality and good pricing!

Asparagus: Locally grown asparagus is being harvested in many parts of the Pacific Northwest, Midwest and Northeast U.S. Ask your distributor for what's available!

Chili Peppers: Excellent quality and pricing is reported on many specialty peppers: Pablano, Tomatillo, Jalapeno and Anaheims in particular. Ask your distributor for suggestions!

Weather Update



California: Cooler temperatures and a deepening marine layer (hazy, humid conditions) will come to the West Coast most of next week.

Mexico: Above average temperatures and scattered showers continue in Central Mexico, with cooler temperatures to the north.

Florida: Heavy rains, hail and strong winds are moving through Florida and much of the Southeast U.S. Commodities affected may include **Tomatoes, Squash, Peppers and Cucumbers**.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	WA, ID and MI are at peak season on certain varieties. Quality is excellent.	 CELERY	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is good to fair; pricing is good.
 ASPARAGUS	Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality. Pencil and Standard are the best values.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good.
 AVOCADO	Pricing is slightly higher than normal, quality is good to fair.	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BELL PEPPERS	Pricing is good, quality is very good.	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 CUCUMBERS	Pricing is higher on some grades. Quality is good.	 ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 PEARS	New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 GARLIC	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is high.	 POTATOES	Pricing is higher on some sizes (60 CT and larger). 70 CT and smaller are the best value.
 BROCCOLI	Pricing is fair, quality is very good.	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is high.	 POTATOES (COLORED)	All colors are at peak season.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality and pricing are good. Mexican product is at peak season.	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.	 SQUASH	Pricing is higher on Yellow than Green. Quality is good.
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is stable.	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.	 STONE FRUIT	Quality and pricing are good. Chilean product is at peak season.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good.	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is good to fair; pricing is good.	 TOMATOES	Quality is good. Pricing is higher on Grape, Cherry, Roma and larger Rounds.

