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## Market Alerts

**FREEZE ALERT**– Temperatures from Southern California to Central Mexico continue to be well below normal, particularly overnight temps, causing icing. Quality and availability of certain items are affected, particularly those listed below.

**LETTUCE** – Quality of Iceberg and Romaine is affected by overnight icing. Blister, peel, decay and short shelf life are all being observed. Pre-cut product is the best quality option.

**BERRIES** – Harvests continue to be light out of California, Mexico and Florida. Pricing may be higher in certain markets. Blueberries and Blackberries are a better cost and quality option.

**MELONS** – Supplies of Cantaloupe and Honeydew are very light, due to limited harvests out of Mexico, and a slow start to the Central American season. Quality is good, but pricing may be higher in certain markets.

**PEPPERS**– Supplies of Bell Peppers are light, particularly Red and Yellow. Quality is good, but pricing is higher than normal. Choice-grade Green Peppers are the best value.

**TOMATOES** – Supplies have improved on all sizes/varieties, particularly on Romas. Quality is still fair, especially in the Eastern half of the U.S., due to the continued cold and rain in Florida's growing region. Pricing is still slightly higher than normal in most markets, with 5x6 Rounds being the best overall value.

**ASPARAGUS** – Supplies are light on all sizes of Asparagus, and pricing is higher than normal in the Western half of the country, due to the extreme cold in Mexico, and extreme heat in Peru. Quality is good to fair.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Cherries:** Quality is excellent on imported Cherries.

**Specialty Potatoes:** – Quality is very good on all Colored, Fingerling, and Yukon Potatoes.

**Pears:** Bartlett, Bosc and Anjou pears and excellent quality out of Washington and California.

**Cranberries:** Just in time for holiday menus, quality is great on fresh Cranberries.

**Specialty Citrus:** Winter Citrus is in season– Mandarins, Tangerines, Clementines, Blood Oranges and more are available. Ask your distributor for recommendations!

**Eggplant** – Supplies are extremely good, and pricing is low. utternut, Acorn, Delicata, Spaghetti and more are available – ask your distributor for recommendations!

**Kale:** Quality is excellent, with full bunches and dark green color.

**Avocados:** Quality is excellent and pricing is lower than in recent months. Fully ripened product is plentiful..

## Weather Update

**California:** Extremely cold temperatures continue throughout all growing regions. Overnight temps will be below freezing.

**Yuma, AZ:** Extremely cold temperatures continue throughout all growing regions. Overnight temps will be below freezing.

**Mexico:** Temperatures will warm later in the week in the Central region, with colder temps to the north.

**Florida:** Warmer temperatures and light rain expected most of the week.



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# Commodities at a Glance

 Apples	Quality is good, 125 CT and smaller sizes are less available	 Celery	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 Lettuce Leaf	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 Asparagus	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 Citrus (Lemons)	Quality and pricing are good	 Lettuce tender leaf	Quality is fair, Romaine pricing is good, Green/Red leaf is higher
 Avocado	Quality and pricing are good	 Citrus (Limes)	Quality and pricing are good	 Melon (Cantaloupe)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Bell Peppers	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 Citrus (Oranges)	Quality and pricing are good	 Melon (Honeydew)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Berries (Blackberries)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher	 Cucumbers	Quality and pricing are good	 Melon (Watermelon)	Quality and pricing are fair
 Berries (Blueberries)	Quality and pricing are good	 Eggplant	Quality and pricing are good	 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 fair, pricing may be higher	 Grapes (Green)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 Pineapples	Quality and pricing are good
 Broccoli	Quality is good, pricing is fair	 Grapes (Red)	Quality is fair, pricing is good	 Potatoes	Quality and pricing are good
 Brussels Sprouts	Quality is fair, pricing is good	 Green Onions	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 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 fair, pricing is good	 Tomatoes	Quality is fair, pricing is higher on Grapes and larger Rounds

