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Commodity of the Month - Onions / Garlic

MARKET ALERTS

Avocados: Mexico avocado supplies tightening as harvest slows; shipments below demand, California limited support, with volatility expected until Peru/Flor Loca ramp up in July.

Carrots: Bakersfield leads baby carrot supply; jumbo carrots remain tight but should improve.

Citrus (Lemons): Lemons remain tight with strong demand; prices firm through June, relief expected in July as imports increase.

Citrus (Oranges): Valencias skew large with small sizes tight; flexibility needed and shifts to 88ct/72ct recommended.

Cucumber: Sonora winding down as Baja ramps up; Georgia tight on retail sizes; NC just starting with improving supply ahead.

Lettuce (iceberg): Weather and disease have reduced yields, keeping markets active and value-added prices elevated, with quality issues persisting.

Lettuce Leaf: Romaine and leaf lettuce remain very tight with ongoing quality and supply issues; prices expected to rise.

Melon (cantaloupe): Offshore cantaloupes are done; domestic melons lead, with desert whitefly issues tightening supply and sizing through June.

Onions: Texas, Georgia, and California desert onion supplies are ending, with production shifting to Central California and New Mexico; freight is driving the market.

Pineapple: Pineapple market stable but tight through June; larger sizes improve mid-June, while crownless and organic remain limited.

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CROP UPDATES

Romaine and romaine hearts remain tight across the Salinas Valley, with elevated markets expected through mid-June due to disease pressure, uneven stands, and weather impacts reducing yields. Iceberg and green leaf are also firming as multiple disease and quality issues continue, while Mexico winds down and regional programs have yet to fully ramp up. Strawberries remain limited after recent rain and cooler weather, though conditions are expected to improve, while blueberries are steady and caneberries are balanced with lighter demand. Limes are increasing but large sizes remain limited, and avocados have started to stabilize after a recent spike, though large fruit is still tight. Overall, reduced lettuce and berry yields are keeping markets active, with relief expected later in June as production improves. [Read more](#)

WEATHER

California: High pressure keeps temperatures above normal through Friday, followed by a weekend low that deepens the marine layer and cools highs into the low 60s to mid-80s by Sunday.

Mexico: Scattered showers through Saturday, easing Sunday. Temps steady in the 70s-80s with lows in the 50s-60s.

Florida: Warm with isolated showers; gusty winds through Friday. Highs mid-80s to low 90s, lows mid-60s to upper 70s.

Arizona: Temps 5-8° above normal, mid-100s inland and ~110°F in Thermal. Light to moderate winds increasing through Friday, then slight cooling Sunday.

FREIGHT

FREIGHT this week sees availability becoming better with strong markets predicted into the Fourth of July holiday. Shipper delays are still creating problems with on-time loading and transit.



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Apples

Apple inventories are expected to tighten further throughout June. At the same time, seasonal demand typically softens during this period, which should help moderate the pace of price increases. Red and Golden varieties are expected to face the greatest upward pricing pressure, while supplies of Fuji and Pink apples are also becoming increasingly limited. In contrast, Granny Smith apples remain readily available and are expected to maintain strong supply levels until the new crop arrives.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Hudson, New York (September - June)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



Asparagus

Mexican asparagus supplies remain steady and are expected to increase through the summer, while Peruvian supplies are currently tight due to shipping delays but should improve later in June. Domestic production is winding down and will largely finish by early July. As the market shifts back to Mexico and Peru, asparagus prices are expected to trend higher.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Caborca (Year Round)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair
Peru (Year Round)	High	\$\$\$	Good
Mexico (November - May)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair
Ohio/NC/MI/NJ (June - September)	Steady	\$\$\$	Fair



Avocados



Mexico's avocado market continues to tighten as the main crop enters its final five weeks and grower participation declines. Many growers are slowing harvests in anticipation of stronger late-season pricing, driving field costs higher as packers compete for limited supply. Current Mexican shipments are projected to fall below U.S. demand, while California production is helping to supplement availability but remains limited. Looking ahead, the market is expected to remain volatile with elevated costs until Flor Loca and Peruvian volumes begin ramping up in July. Suppliers are closely monitoring availability and may require continued flexibility on sizing and country of origin substitutions to maintain consistent supply.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
California (April - July)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



Bell Peppers

Bell pepper supplies are improving as production ramps up in South Georgia and California transitions into Bakersfield. Green pepper demand remains strong, keeping supplies relatively tight, though increased regional production should help balance the market in the coming weeks. Red pepper availability is improving in California, while limited Georgia supplies and the conclusion of Western Mexico production continue to support demand. As supplies build, prices are expected to ease over the next two weeks.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (May - October)	Steady	\$\$\$	Excellent
Georgia (May - June)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good

Price Key: \$\$\$ -Low, \$\$\$ -Steady, \$\$\$ -High

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Berries (Blackberries)

CEMEX supplies remain steady, with good volume crossing from Mexico. California production is underway, though crop development has been slightly delayed by cooler weather. Demand remains light, helping keep the market well supplied.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (Year Round)	High	\$\$\$	Good



Berries (Blueberries)

CEMEX volume is expected to decline sharply over the next two weeks as the season comes to an end. California has adequate supplies to meet relatively light demand, while the Pacific Northwest is expected to begin light harvests next week. Georgia continues to provide strong coverage for much of the Southeast market.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Dover, Florida (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
McAllen, Texas (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



Berries (Raspberries)

CEMEX supplies remain steady, with strong volume crossing into the U.S. California production is available but continues to run slightly behind schedule due to cool weather, similar to blackberry crops. Demand remains light, keeping overall market conditions balanced.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
McAllen (October - May)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



Berries (Strawberries)

Following last week's rain, supplies in Salinas and Watsonville are expected to remain steady as fields recover, with yields projected to improve heading into the weekend. Santa Maria production continues to trend lower due to normal seasonal planting declines. Across California, growing regions are still contending with unusually cool temperatures, and while a brief warming trend is expected, forecasts indicate cooler-than-normal conditions will persist into next week.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good

Price Key: \$\$\$ -Low, \$\$\$ -Steady, \$\$\$ -High

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Broccoli

Broccoli supplies remain abundant, and market conditions continue to improve. Prices are expected to gradually ease further as we move into the weekend.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Santa Maria, California (Year Round)	High	\$\$\$	Good
Salinas, California (May- October)	High	\$\$\$	Good



Brussel Sprouts

Brussels sprout production is slightly limited, though overall quality remains good. The market is expected to stay steady, with a chance of strengthening into next week.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (December-August)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Oxnard / Salinas, CA (May - July) (July-Dec)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



Carrots



The Bakersfield region is currently the primary source of baby carrots, with improved availability. Jumbo carrots remain somewhat tight due to smaller sizing, though this is expected to improve as the season progresses.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Imperial Valley (February - May)	High	\$\$\$	Excellent
Kern County (October - Feb)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Various Northwest Regions (July - October)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



Cauliflower

Cauliflower supplies remain strong, with good quality available. The market is expected to stay steady into next week, supported by ample availability.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Santa Maria, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Salinas, California (May - October)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



Celery

Production is steady with all sizes available through the remainder of the week. While there is some escalation in value-added items, this is expected to subside by the end of the week. Harvests will continue out of the Santa Maria and Oxnard regions, and Salinas shipments will likely include a transfer fee in FOB pricing. Overall quality remains above average.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Oxnard, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good

Price Key: \$\$\$ -Low, \$\$\$ -Steady, \$\$\$ -High

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Citrus (Grapefruit)

Star Ruby grapefruit are available, primarily peaking at 48ct sizes, and are being shipped out of Riverside and the San Joaquin Valley.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Texas (October - April)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



Citrus (Lemons)

ALERT

The lemon market remains elevated due to limited availability and sustained strong demand. Supplies are expected to stay extremely tight through June, keeping prices firm in the near term, with relief anticipated in July as offshore imports increase. District Two (Ventura County/Oxnard Region) is currently in full production and supplying the majority of fruit.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Oxnard/Ventura (February - September)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair
San Joaquin Valley (October - May)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



Citrus (Limes)

Lime supplies continue to improve, putting downward pressure on prices despite potential short-term impacts from forecasted rain. Large sizes remain limited, but increasing production in Mexico is helping boost overall availability and keeping the market steady to slightly lower.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Veracruz (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



Citrus (Oranges)

ALERT

The California Valencia crop is heavily weighted toward larger sizes, mainly 56ct and 72ct, while smaller sizes (113ct and 138ct) remain very limited and are expected to stay tight for the rest of the season. Flexibility on sizing will be needed, with substitutions to larger fruit likely as availability of small sizes declines. Suppliers will maintain contract size averages, and programs are encouraged to shift to 88ct or 72ct to ensure consistent coverage.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
San Joaquin Valley (Year Round)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair



Cucumber

ALERT

Sonora production is winding down as Baja ramps up, helping keep the market stable. Georgia supplies remain tight on retail sizes due to weather impacts, though off-grade product is more readily available. North Carolina production is just beginning and is expected to improve availability over the next 1-2 weeks.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (November - May)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
Baja California (May - October)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
Georgia (May - June)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Ohio/NC/MI/NJ (June - September)	Light	\$\$\$	Good

Price Key: \$\$\$ -Low, \$\$ -Steady, \$ -High

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Eggplant

Florida production is finished, while Georgia supplies continue to build and are expected to improve over the next two weeks. Mexico and California remain extremely short with very limited availability. The market remains active but is expected to ease slightly as Georgia volume increases, creating promotional opportunities next week.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (May - October)	Light	\$\$\$	Excellent
Georgia (May - June)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



Garlic

The California garlic crop is progressing with good quality, supported by ongoing Mexican supplies that continue to complement domestic production.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
East Coast (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Bakersfield, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Gilroy, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



Grapes

Mexican grapes are crossing through Nogales in good volume, though the market is beginning to firm as early varieties like Flames and Sugar Ones transition to newer varieties such as Sweet Celebrations and Sweet Globes. Domestic Coachella grapes remain stable but limited and heavily committed. Larger domestic volumes are expected to begin in the Bakersfield region from mid-June into early July.

Grapes (Green)

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (May - June)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good

Grapes (Red)

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (May - June)	High	\$\$\$	Good



Green Onions

Green onion supplies remain strong overall and are expected to stay steady into next week, depending on temperatures.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



Kale

Kale supplies and quality remain mostly good, with similar conditions expected to continue into next week.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Oxnard, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Salinas, California (May - October)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good

Price Key: \$\$\$ -Low, \$\$\$ -Steady, \$\$\$ -High

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Lettuce Iceberg

ALERT

Cold temperatures followed by rain and then warm weather have disrupted crop development, contributing to lower yields across many shippers due to INSV and fusarium in the soil. The market remains active, with escalation on all value-added items in effect and expected to continue through at least this week. Common defects include discoloration, light weights, outer leaf discoloration, pink ribbing, and misshapen heads.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Santa Maria, California (March-December)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair
Salinas, California (May - October)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair



Lettuce Leaf

ALERT

Romaine and romaine hearts remain in very limited supply, with demand continuing to exceed available inventories, a trend expected to persist through the week. Green leaf and red leaf lettuce are also tight, with reported quality issues including tip burn, fringe burn, and lighter-than-normal weights. Erratic weather and soil disease pressures are impacting growing regions and limiting overall production across leaf lettuce varieties. Additional price increases on value-added items are expected by the end of the week, and customers should plan accordingly.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Salinas, California (May - October)	Steady	\$\$\$	Fair



Lettuce Tender Leaf

Spinach and spring mix are in good supply for normal business with solid quality. Arugula varieties are also showing improvement this week.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Oxnard, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Yuma, Arizona (November - May)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



Melon (Cantaloupe)

ALERT

Offshore cantaloupes are finished for the season, with domestic melons now serving as the primary supply. California desert suppliers are currently dealing with whitefly pressure, which is impacting yields and sizing, particularly on larger fruit. Flexibility on sizing will be necessary, and these supply and sizing challenges are expected to continue through the remainder of June.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Central America (December - May)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good

Price Key: \$\$\$ -Low, \$\$\$ -Steady, \$\$\$ -High

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Melon (Honeydew)

Offshore honeydews are finished, while Mexican supplies continue to move strongly through Arizona and domestic production is underway in the Brawley/Yuma region. Summer retail ads are expected to increase demand for honeydews.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Central America (December - May)	Steady	\$\$\$	Excellent



Melon (Watermelon)

Crossings from Mexico have declined, putting upward pressure on market prices. Domestic watermelons are available in limited volumes from California and Florida.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Arizona (June-July) (October-November)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



Mushroom

Supplies and availability remain excellent.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Nationwide	High	\$\$\$	Excellent



Onions

ALERT

Onion supplies from Texas, Georgia, and the California desert are coming to an end, with shipments shifting to Central California and New Mexico for the remainder of the summer season. Freight is currently the main factor influencing the market.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Eastern Orgeon/Parma, ID (August - April)	High	\$\$\$	Excellent
San Joaquin Valley (May - August)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
Tri-Cities, Washington (July - April)	High	\$\$\$	Good



Pears

Anjou volumes continue to tighten, though several larger shippers do not expect to finish before new crop Bartletts begin in Washington in early August. The Bosc season is nearly complete, with most shippers either finished or on final inventories, and Red Anjou supplies are also nearly done. California is expected to begin new crop Bartletts in the last week of June.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
	Steady	\$\$\$	Good

Price Key: \$\$\$ -Low, \$\$\$ -Steady, \$\$\$ -High

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Pineapples

ALERT

The pineapple market remains stable, though supplies are tight and expected to continue through June, with contract business prioritized. Larger sizes should improve by mid-June, while crowned 6 and 7 count fruit is increasing and 8 count remains steady. Crownless 8 and 10 count and organic pineapples remain limited.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
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Costa Rica (Year round)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
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Potatoes

Good supply and strong demand continue, though sheds will have limited hours for Memorial Day weekend, so advance ordering is needed. The new Burnbank variety is peaking on smaller sizes. Washington potatoes are showing strong quality, peaking on mid-size counts, while large and small sizes remain tight. Florida colored potatoes will be available for another 3-4 weeks. Fuel costs are up about \$1 in some regions. Yellow potatoes remain tight, while reds are in better supply. North Carolina sweet potatoes will stay limited until new crop begins.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
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Idaho Falls, Idaho (August-July)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Pasco, Washington (August-July)	Steady	\$\$\$	Excellent



Squash

Georgia has strong supplies with promotable pricing, while California and Baja production continues to build. Florida is wrapping up for the season with only limited harvest remaining. North Carolina and New Jersey production is increasing, adding additional supply to the market.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
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Mexico (June - September)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
Georgia (May - June)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
California (May - October)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



Stone Fruit

California's Central Valley stone fruit season is ramping up quickly, with peaches, plums, and nectarines all increasing in volume and improved varieties expected as the season progresses through June. Imported kiwi from Chile is in good supply, with prices beginning to ease. Washington cherry season has begun and volumes are expected to pick up next week.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
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San Joaquin Valley	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
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Tomatoes

Tomato supplies remain generally adequate as production transitions across both East and West. Eastern volume is shifting from Central Florida into South Carolina and other summer growing regions, while Western production moves from Sinaloa to Baja, Central Mexico, and California. Despite some lighter supplies and minor quality issues in certain areas, increasing production in newer regions is expected to support stable availability through June and into the summer season.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
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Mexico (Year Round)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
Florida (November - May)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Baja California (Spring/Summer - November)	Light	\$\$\$	Good

Price Key: \$\$\$ -Low, \$\$\$ -Steady, \$\$\$ -High

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Weather Updates



CALIFORNIA

High pressure will keep temperatures above average through Friday, with morning lows in the upper 40s to mid-50s and daytime highs ranging from the upper 60s to mid-70s near the coast and low 80s to mid-90s inland. A low pressure system passing to the north this weekend will deepen the marine layer and bring cooler conditions, with highs dropping into the low 60s to mid-80s by Sunday.



MEXICO

Isolated to scattered afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms are expected through Saturday, with most areas seeing 0.05” to 0.30” of rainfall, though some storms could produce 0.50” or more. Showers become lighter and more isolated on Sunday. Temperatures will remain fairly steady, with highs ranging from the mid-70s to mid-80s midweek, easing to mostly low 70s to low 80s through the weekend, depending on cloud cover and rainfall. Overnight lows will generally range from the mid-50s to low 60s throughout the period.



FLORIDA

Warm temperatures will continue through the weekend with only a few light, isolated showers. Winds will be gusty through Friday, reaching 20–25 mph in the Tampa Bay area and 17–21 mph across much of Southeast Florida. Highs statewide will range from the mid-80s to low 90s through Sunday, with lows in the mid-60s to mid-70s early in the period, rising to the upper 60s to upper 70s across the Florida peninsula through the weekend.



ARIZONA

Temperatures will run about 5–8 degrees above normal through Saturday, with highs reaching the mid-100s across most valleys and near 110°F in Thermal. Morning lows will remain in the mid-60s to low 70s. Light to moderate southerly winds will continue through the period, with gusts increasing from 10–15 mph on Wednesday to 17–22 mph by Friday. Slight cooling is expected on Sunday.

For more information: <https://www.ventusky.com/?p=31.4;-89.7;3&l=rain-3h>

Freight Updates



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	05/18/26	05/25/26	06/01/26	Change from		
				2 year ago	year ago	week ago
U.S.	5.596	5.523	5.350	↑ 1.624	↑ 1.899	↓ -0.173
East Coast (PADD1)	5.420	5.394	5.237	↑ 1.384	↑ 1.720	↓ -0.157
New England (PADD1A)	5.808	5.799	5.731	↑ 1.626	↑ 1.846	↓ -0.068
Central Atlantic (PADD1B)	5.819	5.810	5.694	↑ 1.608	↑ 1.928	↓ -0.116
Lower Atlantic (PADD1C)	5.231	5.201	5.016	↑ 1.275	↑ 1.632	↓ -0.185
Midwest (PADD2)	5.749	5.623	5.392	↑ 1.800	↑ 2.004	↓ -0.231
Gulf Coast (PADD3)	5.122	5.045	4.900	↑ 1.450	↑ 1.803	↓ -0.145
Rocky Mountain (PADD4)	5.549	5.493	5.331	↑ 1.646	↑ 1.878	↓ -0.162
West Coast (PADD5)	6.524	6.500	6.398	↑ 1.969	↑ 2.177	↓ -0.102
West Coast less California	5.920	5.909	5.832	↑ 1.872	↑ 2.087	↓ -0.077
California	7.222	7.182	7.051	↑ 2.083	↑ 2.283	↓ -0.131

*prices include all taxes

For more information: <https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/>

Crop Updates



Romaine Calm, Lettuce Rebound

Romaine and romaine hearts remain the main focus this week as supplies continue to tighten across the Salinas Valley. Markets have moved higher over the past two weeks and are expected to remain elevated into mid-June, at minimum. Disease pressure, uneven stands, and recent weather interruptions are all reducing harvestable yields and keeping availability limited.

Romaine production is being impacted by a combination of soil-borne disease, INSV pressure, and inconsistent field development. Sclerotinia and Verticillium are showing up in several growing areas, creating plant loss and lowering field productivity. INSV also remains a concern, with thrips activity spreading the virus and leaving affected plants unharvestable. Growers are also seeing uneven stands tied back to the extreme heat in March, followed by cooler weather and rainfall through April. The result is less usable acreage, lighter yields, and continued pressure on both romaine and romaine heart supplies.

Iceberg has also reversed course and is moving higher as disease pressure increases. INSV, Sclerotinia, internal burn, and mildew are all contributing to lower yields in current fields. Quality remains fair to good overall, but the issue is how much product can be harvested and packed. Green leaf remains limited as well. Mexico is tapering off as it moves into its lower-volume summer window, while regional programs in the Midwest, Northeast, and Canada should begin adding supply through June. Until those programs build meaningful volume, lettuce markets are expected to stay active.

Strawberry supplies remain limited due to cooler weather and recent rainfall across the main production areas. Harvest crews are expected to slow as fields require some cleanup and culling following the rain. Salinas and Watsonville have not yet reached full production due to the prolonged cold pattern, but plants are showing good vigor with plenty of green to light red fruit. A slight warming trend next week should help improve output. Santa Maria is beginning its seasonal decline, with the strongest quality still coming from west-side fields.



Crop Updates



Blueberry supplies remain in good shape across California, Central Mexico, North Carolina, and Georgia, with Oregon and Washington expected to begin contributing soon. Blackberry and raspberry production remains steady out of Central Mexico and California, with lighter demand helping keep those markets manageable.

Lime production is increasing, and the market has softened with more fruit becoming available. That said, large sizes remain a smaller percentage of the crop. Consistent rain is in the forecast and could interrupt harvests this week, which may keep pricing near current levels. If rainfall is lighter than expected, the market could continue to ease. Tabasco volume has increased, but that fruit has been more affected by recent heat. Veracruz remains the preferred region for better quality.

Avocado markets have started to settle after last week's sharp spike. As pricing climbed, picking increased to chase the stronger market, and that fruit now needs to move through the supply chain. The market may continue to adjust if supply and demand find a better balance, but suppliers are expected to manage harvests closely to support pricing where they can. Large fruit remains limited, and California will continue to help where available.

Overall, lighter school demand should help ease some pressure, but it will not be enough to fully offset reduced yields in romaine, romaine hearts, iceberg, and strawberries. Lead time and flexibility will remain the biggest help in fulfilling orders as we work through this stretch. Regional lettuce programs, warmer weather, and improving production will bring some relief later in June, but the next few weeks will still require close attention.

