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Top 5 Five

1. AVOCADOS **ALERT!**

Demand exceeds supply, with harvest and sizing issues.

2. GREEN ONIONS

Sizing issues coupled with short supplies.

3. LEMONS

Supplies are short for 165ct and smaller.

4. STRAWBERRIES

The market is active due to plants being tired and producing less.

5. CILANTRO

Prices are strong on 60ct due to a planting gap.



asparagus

Demand exceeds supply. Central Mexican quality is fair at best and production is declining rapidly; sizing is running small. Mexico is starting with good quality reported. Supplies from Peru are holding steady but not increasing due to cooler weather, expect supplies to improve in the next 14 days. Quality remains fair to good.



avocados **ALERT!**

Supplies are tightening up again. The market is going up due to Mexico unable to handle the volume until the crop matures, coupled with CA ending sooner than expected. Rain in Mexico sized fruit up and we are seeing more larger than smaller sizes. We expect the next 6 weeks or more to be very tight and the market will be volatile.



beans, green

Good color, texture, and minimal scarring. The light water spotting reported is compromising shelf life on processed beans; most were live loaded.



berries—black, blue, & raspberry

Blueberries: Good quality out of the Pacific Northwest. **Blackberries & Raspberries:** Markets are stronger due to harvest and labor issues. Quality is mostly good, with occasional textural issues likely due to alternating weather.



berries—strawberry

The market is active due to plants being tired and producing less. Quality is fair, with some bruising and mixed sizing due to warm afternoons, and occasional pin rot due to fog drizzle.



broccoli & cauliflower

Broccoli: Quality is fair to good from all growing regions. **Cauliflower:** Quality is good.



celery

The Salinas crop continues to look very good.

Outlook

WEST COAST

Salinas-area weather remains consistent, and expecting to warm up slightly this weekend with the development of a high-pressure system.

MEXICO

Rain, thunder, lightning, and hail to most parts of the country with moderate to very heavy rainfall.

EAST COAST

A tropical disturbance moving through the Lesser Antilles may become a tropical depression or storm which might hit southern Florida this weekend or early next week, which can cause damage to current plantings in south Florida.

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citrus

Lemons: Availability is good out of District 2 with some occasional clear rot. Supplies are short for 165ct and smaller. **Limes:** Quality is good to fair overall and all sizes are available. **Oranges:** Valencia orange's late season is approaching and we are beginning to see stem end aging after packing. Quality and availability remains good. Small fruit is tight to nonexistent. Offshore Navels are on both coasts, but are 88ct and larger; the fruit quality is very nice.

cucumbers

Rains and hot temps continue to lower yields with inconsistent quality, expect to see more soft ends and discoloration. More Selects are available now than Supers.

eggplant

Decent availability this week, more Choice than Fancy, a good Fancy will be scarce this week. Expect supplies and quality to improve with the start-up of the GA fall season in 3 weeks.

grapes

CA crop quality remains very good as we transition into fall varieties. We may see occasional shatter due to recent high heat in the Central Valley.

lettuce

Iceberg: With cool weather in the growing region, quality is good on increasing school demand. **Romaine:** Quality is fair to good, with defects due to mildew, insect damage, wind damage, fringe burn, tip burn, and under-sizing. **Leaf:** Quality is good, with defects due to mildew and fringe burn.

melons

Quality is very good on both melons.

onions

New crop onions are reported to have some surface mold—store at 40–45° F to inhibit sprouting, and ensure ample airflow. Light skin is typical of summer onions, with occasional light bruising and mechanical cuts.

peppers

Plenty of pepper again this week, more crown picks are available than extra-large, medium, large, and off grades. Quality is very good. Plenty of Jumbos from Canada are available.

potatoes

Some pressure bruising, healed cuts, and occasional light internal damage reported.

squash

Demand exceeds supplies due to weather issues, fewer plantings, and a small gap. Quality is fair at best with excessive scarring for yellow squash and shorter shelf life in both. Squash will remain difficult until GA starts up in early September.

tomatoes—cherry & grape

Tomato supply is decreasing with slightly increased markets. Watch for subpar quality in the East as crops finish up.

tomatoes—roma & round

Availability in the East and West are tightening, shippers in VA are finishing sooner than expected. Markets are rising, quality is fair in the East, and supply in the West is currently covering the majority of the country.

Reality Check

VEGETABLES	Supply			Price				
	HIGH	INCREASING	DECREASING	LOW	HIGH	INCREASING	DECREASING	LOW
Asparagus			•					
Green Beans			•					
Broccoli			•					
Cabbage			•					
Carrots			•					
Cauliflower			•					
Celery			•					
Com			•					
Cucumbers			•					
Eggplant			•					
Herbs			•					
Lettuce – Iceberg			•					
Lettuce – Leaf (G/R)			•					
Lettuce – Romaine			•					
Lettuce – Spring Mi•			•					
Mushrooms			•					
Onions – Yellow		•						
Onions – Red		•						
Onions – Green			•					
Peas – Snow/Snap			•					
Peppers – Chiles			•					
Peppers – G,R,Y			•					
Potatoes – Russet		•						
Potatoes – R/W/Yuk		•						
Potatoes – Yams			•					
Spinach			•					
Squash – Yellow			•					
Squash – Zucchini			•					
Tomatoes – Round			•					
Tomatoes – Roma			•					
Tomatoes – Grape/Cherry			•					
FRUIT								
Apples			•					
Avocados			•					
Bananas – CR/HN		•						
Bananas – GU		•						
Berries – Blackberries			•					
Berries – Blueberries			•					
Berries – Raspberries			•					
Berries – Strawberries			•					
Citrus – Grapefruit			•					
Citrus – Lemons			•					
Citrus – Limes			•					
Citrus – Oranges			•					
Grapes			•					
Kiwifruit			•					
Melons – (C/H)			•					
Melons – Watermelon			•					
Pears			•					
Pineapple			•					

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