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Top 5 Five

1. BROCCOLI/ **ALERT!** BROCCOLINI/ CAULIFLOWER

Markets remain unsettled with pockets of supply vacillating with low supply.

2. CILANTRO **ALERT!**

The market is very active with very low supply, lots of insect pressure, and mildew issues.

3. GREEN LEAF **ALERT!**

Very low supply and extremely active market with high demand.

4. NAPA CABBAGE **ALERT!**

Scarce supplies, high markets, demand exceeds.

5. ROMAINE & **ALERT!** HEARTS ALERT

Very low supply available, market extremely active with high demand.



asparagus

Mexican supplies are starting to decline as Caborca's season ends. Temps are expected to be cooler this week, quality and sizing are very good. Peruvian supplies remain very light with fair quality at best.

avocados

The market remains unsettled as demand continues to exceed supply. Quality and taste are excellent.

beans, green

FL and southern GA supplies and quality are good with the warmer temps; less scarring and discoloration. Fewer beans are coming from the west. Demand is flat.

berries—black, blue, & raspberry

Overall, we are seeing a wide range in markets. **Blueberries:** Supply from South America seems lighter, no major quality concerns. **Blackberries & Raspberries:** Quality is mostly good, availability is improving steady from Mexico.

berries—strawberry

Condition is improving in CA; finishing some minor field maintenance following last week's storms. Good condition/quality is on the horizon.

broccoli & **ALERT!** cauliflower

Broccoli: Quality is fair, as purpling, irregular bead growth, and crown sizing continue to be concerns. Central Mexico quality is improved; in general, demand exceeds supply. **Broccolini:** Short supplies due to extreme weather affecting crop yield. **Cauliflower:** Bruising, brown, black discolorations are noted as quality varies. Salinas and Santa Maria yields are unchanged. Supplies are increasing, but prices remain high. Market remains unsettled.

celery

Markets are active as Yuma is ending and Oxnard is behind. Quality is fair and noting occasional misshapen product and seeder.

Outlook

WEST COAST

Weather has improved for Yuma and CA both; sunny, mild days in the forecast.

MEXICO

Storm Front number 3 with high winds is expected in the Central Coastal regions of Sonora.

EAST COAST

Temps in south FL remain very seasonal; Temps in southern Ga remain warm. We can expect good production to continue from south FL this week.

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citrus

Lemons: Good quality overall, with larger sizing more plentiful, and smaller fruit tightening up long-term. **Limes:** Quality is good with predominantly new crop, fruit is mostly smaller sized. **Oranges:** Quality remains very high; sugars are high with good supplies of Navels.

cucumbers

FL supplies are starting to improve, more Selects are available than Supers with good quality. Imports are still available, but quality will be suspect with limited shelf life. Supplies from Mexico remain light. Active market.

eggplant

Supplies remain light, Fancy remains limited with much more Choice available from FL.

grapes

Prices are firming. There are different options for quality and pricing, this is usually what happens as the import program tapers off.

lettuce **ALERT!**

Iceberg: Poor condition for palletized and fair for trim lettuce; issues noted such as heat stress, underweight, rib blight, pale color, and sunburn with occasional broken ribs and solid core. Transition is ongoing at this time. The market remains active. **Leaf:** The market remains high with supplies low and prices high. Poor quality, defects from discoloration, wind damage, and dehydration. **Romaine & Hearts:** Romaine and heart markets are extremely active and product is short due to very low supplies and high demand. Quality is poor with defects from mildew, dehydration, cupping, and fringe burn.

melons

Import melon markets firmed up slightly last week, coming after a reporting of peak volumes from

major growers. Good supplies this week on cantaloupes; however, 12's and 15's are tightening up very quickly. Quality is very good. Honeydew supplies are steady this week; quality varies from fair to good.

onions

Quality on all colors is very good. Mexico is crossing all three colors and quality is just fair.

peppers

FL: Green pepper supplies remain steady with good quality; more Choice and Suntans are available than larger sizes, Single and Double X remain limited. Mexico: Red and yellow bells are very active from fewer supplies. Quality on the colored bells is very good. Green bell pepper quality out of Nogales is marginal at best, but we will be starting Coachella in another 10 days.

potatoes

Active carton markets in ID due to pressure bruise and internal discoloration, reducing yields of #1. Most sheds are running smaller sized lots.

squash

Squash supplies are good from FL on both colors with zucchini quality more consistent than yellow squash. Markets are active.

tomatoes—cherry & grape

Markets remain relatively low as supply is still plentiful. Quality remains good in all regions.

tomatoes—roma & round

Supply slowing slightly as Immokalee region crops get into second and third picking. The market is rising slightly; quality still very good. Mexico is following the lead of Eastern market.

Reality Check

VEGETABLES	Supply			Price						
	HIGH	INCREASING	AVG	DECREASING	LOW	HIGH	INCREASING	AVG	DECREASING	LOW
Asparagus										
Green Beans										
Broccoli										
Cabbage										
Carrots										
Cauliflower										
Celery										
Com										
Cucumbers										
Eggplant										
Herbs - Cilantro										
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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