

Produce that's Fresh. Information that's to the Point.



Top 5 Five



1. CAULIFLOWER **ALERT!**

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

2. CILANTRO **ALERT!**

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

3. LETTUCE **ALERT!**

Very low supply and extremely active markets overall, coupled with high demand.

4. NAPA CABBAGE **ALERT!**

Scarce supplies, high markets, demand exceeds supply.

5. AVOCADOS

The market is active and supplies are light.

Outlook

WEST COAST

We are working through the effects of recent rain, once again, and forecasted to warm up this weekend; that change in weather is likely to hurt overall condition. Another chance of rain again next Tuesday.

MEXICO

Warmer temps on Western Coast (Sonora, Sinaloa) of Mexico with Central and Southern Mexico experiencing moderate to heavy rain storms.

EAST COAST

We are into our typical spring seasonal weather pattern of alternating warm and cool temps.

asparagus

Mexican temps are expected to be warmer, affecting quality and sizing, and seeding is expected. Peruvian supplies remain very light with fair quality at best; quality/supplies are good from Baja; WA is starting.

avocados

Overall, the market is active and supplies are tight. Mexico: Quality is good, supplies are light from the holiday. Demand is increasing as we approach May. CA: Supplies are increasing as we approach May; quality is good.

beans, green

Good supply and quality in FL; some growers are waning, affecting volume. GA supplies remain light.

berries—black, blue, & raspberry

Overall, we are seeing a wide range in markets. **Blueberries:** Occasional variability in quality between lots reported. **Blackberries & Raspberries:** Supply remains mostly from Mexico, rains have slowed harvests and weakened texture some.

berries—strawberry

Quality is fair to good and noting medium/large sizing, occasional white shoulders, rain damage, and insect damage. Growers are working to reduce the effects of rain. We are watching this market as it is a concern.

broccoli & cauliflower **ALERT!**

Broccoli: Better availability in all three growing regions; quality is fair with some yellowing, open head, and over and under-sizing. Crown sizing is improving but ranges from 3–7 inches in diameter. Markets remain firm with some relief being seen. **Cauliflower:** High demand and fair quality overall, with white to cream color, minor yellowing and bruising visible. The market remains very active as supplies are limited.

celery

Quality is fair and noting discoloration, cracking, and twisting. The celery market is becoming a concern.

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citrus

Lemons: Quality is good with demand exceeding supply for smaller-sized fruit, larger sizing is more plentiful. **Limes:** Good quality with mostly smaller sizing new crop fruit. **Oranges:** Quality is good with 88/113/138 counts very tight. Rain earlier this week halted the harvest of Navels.

cucumbers

Good supplies and quality from FL, volume should continue to ramp up as new fields come on board.

eggplant

Choice is readily available, but Fancy remains very limited.

grapes

Imported green grapes arriving on the West Coast are being repacked domestically, improving overall quality to good. Red seedless still looks nice without repacking, with only occasional lot-specific issues.

lettuce **ALERT!**

Prices are high and supplies low, all markets extremely active overall. **Iceberg:** We are still waiting for Iceberg to size up, and dealing with recent rain. Quality is fair with insect pressure, pinking, mechanical damage, bruising, and fringe burn noted. **Leaf:** Quality is fair but improving; defects noted are under-sizing, mildew, and mud. **Romaine:** Quality is fair; defects noted are under-sizing, fringe burn, mildew, mud, "open shape," and insects.

melons

West Coast supplies are much lighter this week. Quality on cantaloupes has been very good; honeydews have improved but still have a few issues: staining and spotting.

onions

The market has picked up over the past week on yellows, due to ID early shippers finishing, and diminished yields in TX coupled with threats of rain. ID/WA supplies remain good into early/mid-May.

peppers

Green pepper supplies from south FL remain steady with good quality and availability on all sizes. Green bells have started in Coachella; green and colored peppers still coming through Nogales from Mexico. Quality is fair to good.

potatoes

Burbanks are the primary variety being packed, but running small, with Norkotahs limited. Quality issues are still present in some lots but are showing improvement. The market has been strong on large sizes and looks to continue to edge up; #2's remain plentiful and steady in price.

squash

Fair quality, with some mechanical and occasional mildew damage noted.

tomatoes—cherry & grape

The cherry market remains relatively steady with good quality. Grapes are easing as the FL supply increases.

tomatoes—roma & round

Round: Markets are easing in the East as the Palmetto region restarts crops and Immokalee wanes, Western markets are following suit (easing); quality is very good. **Roma:** Supplies increasing slightly in the East and West, the market will come off as the Palmetto crop facilitates supply. The Mexican market is already decreasing.

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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