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## Top 5 Five



### 1. BERRIES **ALERT!**

Extreme heat has affected yields.

### 2. BRUSSELS SPROUTS **ALERT!**

Insect pressure is our main concern.

### 3. CILANTRO/ARUGULA/SPRING MIX **ALERT!**

Tender-leaved items are active due to quality issues.

### 4. CITRUS—LEMONS & ORANGES **ALERT!**

Sizing is an issue, if you can, be flexible to fill your orders.

### 5. ONIONS—GREEN **ALERT!**

Supplies are short due to heavy rainfall and intermittent 120° heat.



### asparagus **ALERT!**

The supply chain is starting to recover and volume is beginning to arrive in Miami. Supply vs. demand should start to equalize.



### avocados **ALERT!**

The Loca (variety) bloom is light, and rain continues to disrupt harvest and delay maturity. We expect a few more weeks of elevated markets before it begins to fall off.



### beans, green

Supplies are tight, but steady, and quality is inconsistent—check arrivals.



### berries—black, blue, & raspberry **ALERT!**

The market is active on Blackberries and Blueberries; extreme temps followed by rain has hampered production. There is a wide range in pricing and quality being seen; expect prorates. Raspberry quality has improved, but not supplies.



### berries—strawberry **ALERT!**

Markets remain active. Extreme temps followed by rain has hampered production. Poor overall quality and low availability.



### broccoli & cauliflower **ALERT!**

**Broccoli:** The market is extremely active. Supplies are tight and quality is fair. **Cauliflower:** Markets are starting to move upward; sizing and quality issues are a concern. Quality is mostly fair to good with light degrees of discoloration.



### celery

Quality is fair; we are still seeing inconsistent sizing and discoloration.



### citrus **ALERT!**

**Lemons:** 140 ct and larger are in demand exceeds supply; the desert harvest has started and additional volume should be coming in early October. **Limes:** Quality is fair and

## Outlook

### WEST COAST

Current Central Coast weather is much better than it has been; however, next week is expected to be a warm one with mid-80s for Salinas, with mid-60s at night, and likely to spur warm weather condition issues once again.

### MEXICO

Currently, Norma has been downgraded to a tropical remnant south west of Baja; a heavy zone of tropical storms and instability are in store for Oaxaca and southern Mexico.

### EAST COAST

The weather forecast will be seasonably warm (low to mid 80's during the day), with mostly sunny skies with some light rain showers and winds along the East Coast, mid-Atlantic states, and MI this week.

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sizing is smaller with higher counts. **Oranges:** Small fruit (138 ct to 88 ct) are in demand exceeds supply for the balance of the season, subbing to larger sizes may be necessary.



## onions

The new crop has started in WA/ID with good quality.



## peppers

East: Demand remains flat, as production continues to be good, and temps remain warm. West: Green and colored bell quality are good; the market is expected to advance next week due to demand.

## cucumbers **ALERT!**

Supplies have tightened from heat, bloom drop, and rain; quality is average. New fields are expected to start late next week.

## eggplant

Volume is steady with good quality reported. Expect inconsistent quality from GA due to white fly pressure and the recent hurricane.

## grapes

Overall quality of red and green seedless remains very good. Green are expected to be more challenging with lower production coming; expect green markets to increase in the short term.

## lettuce

**Iceberg:** Markets are unsettled; quality is mostly fair to good with concerns such as: open-frame, weak tip, insect pressure, sizing and weights, pinking, and burn in some cases. **Leaf:** Tighter supplies; quality is fair with defects due to ribbiness, fringe/internal/wind burn, and insect damage. **Romaine:** The market is unsettled; quality is poor-to-fair with QA noting defects due to ribbiness, twisting, insect damage, and cupping.

## melon

CA has begun its seasonal decline and demand is on the rise, but we are not anticipating any supply gaps between seasons. Fruit quality has been strong.



## potatoes

The ID Norkotah harvest is well underway with good volume; there will be skinning showing up over the coming weeks.



## squash **ALERT!**

West: Supplies remain tight from heat and rain; quality is average. Light supplies are crossing into Nogales but will increase; demand exceeds supplies until the 1st week of Oct. East: Some GA areas had crop loss of up to 30%, affecting supplies. Zucchini fared better than yellow squash with less scuffing and scarring. Quality is fair to good.



## tomatoes - **ALERT!** cherry & grape

The market is volatile with significantly reduced supplies and strong demand across the U.S. and Mexico.



## tomatoes - roma & round

Overall volume across the U.S. and Mexico is extremely low. TN had heavy rainfall from both Hurricanes Harvey & Irma, affecting harvest crews. CA continues to battle extreme heat, reducing quality and volume, and Mexico cannot help fill the void after dealing with Hurricane Katia.

## 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 Mix				•					•	
Mushrooms			•						•	
Onions - Yellow			•						•	
Onions - Red			•						•	
Onions - Green					•	•				
Peas - Snow/Snap				•				•		
Peppers - Chiles			•						•	
Peppers - Green			•						•	
Peppers - R/Y			•						•	
Potatoes - Russet	•									•
Potatoes - R/W/Yuk			•						•	
Potatoes - Yams			•						•	
Spinach				•				•		
Squash - Yellow				•				•		
Squash - Zucchini				•				•		
Tomatoes - Round				•				•		
Tomatoes - Roma				•				•		
Tomatoes - Grape/Cherry					•	•				
<b>FRUIT</b>										
Apples		•								•
Avocados					•	•				
Bananas			•						•	
Berries - Blackberries				•				•		
Berries - Blueberries				•				•		
Berries - Raspberries				•				•		
Berries - Strawberries				•				•		
Citrus - Grapefruit			•						•	
Citrus - Lemons				•					•	
Citrus - Limes			•						•	
Citrus - Oranges			•						•	
Grapes - Green			•						•	
Grapes - Red		•								•
Kiwifruit			•						•	
Melons - (C/H)			•						•	
Melons - Watermelon			•						•	
Pears			•						•	
Pineapple	•									•

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