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Top 5 Five

1. ARUGULA **ALERT!**
The market is active due to quality issues.

2. BRUSSELS SPROUTS **ALERT!**
Markets remain active. **ALERT!**

3. CITRUS—ORANGES
Historically low supplies on small sizes, demand exceeds all consumer needs.

4. ICEBERG & ROMAINE **ALERT!**
Markets are active due to transition.

5. MUSHROOMS **ALERT!**
The hurricanes have affected southeastern farms, affecting climate control and supplies as a result.



asparagus

Supplies from Peru and Mexico are increasing each day. Large sizes remain hard to find for the remainder of the year. Flight schedules are back to normal but rates remain high and demand is flat.



avocados

The market has continued ease due to lower demand. Larger fruit remains the least available and carrying a higher premium, and #2 availability is light; fruit quality is strong.



beans, green

Supplies are starting to wind down up north and GA supplies remain light; quality remains inconsistent with some water spots, discoloration, and small beans.



berries—black, blue, & raspberry

Markets are improving but with a wide range of pricing and quality overall. **Blueberries:** Recent inclem-

ent weather and the transition has affected supply. **Blackberries & Raspberries:** Supply and quality have improved due to cooling weather.



berries—strawberry

Markets are improving, and it's time to move south. Better quality is being seen in Santa Maria—Salinas/Watsonville is seeing heat damage, bruising, decay, and sizing issues. A wide range in pricing and quality is being seen. McAllen looking to start next week with few crossings starting this week.



broccoli & cauliflower

Broccoli: Supplies have improved for the industry and the market is coming down. Quality issues such as brown bead and hollow core are still being observed. **Cauliflower:** The market is coming down. Supplies remain tight due to weather; quality is fair with under-sizing, yellowing, and discoloration.

Outlook

WEST COAST

Mild conditions with another warm Sunday this weekend, followed by a cooling trend with possible rain next Thursday. In summary, oscillations in weather continue to challenge condition and supply.

MEXICO

We are expecting Cold Front No. 4 with rain in central and southern Mexico at this time.

EAST COAST

Weather forecast continues to be seasonably warm along the East Coast and mid-Atlantic states; MI and Canada will be experiencing seasonal cool temps and GA is into ideal growing conditions.

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celery

Quality is fair; we are still seeing inconsistent sizing and discoloration, but with improvement.

citrus **ALERT!**

Lemons: Great supplies/sizes out of District 3 (southern CA/desert region). Quality has been excellent. **Limes:** quality is better. **Oranges:** Oranges are extremely tight as more packing houses have finished with Valencias for the season. There are historically low supplies on small sizes, and demand exceeds all consumer needs; this is a global situation as South America, Chile, CA, FL, and TX are all below harvest and availability expectations. Supplies will be very limited the next 3-4 weeks with no relief until the Navel season starts in late October.

cucumbers

Cucumbers are readily available with good quality; northern areas are waning.

eggplant

Good supplies and quality from GA.

grapes

Grape markets continue to be steady on the red seedless varieties; however, green is firming as availability lessens. Quality is good at present with some pockets of concern depending on the variety secured.

lettuce **ALERT!**

Iceberg & Romaine: Iceberg and romaine markets remain unsettled this week, with iceberg the most active and going up rapidly. At a minimum, the next several weeks are going to be very unsettled during this transition. Relief is not expected until Huron is ready in couple of weeks, and possibly to Yuma, AZ around mid-November. **Leaf:** Supply is somewhat tighter and noting internal/wind/fringe burn.



melon

Domestic melons are winding down with good supplies still available; however, CA fruit quality is the primary concern. The AZ harvest will be ramping up over the next week or so; quality is good with size profiles trending larger.



onions

Harvest is close to complete and quality and skin set are both good.



peppers

East: The green bell supply/quality is good. West: Green bell volume is decreasing; colored bells are transitioning but should be fine.



potatoes

Norkotahs are harvested and quality and size are very good; Burbanks are close to complete and most are in storage with few being shipped.



squash

Squash supplies are slightly off in the East. GA supplies will improve in the next 5-7 days; more zucchini is available than yellow squash, with better quality in zucchini. Very good supplies from the West will offset shortage in the East until GA is in full swing.



tomatoes-cherry & grape

Grape and cherry markets remain stable for next week.



tomatoes-roma & round

Available volume continues to be a factor, but low demand has kept the market at ease. Growers anticipate an active market in a few weeks when demand increases and supplies are low.

Reality Check

VEGETABLES	Supply			Price						
	HIGH	INCREASING	AVG	DECREASING	LOW	HIGH	INCREASING	AVG	DECREASING	LOW
Asparagus		•								•
Green Beans			•							•
Broccoli		•								•
Cabbage			•							•
Carrots					•	•				
Cauliflower		•								•
Celery			•							•
Corn			•							•
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-Red/Yellow			•							•
Potatoes-Russet			•							•
Potatoes-R/W/Yuk			•							•
Potatoes-Yams			•							•
Spinach					•					•
Squash-Yellow (w)			•							•
Squash-Zucchini (w)			•							•
Squash-Yellow (e)			•							•
Squash-Zucchini (e)			•							•
Tomatoes-Round			•							•
Tomatoes-Roma			•							•
Tomatoes-G/C					•					•
FRUIT										
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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