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## Market Alerts

**Tomatoes** – High pricing and fair quality is expected to continue through mid-to-late January for most varieties as Mexico recovers from recent severe weather and flooding. **Roma** and **Grape Tomatoes** are the most impacted, and **5x6 Rounds and smaller** are the best values.

**Asparagus** – Supplies have dramatically decreased, due to the recent prolonged cold weather in both Mexico's and Peru's growing regions. Quality is good, but pricing is higher than normal, particularly in the Western half of the country. **Pencil** and **Standard** sizes are the best value.

**Lettuce** – Cold, wet weather and overnight plant icing in Yuma Arizona has impacted quality and supplies of all head lettuces, and increased pricing on **Iceberg** specifically. **Romaine Hearts** and **pre-cut product** are the best cost and quality options.

**Potatoes** – Supplies will be limited on all sizes of **Idaho potatoes** throughout the winter, with slightly higher pricing than normal and good to fair quality. **80 CT and smaller sizes** are the best value.

**Broccoli/Cauliflower** – The cold and wet weather in Yuma has also impacted quality and slowed the harvest of Broccoli and Cauliflower. Bruising and discoloration are most commonly reported. Pricing may be slightly higher in certain markets. **Crowns** and **Florets** are the best values.

**Arugula** – Supplies of Arugula are very limited, again due to the cold wet weather in primary growing regions. Quality is fair, pricing may be higher, and orders may be shorted. Consider using **Spring Mix**, **Arcadian Blend** or **Spinach** as alternatives.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Cantaloupe** – The Central American crop is in full swing, with excellent sugar levels, color and shelf life.

**Specialty Potatoes** – Colored and Fingerling Potatoes are excellent quality out of the Upper Midwest.

**Cold-Weather Citrus** – Specialty Citrus is now available in most markets. Blood Oranges, Mandarins, Tangelos and more—ask your distributor for recommendations.

**Blueberries** – Quality is very nice and pricing is good on imports from Mexico and South America.

**Blackberries** – Quality is very nice and supplies are abundant.

**Brussels Sprouts** – Quality and pricing on Brussels continue to be excellent.

**Eggplant** – Ideal growing conditions for Eggplant in both South Florida and Mexico are yielding abundant supplies and very good quality.

## Weather Update

**California:** Seasonal temperatures and moderate rain.

**Yuma AZ** – Cold, windy conditions with widespread overnight plant icing. Most row crops (including Lettuce, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Celery) will be affected.

**Mexico:** Cooler temperatures in most growing regions, with possible overnight icing in the North.

**Florida:** Rainy conditions expected all week.



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# Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality and pricing are good	 CELERY	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 ASPARAGUS	Quality is good, pricing is very high	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 AVOCADO	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good to fair	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are good	 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 PEARS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair, pricing is slightly higher	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher, 80 CT and smaller are the best value
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is slightly higher	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair, pricing is good	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
 CARROTS	Quality and pricing are good	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good	 SQUASH	Quality and pricing are good
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is fair, pricing is slightly higher	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 TOMATOES	Quality is fair, pricing is higher, 5X6 and smaller Rounds are the best value

