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## Market Alerts

**Transition** – The springtime movement of major growing regions, from Yuma AZ northward to Central California, is underway. “Transition,” as this is called, is a time of year when certain crops are more susceptible to supply disruptions, higher pricing, and quality issues.

**Avocados** – Supplies have tightened up quickly due to a harvest slowdown among Mexican growers. California’s crop is forecasted to be 50% of last year’s volume, making any import shortage more extreme. Pricing is much higher than in prior weeks, and fully ripened fruit may be less available.

**Lettuce** – Quality of **Iceberg**, **Romaine** and **Leaf Lettuce** remains a concern, with puffiness, ribbing and short shelf life all common issues. Pricing has eased but may be higher than normal. **Romaine Hearts** and **pre-cut product** are still the best values.

**Celery** – Pricing remains very high on both bulk and pre-cut Celery, also due light supplies from the cold, wet conditions in Yuma. Quality is fair to good.

**Cauliflower**- Supplies of Heads and Florets are slightly improved, but pricing may be higher than normal, with good to fair quality reported.

**Onions: Red and Yellow** Onions are in a temporary supply gap for the next few weeks. The Pacific Northwest storage crop is finishing early, and the Texas harvest has yet to ramp up. Pricing may be higher in certain markets, with good to fair quality.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Melons** – Cantaloupe and Honeydew quality is great from all Central American growing regions, with very good sugar levels.

**Kale** – The final harvest out of Yuma is yielding great quality at good prices. Quality is excellent with vibrant color and full bunches.

**Swiss Chard** – Great quality on Green, Red and Rainbow Chard out of California and Mexico.

**Chili Peppers** – Anaheim, Serrano and Pasilla Peppers are all very good quality.

**Berries** – Blackberries and Blueberries are very good quality and pricing.

**Specialty Potatoes** – Quality is great on all Colored, Fingerling and Yukon Potatoes.

**Grapes** – Quality is very nice on Red Grapes out of Chile.

## Weather Update

**California:** Seasonal temperatures and dry conditions.

**Yuma, AZ:** Warm temperatures and gusty winds.

**Mexico:** Seasonal temperatures and precipitation.

**Florida:** Seasonal temperatures, with a storm system expected mid-week.



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# Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality is good, 125 CT and smaller sizes will be less available through the summer	 CELERY	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good, with smaller sizes the best value	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 AVOCADO	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good
 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 is fair, pricing is good	 ONIONS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher
 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 good	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on larger sizes
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair to poor, pricing is higher	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
 CARROTS	Quality and pricing are good	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good	 SQUASH	Quality is fair, pricing is good
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is fair, pricing may be higher	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is fair, pricing is slightly higher	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher

