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Market Alerts

TOMATOES The supply situation has improved slightly and is expected to continue improving as California's harvest speeds up. For next week, **Romas or 5X6 and larger Round tomatoes** are the best cost option, and **Grape tomatoes** are a better buy than **Cherries**. Quality is good across all sizes and varieties.

POTATOES As the storage crop winds down, **Idaho 80 CT potatoes** and smaller are the best buys, and will continue to be throughout the summer. Avoid **70 CT or larger** where possible. Quality is good across all sizes.

AVOCADOS The supply of product out of Mexico continues to be severely restricted, due to a combination of growing condition and import issues. Product from other sources, including California, is not plentiful enough to offset the Mexican shortage, and pricing continues to be much higher than normal.

SQUASH The same weather-driven harvesting gaps affecting tomatoes have also impacted certain varieties of squash. **Yellow and Fancy-sized Zucchini Squash** have minor quality issues including wind scarring, and are more expensive than normal. We recommend you use **Medium-sized Zucchini** for optimal cost and quality.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Strawberries: Supplies of Strawberries are plentiful, with great quality and pricing reported.

Stone Fruit: Domestic harvests of peaches and nectarines have begun. Ask your distributor for availability.

Melons: Cantaloupe, Honeydew and Watermelon are all in great supply, with excellent pricing and quality.

Blueberries: Central California is at the beginning of a 2-to-4-week peak harvest. Excellent quality and good pricing!

Asparagus: Locally grown asparagus is being harvested in many parts of the Pacific Northwest, Midwest and Northeast U.S. Ask your distributor for what's available!

Chili Peppers: Excellent quality and pricing is reported on many specialty peppers: Pablano, Tomatillo, Jalapeno and Anaheims in particular. Ask your distributor for suggestions!

Weather Update












California: The marine layer from last week is continuing to keep the coastal regions at below average temperatures and moist conditions, with inland regions becoming warmer as the week progresses.

Mexico: Seasonal temperatures and isolated thunderstorms are expected throughout Central and Northern Mexico.

Florida: Seasonal to above average temperatures, wind and scattered precipitation are expected in the northern half of the state.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	WA, ID and MI are at peak season on certain varieties. Quality is excellent.
 ASPARAGUS	Pricing and quality are very good, especially on Pencil and Standard sizes.
 AVOCADO	Pricing is slightly higher than normal, quality is good to fair.
 BELL PEPPERS	Pricing is good, quality is very good.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.
 BROCCOLI	Pricing is fair, quality is very good.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality and pricing are good. Mexican product is at peak season.
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is stable.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good.

 CELERY	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.
 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.
 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.
 CUCUMBERS	Pricing is higher on some grades. Quality is good.
 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is fair.
 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality and pricing are good.
 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.
 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.
 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is good to fair, pricing is good.

 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is good to fair, pricing is good.
 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good.
 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good.
 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good.
 ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 PEARS	New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.
 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 POTATOES	Pricing is higher on 70 CT and larger. 80 CT and smaller are the best values.
 POTATOES (COLORED)	All colors are at peak season.
 SQUASH	Pricing is higher on Yellow than Green. Quality is good.
 STONE FRUIT	Quality and pricing are good. Chilean product is at peak season.
 TOMATOES	Pricing is higher on Cherries and 5X6 and smaller Rounds. Grapes and Romas are good buys. Quality is good across all sizes and varieties.

