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Market Alerts

AVOCADOS Supplies are decreasing rapidly, due to California's heat wave earlier in the month, and crop transition in Mexico. Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality reported.

ORANGES Supplies of **138 CT and smaller Oranges** are limited, and will continue to be through the end of the Valencia season in autumn. Use **113 CT and larger** where possible. "Re-greening", which is a heat-related greenish tinge to the exterior of fully ripened fruit, is being reported.

CILANTRO California's extreme heat, and similar conditions in Mexico's growing region, has created quality issues including smaller product, seeding and withering. Harvests are also light, causing pricing to be higher than normal.

LEMONS Extreme heat in the western growing regions for citrus has caused a shortage of all sizes of **Lemons** that is expected to last for several weeks. Orders may be shorted or substituted with a different size or grade, pricing is much higher than normal, and quality is fair to poor. The best buy will be **115 CT** and **larger choice-grade** fruit, where available.

STRAWBERRIES Heat damage is affecting **Strawberry** quality in the California regions of Salinas and Watsonville, which are currently the primary growing areas. Bruising, softness, smaller berries, and shortened shelf life are all reported, and pricing is good. **Blackberries, Raspberries and Blueberries** are all better quality options

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Stone Fruit: California, Georgia and South Carolina are producing great Peaches, Nectarines and Plums.

Asparagus: Quality is very nice and pricing is good on Pencil- and Standard-size Asparagus.

Blueberries: New Jersey and Michigan are producing great quality berries.

Melons: Cantaloupe and Honeydew are very nice quality, with high sugar levels. Specialty melons such as Casaba, Galia and Juan Canary are also now in season.

Pear: New crop Bartlett, Bosc and Red Pears are all being harvested out of California and Washington. Quality is excellent, with firm fruit and good sweetness.

Kale: Quality is excellent with good color and full bunches.

The local growing season for most of the U.S. is heating up. Be sure to ask your distributor for locally grown recommendations!

Weather Update


























California: Hotter than normal temperatures continue throughout all growing regions. Hurricane John may bring thunderstorms to southern California.

Mexico: Hurricane John and Tropical Storm Ileana are bringing showers and thunderstorms to the southwestern and central growing regions.

Florida / Southeastern U.S.: Seasonal temperatures and thunderstorms, at times bringing heavy rain.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality and pricing are good	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is fair, pricing is extremely high, supplies are limited	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is good
 AVOCADO	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher on smaller sizes	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher on Super Select grade	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 EGGPLANT	Quality is fair, pricing is 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 is poor, pricing is good	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher. 90 CT and smaller sizes are the best value.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair, 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 and pricing are good	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good	 TOMATOES	Quality and pricing are good

