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Market Alerts

EASTERN VEGETABLES Hurricane Florence's heavy rains and winds last week further impacted supplies of **Cucumbers, Bell Peppers, Eggplant,** and **Squash.** Quality is good to fair, and pricing may be higher in certain markets.

BERRIES Harvest transition continues to affect supplies and quality of **Strawberries, Blueberries,** and **Blackberries.** Quality is fair, and pricing may be higher in certain markets.

AVOCADOS Supplies out of Mexico remain light. Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality reported. #2 grade product is very scarce.

ORANGES 113 CT and smaller Oranges are very scarce, and will continue to be through the end of October when the Navel season begins and the Valencia season ends. **88 CT and larger sizes** are plentiful. Quality is fair to poor on all sizes and grades, with softness, mold and decay all reported. Consider **Apples** or **Stone Fruit** as a hand fruit alternative.

TOMATOES Roma, Cherry, and **Grape tomatoes** have all been affected by Hurricane Florence in the Southeast and heavy rains in Mexico's Baja region. Quality is fair and pricing is higher. **Round tomatoes** are the best cost and quality option.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Melons: Quality is outstanding on Cantaloupe and Honeydew out of Southern California, with very good sugar levels. Pricing is also very good.

Grapes: Quality is excellent, with great texture and sweetness, on Red and Green medium-sized fruit.

Chili Peppers: Baja California is harvesting very good quality chilis, including Jalapeño, Pasilla, Anaheim and Serrano.

Apples: New crop varieties are being harvested out of Washington, Michigan and New York, including Ginger Gold, Gala and Macintosh.

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.

Potatoes: New crop Idaho potatoes are now in season. Quality and pricing are very good.

Weather Update

California: Temperatures will cool slightly to seasonal levels across Central California.

Mexico: Heavy rains from a tropical storm expected in Baja and Northwestern Mexico, with isolated showers in the Central region.

Florida: Seasonal temperatures and precipitation throughout the state.



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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 is good, pricing is higher on all sizes, Pencil is the best buy	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is fair, pricing is lower, and supplies are increasing	 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 is fair, pricing is good	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is poor, pricing is higher, smaller sizes are very scarce	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are fair	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is much higher on Western product	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are fair	 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 fair to good, pricing may be higher	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality and pricing are good	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 POTATOES	Quality and pricing are good
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair at best with insect damage and pricing has trended higher	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
 CARROTS	Quality and pricing are good	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good	 SQUASH	Quality and pricing are fair
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing may be higher in certain markets

