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## Market Alerts

**TRANSITION** The movement of major growing areas from California to points as far south as Yuma Arizona is underway, and will continue through early December. 'Transition', as this movement is called, is a time when certain crops are more susceptible to disruptions in supply and quality. Currently no issues are reported, outside of the product alerts listed below.

**TOMATOES** After-effects of Hurricane Irma has production of **Round and Grape Tomatoes** down 40% vs. normal, and California/Mexico are past peak harvest. Quality is good, however product is very scarce and much more expensive than usual. **Romas** are primarily grown outside of Florida, and as such are more plentiful and a much better cost option than **Rounds** for the coming week.

**ORANGES** The severe shortage of all grades and sizes of **Oranges** is expected to continue through the beginning of December. The **Navel** crop is now being harvested, but it is the lightest crop since 2009 and is not enough to keep up with demand. What little product available is up to 4 times more expensive than normal, with fair quality. Please avoid using, and substitute **Apples** or **Pears** where possible.

**BERRIES** A variety of quality and supply issues continue to affect **Strawberries and Blueberries**. **Blackberries and Raspberries** are a better quality option for the coming week.

**GREEN BEANS** The after-effects of Hurricane Irma included crop flooding and inability to plant. There is now a shortage of product, and pricing on what little is available is extremely high. Quality is fair to poor.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**SWEET POTATOES** All sizes and grades of Sweet Potatoes/Yams are plentiful, with good quality and pricing just in time for fall menus.

**Autumn Squash:** With cooler weather approaching, it's the perfect time to highlight hard (autumn) Squash on your menus. Butternut, Delicata, Carnival, Acorn and Spaghetti are all great options.

**Apples:** It's peak Apple season, with all your favorite autumn varieties such as Honeycrisp, Lady, Jona Gold, Red Rome and more. Ask your distributor for recommendations!

**Pears:** Bartlett and Red Pears are at peak harvest out of Washington, along with in California and New York. It's the perfect time of year to use them for hand fruit and recipes.

**Asparagus:** Supplies will begin to decrease out of Mexico. The market is already trending higher on the West Coast. Steady supplies out of Peru on the East Coast with the market remaining steady.

**Leeks:** This cold-weather root vegetable is a great fall menu and ingredient staple.

## Weather Update


**California:** Temperatures expected to remain at record highs both during the day and overnight for the early part of the week, and then cool significantly toward the end of the week.

**Mexico:** Warm and dry conditions over much of the area.

**Florida:** Showers and thunderstorms over the southern half of the state over the weekend, then dry conditions the rest of the week.



# Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Peak season for fall varieties.	 CELERY	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are good.
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing may be higher.
 AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, supplies are very limited, pricing is extremely high.	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality is fair, pricing is good.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is fair to poor, pricing is fair.	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is good.	 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.	 PEARS	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality is fair, supplies are very light.	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BROCCOLI	Quality and pricing are good.	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on medium sizes.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is improved, pricing is higher than normal.	 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 and pricing are good.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good.	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good.	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Rounds and Grapes.

