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## Market Alerts

**ORANGES** The severe shortage of **Oranges** has reached the point where certain sizes are largely unavailable. Orders for **113 CT, 138 CT and 163 CT** fruit are very likely to be shorted, or substituted with an **88 CT or larger size**. We recommend **88 CT, 72 CT or larger Oranges** be used through the end of the **Navel** season in early spring.

**STRAWBERRIES** Cold and rain in Florida continue to impact quality and supplies. Softness and short shelf life are reported, and pricing may be higher. **Blueberries, Raspberries and Blackberries** are all better quality options.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Grapes:** Red and Green Grapes are approaching peak harvest out of South America. Quality and pricing are very good.

**Specialty Potatoes:** All Fingerling and Colored Round Potatoes are available, perfect for winter menus.

**Apples:** Honeycrisp, Jona Gold, Lady and more seasonal varieties are all in great supply and quality.

**Asparagus:** All sizes of Asparagus are abundant, with great quality and pricing. Pencil and Standard are Compass' preferred specification.

**Mushrooms:** Seasonal mushrooms such as Enoki, Hedgehog and Oyster are great winter menu additions. Ask your distributor for recommendations and availability.

**Winter Citrus:** Blood Oranges, Tangelos, Mandarins and Clementines are all available – be sure to ask your distributor for recommendations!

**Bell Peppers:** Red and Green Peppers are at peak season in the Eastern growing regions.

## Weather Update

**California:** Cooler temperatures and strong winds will cover Southern California. The northern half of the state will see some precipitation.

**Mexico / Yuma, AZ:** Central regions will have moderate rain and seasonal temperatures. Light overnight plant icing in the Yuma desert region is expected.

**Florida:** Heavy rains expected in the Northern regions over the weekend.



# Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Pricing and quality 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 good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 AVOCADO	Quality is good, pricing is fair	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, sizes are running large, pricing is higher	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality is fair, pricing is good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are 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 higher	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality and pricing are good	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality and pricing are good	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on medium sizes
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher	 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 fair, pricing is good

