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## Market Alerts

**PEPPERS & EGGPLANT** The **Bell Pepper** harvests in California, the Midwest and Eastern U.S. have begun to recover. Quality has improved to good, and pricing is expected to remain higher than normal for another week. **Eggplant** supplies out of the West continue to be very light, with very high pricing.

**AVOCADOS** Pricing remains very high on all sizes and grades of **Avocados** due to prolonged issues with the Mexican crop. Consider using #2 product where possible.

**POTATOES** As the storage crop winds down over the summer, **Idaho 90 CT** potatoes and smaller are the best buy. Quality is good on all sizes.

**APPLES** Some varieties are running low on small fruit, with **Granny Smiths** and **Golden Delicious** being the most impacted. **Fujis** and **Galas** are good cost alternatives where smaller sizes are needed.

**RASPBERRIES / BLACKBERRIES** Supplies continue to be limited due to extreme heat in California. Pricing is higher than normal, with fair quality reported. **Blueberries** and **Strawberries** are both good cost and quality alternatives.

**ASPARAGUS** The **Asparagus** crop is still very light in both major growing areas, due to prolonged wet, cold weather in Central Mexico and a field transition in Peru. Quality is fair to good. Pricing remains higher than normal, with **Pencil and Standard** being the best values.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Locally Grown Products:** The local growing season is in full swing around the country—the perfect time to support local agriculture! Be sure to ask your distributor for their full list of locally grown recommendations, and look for these farm-fresh products this week!

**Cherries:** Cherry season has begun, with harvests out of Washington and Oregon. Bing and Rainier varieties — ask your distributor for recommendations!

**Cucumbers:** Quality and pricing are excellent on all sizes and grades of field-grown Cucumbers, with locally grown product available in most regions.

**Corn:** Corn on the Cob is in peak season, with great quality and pricing reported. Locally grown product is available in many regions including New Jersey, Indiana, Long Island and Virginia.

**Blueberries:** Harvests are peaking out of Oregon, Washington, Michigan and New Jersey. Excellent quality and pricing are reported.

## Weather Update

**California:** Inland regions remain hotter than normal, and the coastal areas will warm to seasonal temperatures next week.

**Mexico:** Above average temperatures and scattered showers in Central and Northern Mexico.

**Florida:** Heavier than normal rain is expected next week, with seasonal temperatures.



# Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Smaller sizes are becoming scarce over the summer as the storage crops finish up. Fujis and Galas are the best buys for 100 CT and smaller.	 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good.	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are very good.
 ASPARAGUS	Quality is good to fair, with much higher pricing than normal.	 CELERY	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.
 AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher than normal on all grades and sizes.	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Pricing is higher, quality is good.	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	 ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good.	 PEARS	New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Pricing is higher, quality is good.	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good to fair, pricing is much higher on Western product.	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.	 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.	 POTATOES	Pricing is higher on 80 CT and larger. 90 CT and smaller are the best buys.
 BROCCOLI	Pricing and quality are good.	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher than normal.	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 SQUASH	Pricing is higher on Yellow than Green. Quality is good.
 CARROTS	Pricing and quality are good.	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.	 STONE FRUIT	Quality is good, larger sizes are the best buys.
		 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.	 TOMATOES	Quality is good. Rounds and Cherries are the best buys.
		 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good.		

