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## Market Alerts

**LETTUCE LEAF & ROMAINE** The prolonged heat in central California's lettuce fields has finally impacted supplies of head lettuce, particularly **Iceberg**. Pricing is higher than normal, and quality is fair.

**MUSHROOMS** Supplies and quality of most **Mushrooms** will be affected over the next few weeks. Hurricanes Harvey and Irma impacted several growing centers, particularly due to electrical failure, and damage to raw materials (compost etc). Minor quality issues and potential product shortages may be possible.

**ORANGES** Supplies of **Valencia Oranges** are extremely short, and pricing is far higher than normal on most **Choice** and **Fancy** grade product. The shortage is expected to continue well into autumn, until the **Navel** crop comes in. Please consider **Apples** or **Pears** as a hand fruit option.

**TOMATOES** The combined effects of Hurricanes Irma and Kita, and the excessive heat in central California, mean higher pricing and fair quality on some grades and sizes of **Tomatoes**. **Grapes** are a better cost option than **Cherries** this week, and **5x6 or smaller** are the best **Round** to buy.

**BROCCOLI / CAULIFLOWER** Supplies have increased from last week, and while pricing is still higher than normal, it's trending lower. Quality is good to fair.

## 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.

**Bell Peppers:** Green, Red, Yellow and other colored Bell Peppers continue to be a very good buy, with great quality and pricing.

**Melons:** Quality and pricing is still very good on all melons.

## Weather Update


**California:** The entire West Coast will continue to be very warm, with central California above average temperatures.

**Mexico:** Seasonal temperatures and wetter conditions in most growing regions.

**Florida:** Heavy rains and thunderstorms are expected in most of the state over the weekend.



# Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Peak season for fall varieties.	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good.	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, with Green Peppers being the best buy.	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, supplies are very limited, pricing is extremely high.	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are fair.	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good.	 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are good.	 PEARS	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 GARLIC	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 POTATOES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair; pricing is higher; product is limited.	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair; pricing is higher than normal.	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair; pricing is good.	 SQUASH	Quality and pricing are good.
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.	 STONE FRUIT	The season is ending early. Quality is fair and pricing is higher.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.	 TOMATOES	Quality is fair to good, pricing is higher. Grapes and smaller Rounds are the best values.

