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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 late November. This is a time when certain crops are more susceptible to disruptions in supply and quality. Be sure to read The Source Plus for up-to-date information and product recommendations.

**Broccoli/Cauliflower** – High temperatures in California's growing regions have tightened up supplies and created minor quality issues such as bruising and yellowing. Pricing is higher than normal.

**Lettuce** – The extremely warm weather has also affected lettuce quality. Iceberg and Romaine in particular are fair at best, with insect damage, tip burn, browning and light case weights all reported. Pricing is higher than normal. Pre-cut product and Green Leaf are the best values.

**Melons** – Supplies of **Cantaloupe** and **Honeydew** remain very tight, due to field transition in California and the recent cold snap in Arizona. Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality reported.

**Potatoes** – An unusually early winter storm in Idaho has slowed both harvesting and transport of all baking potatoes. Pricing is slightly higher this week, with 80 CT and smaller sizes being the best value.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Apples** – All Autumn varieties are now in season.

**Sweet Potatoes** – This year's crop looks to be much improved from 2018. Excellent quality and good supplies.

**Oranges** – Late-season Valencia Oranges, Mandarins and Grapefruit are all very nice quality. New crop Navel Oranges will be available in early November.

**Kale** – Quality is very nice, with full bunches and good color.

**Autumn Squash** – Acorn, Butternut, Spaghetti and other hard squashes are now in season.

**Raspberries** – Quality is excellent on the Mexico harvest, with plentiful supplies and good pricing.

## Weather Update

**California:** Very warm temperatures with gusty "Santa Anna" winds throughout the southern and desert regions.

**Mexico:** Seasonal temperatures and precipitation in all growing areas.

**Florida** – Slightly cooler temperatures and dry conditions.





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# Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality and pricing are good	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 AVOCADO	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is higher in the West	 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 and pricing are good	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is fair, pricing is good	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher, 80 CT and smaller are the best value
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is slightly higher	 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 is fair, pricing is higher	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 TOMATOES	Quality and pricing are good

