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Market Alerts

Avocados – Supplies are beginning to improve nationwide, as California's harvest ramps up to offset the Mexican shortfall. Pricing remains higher than normal, and fully ripened product may be less available in certain markets. **#2 Grade, 60 CT and smaller** size fruit remains the best value.

Tomatoes – Supplies of **Round, Roma and Grape tomatoes** have improved significantly in the past week, as Mexico's harvest recovers. Pricing is higher than normal, but lower than in prior weeks. Quality is improved to good. **5X6 and smaller Rounds** continue to be the best value.

Squash – Supplies continue to be limited for both **Zucchini** and **Yellow** in all parts of the country. Quality is fair, and pricing is higher than normal. Cold-weather squashes such as **Butternut** and **Acorn** are still in good supply, and are better cost and quality options.

Cucumbers – Mexico's extremely light harvest, coupled with widespread wind scarring on the Honduran imports, has continued to affect supplies and quality on all field-grown cucumbers. Pricing is higher than normal, and quality is fair. **Select-grade** product is the best value.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Stone Fruit – Imported Peaches and Nectarines are very nice quality – ask your distributor for recommendations.

Kale – Quality is excellent, with full leaves and vibrant color.

Asparagus – All sizes of Asparagus are plentiful, with excellent quality.

Melons – Cantaloupe and Honeydew are great quality, with high sugar levels, color and shelf life.

Brussels Sprouts – Quality is very nice out of the Yuma harvest—the best of the past several weeks.

Apples – All seasonal varieties continue to be plentiful, with excellent quality.

Grapefruit – Texas and California are harvesting very nice quality fruit.

Weather Update

California – Light rain early in the week, followed by warmer temperatures

Yuma AZ – Strong winds and a cold front, followed by seasonal temperatures

Mexico – Seasonal temperatures and precipitation in all growing regions

Florida – Seasonal temperatures and precipitation in all growing regions



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Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality and pricing are good	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 AVOCADO	Quality is fair, pricing is very high	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality and pricing are good, 113 CT and larger are the best values	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is slightly higher	 EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are good	 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 GARLIC	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 PEARS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality good to fair, pricing is good	 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, 90 CT and smaller are the best values
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality and pricing are good	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Reds and Whites
 CARROTS	Quality and pricing are good	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good	 SQUASH	Quality is fair, pricing is higher on Zucchini and Yellow
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher, 5x6 and smaller Rounds are the best value

