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Top 5 Five

apples brighten your winter menus



1. COLLARD GREENS & KALE **ALERT!**

Supplies are short due to limited raw product supply.

2. MUSHROOMS **ALERT!**

Supplies are short from storms disrupting composting and logistics between facilities.

3. ONIONS—GREEN **ALERT!**

The market is active due to short supplies from cold weather.

4. PEAS—SNOW & SNAP **ALERT!**

Demand will be stronger due to the Mexico freeze.

5. PEPPERS—GREEN **ALERT!**

The market is active with short supplies expected the next couple of weeks.

Outlook

WEST COAST

The western U.S. remains inundated with rain from consecutive storms, some even reaching the desert growing region. Sunny weather is forecasted for next week, bringing relief.

MEXICO

Winter storms in Mexico are bringing cold temps to higher elevations and the desert regions as it accumulates in Central Mexico—bringing rain to the region as well.

EAST COAST

South FL will experience a brief cold snap this week, warm up over the weekend, then repeat the same weather pattern again next week. Expect a slight decrease in production due to brief cold snaps hitting the south FL growing area.

asparagus **ALERT!**

Very little volume from Mexico, with even less production from Peru as their season wanes—expect fair to poor quality at best. Overall, supplies will continue to be very tight for at least 7-10 days.

avocados

Quality is good from Mexico. Demand is good from promotions planned for Big Game ads.

beans—green

Supplies and quality remain good from FL.

berries—black, blue, & raspberry

Blueberries: Product from South America may have occasional fruit rot due to long transit times and delays in offloading. **Blackberries & Raspberries:** Mostly good offshore fruit quality—watch for overripe fruit from long transit times. Supplies are good and markets steady.

berries—strawberry

Consecutive rain storms out west continue to hamper harvesting operations as growers in Oxnard cancel harvesting. Watch for white shoulders, wet packs, and pin rot. Light, but steady, supplies expected from FL and Mexico for the next 2 weeks due to cooler wet weather. The market is steady.

broccoli & cauliflower **ALERT!**

Broccoli: Quality is fair to good with the market active due to lighter supplies. **Cauliflower:** Quality is good and improving. The market is high and supplies limited for the next 7-14 days.

celery **ALERT!**

Mostly good quality with occasional discoloration. Markets are active due to lighter supplies. The forecast is light for next 2-3 weeks.

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CITRUS

Lemons & Oranges: The market is coming down on several lemon sizes, grades, and Navel oranges. Rain could delay harvesting and deplete inventories pushing markets up. Quality is very good. **Limes:** Quality is fair with occasional discoloration and mostly larger counts. Diesel shortages are affecting transport.

CUCUMBERS **ALERT!**

The market is active from short supplies as FL production winds down and moves to Honduran imports with very good quality. Mexican production is improving and quality is good to fair, but hindered from rain and cold weather. Expect supplies to be short for at least 2 weeks.

EGGPLANT

Supplies are tight from south FL from cold, with more Choice available than Fancy and more pronounced quality issues. Expect stronger markets due to the freeze in Mexico.

GRAPES

CA storage quality is fair at best with soft fruit and ambers. New crop fruit from South America is nice, but demand exceeds supply. Grapes on both coasts are delayed as much as six days.

LETTUCE-ICEBERG, LEAF, AND ROMAINE **ALERT!**

Markets are active on iceberg and green/red leaf, but romaine is in good supply. Increased quality concerns are due to icy conditions.

MELONS **ALERT!**

Honeydews are in demand exceeds supply as Honeydew production out of Honduras has been hit with quality issues. Guatemalan production is battling weaker fields, and Mexican production is very short.

Cantaloupe arrivals are steady with sizes trending medium to small (12/15s). Fruit larger than 9ct is very limited. Better supplies, and the market has adjusted lower.

ONIONS **ALERT!**

The demand is good and the market strong. **Green onion** markets are short due to cold weather.

PEPPERS **ALERT!**

Green pepper: The market is high, but steady, as new FL fields begin. Mostly large sizes with Medium, Choice, and Suntan limited with fair quality. Short supplies are expected the next couple of weeks. **Red pepper** volume and quality has improved from increased imports and the coloring up of peppers in the Mexican greenhouses. Quality is fair to good.

POTATOES

Occasional quality issues.

SQUASH **ALERT!**

The market is very active and demand exceeds supply due to Mexican weather. Quality is mostly fair to poor and supplies are expected to remain short for 10-14 days. Supplies are limited from cooler temps in south FL, expect to see more scarring, discoloration, and off-sizing, with better quality in zucchini reported.

TOMATOES **ALERT!**

East: The market is steady. Cool weather continues to limit Immokalee supplies. Sizing on small fruit has become active, but large fruit supplies are average. The Roma and grape tomato market has weakened, but cherry tomatoes remain active. West: Volume out of Nogales continues to improve on all varieties, but strong demand has kept the market from making the downturn.

Reality Check

VEGETABLES	Supply				Price					
	HIGH	INCREASING	AVG	DECREASING	LOW	HIGH	INCREASING	AVG	DECREASING	LOW
Asparagus										
Beans - Green										
Broccoli										
Cabbage										
Carrots										
Cauliflower										
Celery										
Corn										
Cucumbers										
Eggplant										
Herbs - Cilantro										
Lettuce - Iceberg										
Lettuce - Leaf G/R										
Lettuce - Romaine										
Lettuce - Spring Mix										
Mushrooms										
Onions - Green										
Onions - Red										
Onions - Yellow										
Peas - Snow/Snap										
Peppers - Chiles										
Peppers - Green (e)										
Peppers - Green (w)										
Peppers - R/Y (e)										
Peppers - R/Y (w)										
Potatoes - Russet										
Potatoes - R/W/Yuk										
Potatoes - Yams										
Spinach										
Squash - Yellow (w)										
Squash - Zucchini (w)										
Squash - Yellow (e)										
Squash - Zucchini (e)										
Tomatoes - Gr/Ch										
Tomatoes - Roma										
Tomatoes - Round										
FRUITS										
Apples										
Avocados										
Bananas										
Berries - Blackberry										
Berries - Blueberry										
Berries - Raspberry										
Berries - Strawberry										
Citrus - Grapefruit										
Citrus - Lemons										
Citrus - Limes										
Citrus - Oranges										
Grapes - Green										
Grapes - Red										
Kiwifruit										
Melons - C/H										
Melons - Watermelon										
Pears										
Pineapple										

e= east w= west

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