



FRESH NEWS

Iceberg & Leaf Lettuce

Iceberg: Good availability and quality.

Romaine: Average supplies.

Romaine Hearts: Good supplies.

Green and Red Leaf: Average supplies.



Broccoli, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery

Broccoli: Light supplies.

Carrots: Good availability. Light supply of plugs.

Cauliflower: Light supplies. Steady market.

Celery: Prices are considered moderate to high depending on size. 24s and 30s are less.



Mixed Vegetables

Artichokes: Good supplies in all sizes of seeded and Green Globe. Production is heavier on the large and extra-large sizes (12-24). The medium to smaller range of sizes (30-loose pack) are lighter. Quality is excellent with good green color and tight compact head shape.

Asparagus: Limited availability. Transition to Washington State soon.

Bok Choy: Good supplies in Central California.

Cilantro: Good supplies.

Fennel/Anise: Good supplies and quality.

Garlic: The availability situation for late season storage crop garlic is deteriorating; prices are moving higher for peeled garlic products. Processors prefer to peel late variety garlic that will become available in late July. If current storage inventories become depleted, processors will be forced to peel early variety in early July, which is less desirable in terms of appearance.

Green Cabbage: Adequate supplies for west coast demand.

Red Cabbage: Supplies have increased and should continue to do so into next week.

Green Onions: Average supplies.

Kale (Green): Average supplies.

Napa: Good supplies and quality.



Weekly Produce Market Update

Parsley (Curly): Light supplies.

Parsley (Italian): Supplies are increasing and may continue as warmer weather approaches.

Snow and Sugar Snap Peas: Good supplies on snow and sugar snap peas. Central California is now the primary region, followed by Baja California and Guatemala.

Spinach (Baby): Good availability and quality.

Spinach (Bunched): Steady supplies with good demand. Quality is good with large and full dark green bunches, measuring 9-11 inches in length and case weights ranging from 20-22 lbs.

Spring Mix: Good supplies and quality.

Arugula: Good availability with no quality issues to report.

Mache: Adequate supplies.



Berries

Strawberries: Santa Maria strawberry production continues with steady harvests. Improved harvests have led to lower prices. Stem strawberries are available, primarily in Watsonville and Salinas.

Raspberries: Raspberry harvests have improved in California. Prices have come down as well. Northern California raspberry production volume is expected to increase significantly by late May.

Blackberries: Northern California blackberry harvests have improved somewhat. Prices have begun to drop.

Blueberries: California blueberries are being harvested with good quality and improved supply. Prices have dropped somewhat.



Eastern & Western Vegetables

Green and Red Bell Peppers: Steady supplies from Mexico and Oxnard.

Cucumbers: Plentiful supplies in the West with a wide range in quality.

Green Beans: Adequate supplies.

Eggplant: Plentiful availability in Florida, good supplies Coachella.



Onions

Onions: Market is steady on all colors. No jumps in pricing are expected; demand and available supplies are about equal.



Potatoes

Market is slightly stronger principally because of shorter supplies but not demand.

Avocados

Avocados: Good supplies on Mexican Avocados for larger sizes. Harvest in California has been increasing though sizing is still very small (60s smaller).



Tomatoes

Round/Roma: Plentiful supplies of round and roma tomatoes in the West (Northern Mexico, Baja California, Southern California). Prices are near the price floor as set by the Tomato Suspension Agreement with Mexico. All sizes are available, with large sizes (4x5, 4x5) commanding a moderate premium. Recent tight market conditions in Florida will soon be relieved, as inventories are beginning to be replenished.

Cherry/Grape: Steady availability.



Melons

Cantaloupe and Honeydew: Heavy production volume in the desert districts of California, Arizona and Mexico. Limited availability on small cantaloupes.

Watermelons: Prices remain firm, with strong demand for average production volume in Northern Mexico and the desert districts of Southern California.



Grapes & Soft Fruit

Grapes: Plentiful availability for Flame seedless in Coachella and Nogales; adequate supplies for green seedless (Perlette, Sugarone). Crimson seedless grapes from Chile are finished.

Peaches, Plums, and Nectarines: Good availability of apricots and nectarines, light supplies on peaches. Availability has tightened on California cherries for late week shipping.



Apples & Pears

Movement for all remaining varieties is steady. Prices have advanced on various sizes and grades. All prices are subject to availability. Expect this trend to continue until the end of the season. Pink Lady's, Honey Crisp and Cameos are winding down. Galas, Grannys, Braeburns and Crisps are available. Prices remain steady. Fancy grade is practically nonexistent. Oregon pears will be finished for the season next week.



Citrus

Oranges: By month end, late Navels will be finished. Quality is good with excellent flavor. Pricing remains strong for residual supplies. Pricing is moderate.

Limes (Persian): Fruit size has improved; heavy to 200- 175-150 on volume, 110s and 250s will be tighter. Quality is very good.

Grapefruit: Texas grapefruit is almost finished. A full range of sizes is available on California reds. Limited availability on white grapefruit.

Specialty Citrus Items: Demand remains strong for W. Murcotts as season is nearly finished. Demand for Ojai Pixie tangerines continues strong. Hearty demand continues for Gold Nuggets, and quality is excellent.

Pineapple: Seasonal supplies available and loading in L.A. There is a wide range in the market depending on Country of origin, quality and age. Availability is limited on Hawaiian 7 & 8s in Los Angeles and Seattle. Costa Rica supplies still light, a few more 8s showing up. Mexican fruit is running larger.

