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Weekly Newsletter

for the week of
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donut peach

asparagus

Overall, supplies are steady from the major growing areas. Quality is above average.

avocados

Mexican quality is excellent with lighter (but decent) volume. CA fruit quality is very good to excellent. Peru, Mexico, and CA are all running 48ct, with little to speak of in other sizes.

beans, green

Bean supplies are tightening up but steady due to weather conditions in TX and GA; the beans that we are accepting are still very sortable to standards with some wind scar and clusters.

berries—black, blue ALERT, & raspberry

Blueberries ALERT: Supplies are shorter with a gap coming. Quality has been good to very good. Blackberries & Raspberries: Supply is shifting towards CA and away from Mexico. Supplies are good.

berries—strawberry

Sizing is beginning to open up, and we are finally seeing some smaller fruit mixed in with the large ones. Occasional defects are due to insect and mechanical damage. Supplies are steady.

broccoli & cauliflower

Overall, markets are coming down slightly. Broccoli: Quality is fair to good from all growing regions. Cauliflower: Quality varies as does availability through the industry; color is a light to yellow cream color when available.

celery

Quality is improved, now that Salinas has begun harvest, with occasional under-sizing in the new crop. Markets are coming down slightly.

citrus ALERT

Lemons ALERT: Demand exceeds supply on all sizes of lemons. Supplies are lower and prices high. Limes: Quality is good with mostly smaller sizing (higher count) new crop fruit. **Oranges ALERT:** Navel are done as the final growers finish up; the industry is transitioning to Valencia's with 88, 113, and 138's peeking.

cucumbers

GA has good volume and quality, but the recent rain could cause issues with quality.

eggplant

Fancy and choice eggplant is readily available in GA; volume and quality are good. Supplies are low in the west, and prices are increasing.

grapes

Quality is good from the new domestic crop; sugars are beginning to increase, thanks to warming temperatures inland.

lettuce

Iceberg: Quality is good with a mostly light green color. Issues noted are fringe and wind burn, insect pressure, and some week tip. Markets are unsettled. Leaf: Quality is very good, defects due to mildew and mechanical damage. Romaine: Good quality in the commodity pack, defects are due to fringe burn and insect damage. Processed romaine also looks very nice.

melons

Good supplies of large cantaloupes; small sizes (12-count) are very short. Quality looks good to excellent out of all desert districts. Honeydew supplies are very light due to fewer planted in the desert and heavier towards the 5/6 ct profile. Quality from both desert and Mexico is mixed.

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Supplies are available from several areas. The main shipping points are NM /CA; quality and size is good from both locations.

peppers

In the West, the green bell market is very active with very little being harvested out of Bakersfield, but will pick up next week. Red and gold bells will be plentiful out of Coachella, but will ease up next week. In the East, rain in GA has put a small stop to production, but the hot and dry weekend should put them back in business. There may be some bruising in the pepper in the coming week due to the rain.

potatoes

Overall quality is good with some internal issues.

squash ALERT

In the West, supplies are low with a slow start to the West Coast production due to inconsistent weather patterns. In the East, squash volume has slowed slightly with rain and cooler weather, but the market should remain steady for at least the next 10 days.

tomatoes—cherry & grape

North FL crops are running smoothly and western production is leveling as well. Markets are stable for the moment.

tomatoes—roma & round

FL crops are finishing quickly, but north FL/south GA and SC are gearing up to be in full production the next 10–14 days. CA crops are also 10–14 days out, so markets should remain steady, yet elevated, until the new volume starts.

Top 5 Five

1. BLUEBERRIES **ALERT!**

Supplies are shorter with a gap coming.

2. BRUSSELS **ALERT!** SPROUTS

Markets are short due to strong demand and lighter supplies.

3. CITRUS— **ALERT!** LEMONS & ORANGES

Sizing will be a challenge this season.

4. GARLIC **ALERT!**

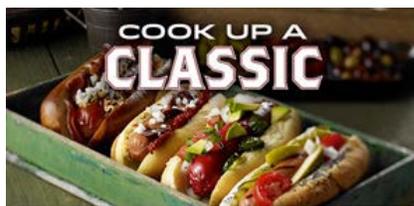
Supply will be your biggest concern.

5. SQUASH **ALERT!**

Western markets will be active on yellow and zucchini for the next 7–10 days.

VEGETABLES	Supply			Price		
	HIGH INCREASING	AVG DECREASING	LOW	HIGH INCREASING	AVG DECREASING	LOW
Asparagus	•					•
Green Beans		•				
Broccoli		•				•
Collabage		•				•
Carrots	•					•
Cauliflower		•				•
Celery		•				•
Com		•				•
Cucumbers		•				•
Eggplant		•				•
Herbs-Cilantro		•				•
Lettuce - Iceberg		•				•
Lettuce - Leaf (G/R)		•				•
Lettuce - Romaine		•				•
Lettuce - Spring Mix		•				•
Mushrooms		•				•
Onions - Yellow		•				•
Onions - Red		•				•
Onions - Green		•				•
Peas - Snow/Snap		•				•
Peppers - Chiles		•				•
Peppers - Green		•				•
Peppers - R/Y		•				•
Potatoes - Russet		•				•
Potatoes - R/W/Yuk		•				•
Potatoes - Yarns		•				•
Spinach		•				•
Squash - Yellow		•				•
Squash - Zucchini		•				•
Tomatoes - Round		•				•
Tomatoes - Roma		•				•
Tomatoes - Grape/Cherry		•				•
FRUIT						
Apples		•				•
Avocados		•				•
Bananas		•				•
Berries - Blackberries		•				•
Berries - Blueberries		•				•
Berries - Raspberries		•				•
Berries - Strawberries		•				•
Citrus - Grapefruit		•				•
Citrus - Lemons		•				•
Citrus - Limes		•				•
Citrus - Oranges		•				•
Grapes - Green		•				•
Grapes - Red		•				•
Kiwifruit		•				•
Melons - [C/H]		•				•
Melons - Watermelon		•				•
Pears		•				•
Pineapple		•				•

Item of the Week



- 53692 **Apple Smoked Bacon Layout 18/22 1/15lb**
- 29637 **Smoked Rope Sausage 1/10lb**
- 67090 **Buffet Ham 95% Lean 2/10lb**
- 39602 **Diced Ham 1/4" 2/5lb**
- 37911 **All Beef Hot Dogs 4-1 1/10lb**
- 37416 **All Beef Hot Dogs 8-1 1/10lb**
- 39438 **Bone In Pork Chop 4oz 1/10lb**
- 24026 **Breakfast Sausage Link Skinless Raw 1oz 1/10lb**
- 6767 **Breakfast Sausage Link w/Casing Raw 2oz 1/10lb**
- 31625 **Breakfast Sausage Patty Whole Hog Raw 2oz1/10lb**

Grocery Market NEWS

ITEM	PRICE CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
Chicken WOGS	No change
Chicken Breast Fresh Sized	Up
Chicken Breast Fresh Random	Up
Chicken Breast Frozen Sized	Up
Chicken Wings	Up
Eggs - Large	No change
Eggs - XLarge	No change
Bacon	Up
Cheese Block	Up
Cheese Barrel	Up
Butter	Up