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## Market Alerts

**Apples – Honeycrisp/Gala** apples are in high demand, but volume is limited. 113-150ct sizes are also limited, on most varieties, due to bag demand.

**Asparagus** – Plenty of asparagus in multiple locations.

**Avocados** – With Mexico pacing the harvest and Peruvian arrivals delayed, the market has firmed up on large sizes fruit. Availability on 48's and larger will tighten up out of Mexico. California not slowing down, good availability this week.

**Bell Peppers** – Some weaker markets on red, stronger on green and yellow.

**Berries (Blackberries)** – Lower yields due to last weeks heat and rain have resulted in higher pricing.

**Berries (Blueberries)** – Good yields coming out of the Central Coast CA, as well as the Central Valley have combined to lower pricing.

**Berries (Raspberries)** – Lower yields due to last weeks heat and rain have resulted in higher pricing. Mexico numbers are on the decline as well.

**Berries (Strawberries)** – Low demand and higher yields are forcing markets lower.

**Carrots** – Smaller sizing in the Bakersfield new crop carrots are causing jumbo carrots and the cello carrots to be in tighter supplies and causing a slight rise in pricing.

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**Cauliflower** – Moderate to light supplies expected for the week. Sizing is heavier to twelve counts.

**Celery** – Good quality overall. Salinas will have some production this week and more next week. Southern California has good supplies.

**Cherries** – CA cherries are done for the most part. The Northwest started this week, but supplies are minimal on early varieties. Demand is high and so are prices.

**Citrus (Lemons)** – Steady supplies on all sizes with good quality. Markets are starting to firm up on the larger sizes.

**Citrus (Limes)** – Good supplies this week, quality looks great. Markets coming off, lots of opportunities to push limes out.

**Citrus (Oranges)** – Navel demand is very strong with supplies winding down. Opportunity buys on large sized fruit. Valencia's are also available and supplies improving on small sizes.

**Eggplant** – Better availability on larger eggplant.

**Garlic** – Shippers have light availability.

**Grapes (Green)** – All Mexican fruit now. Supplies are improving.

**Grapes (Red)** – All Mexican fruit. Supplies remain limited, but will improve.

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**Green Onions** – Offers are out for volume type orders. Good availability for the week.

**Kale** – No issues, ample supplies to fill all orders.

**Lettuce Iceberg** – Some suppliers are better off than others. There is a gap in pricing in the marketplace. Puffiness and discoloration has been reported due to excessive warm temperatures.

**Lettuce Leaf & Tender Leaf** – Good supplies expected all week.

**Melons (Cantalope)** – Market remains strong but availability has improved. Domestic fruit has sized up making small sized fruit very limited. Mexico winding down and done by this week.

**Melons (Honeydew)** – Market remains strong availability is improving. Domestic fruit has started to size up making smaller sized fruit very limited. Mexico tapering off and done in a few weeks. Mexican fruit showing great quality while domestic is just fair.

**Melons (Watermelon)** – Market remains strong and demand continues to increase. With 4th of July around the corner, market will continue to strengthen.

**Onions** - Onion markets are leveling off as California and New Mexico continue to improve on supplies. California Valley has started up and New Mexico is seeing more suppliers come on board. Washington will finish this week with mainly jumbo yellow and jumbo red left.

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## Market Alerts Cont.

**Pears** – WA Pear season (**Anjou**) is winding down and volume is tightening up. Very few **FANCY** grade available; **US#1** will need to be subbed. With CA getting started on domestic **Barts/Bosc** mid-July, we may see a gap between WA and CA growing regions.

**Pineapples** – Steady supplies on crown fruit. Crownless supplies are in better shape moving forward. Good supplies on organics.

**Potatoes** – Idaho markets are relatively steady with the exception of the slow climb on larger 40ct through 70ct sizes. Demand remains active on consumer bags. **Norkotah** supplies are light and look to finish in the next 7-10 days.

**Squash** – Strong markets due to lighter availability.

**Stone Fruit** – Plenty of volume and promotional opportunities available.

**Tomatoes** – The market remains strong while fields continue to transition. Central Florida is near the end of their crop. Quincy Florida and South Carolina will be in production by the end of the week. California will be harvesting the San Joaquin Valley by mid month. Mainland Mexico is also transitioning to Baja. Supply will begin to improve over the next 7 to 10 days helping to ease the market as soon as next week.

## Weather Updates

**California** – Low pressure brings seasonable temperatures and a return of the marine layer along the coast.

**Mexico** – Generally seasonal temperatures look to continue across Central Mexico

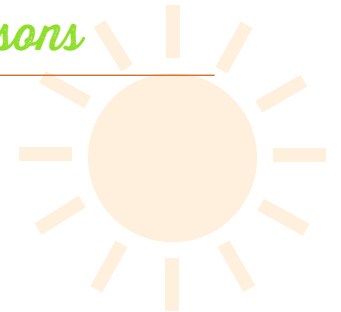
**Florida** – Widespread moderate to heavy showers across the region into next week. Also watching a tropical storm likely to impact the region next week.

## Peak Seasons

**Avocados**

**Blueberries**

**Strawberries**







































## Freight Update

Truck availability in California and the Northwest remains steady. The National Average remained steady and is currently 2.386 per gallon.



# Commodities at a Glance

 Apples	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Celery	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Lettuce Leaf	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 Asparagus	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Citrus (Lemons)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Lettuce tender leaf	Quality is good pricing is steady
 Avocado	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 Citrus (Limes)	Quality is good, pricing is lower	 Melon (cantaloupe)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Bell Peppers	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Citrus (Oranges)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 Melon (honeydew)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 Berries (blackberries)	Quality is fair, pricing is hairer	 Cucumbers	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Melon (watermelon)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Berries (blueberries)	Quality is good, pricing is lower	 Eggplant	Quality is good, pricing is lower	 Onions	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 Berries (raspberries)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 Garlic	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Pears	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 Berries (strawberries)	Quality is good, pricing is lower	 Grapes (Green)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Pineapples	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 Broccoli	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 Grapes (Red)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Potatoes	Quality is good, pricing steady
 Brussels Sprouts	Quality is good, pricing is lower	 Green Onions	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Squash	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Carrots	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 Kale	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Stone Fruit	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Cauliflower	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 Lettuce Iceberg	Quality is fair, pricing is steady	 Tomatoes	Quality is good, pricing is steady

