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Weather Update

A fast-moving cold front rolls through California mid-week with heavy showers as the system taps into tropical moisture from the Central Pacific Ocean. The next system arrives over the weekend with long-range forecasts expecting back to back storm systems set up to arrive every couple of days into mid-March. Seasonal to above average temperatures will continue across Central and Northern Mexico through next week. The Southwestern desert regions will see gusty winds, minor cooling and a light chance of showers as the numerous storms systems in the pipeline pass to the north. Seasonal temperatures along with showers mainly across the interior and eastern half of Florida mid-week followed by weak ridging late this week. The next cold front pushes through the area early next week followed by cooler temperatures and gusty winds through the week.



Market Alerts

Apples: Small sizes of Granny Smith and Gold apples continue to be very limited. Markets are higher.

Avocado (California): With the smaller crop, along with the ongoing labor shortages, many growers will likely hold off on a full on harvest and wait for a market opportunity.

Bell Peppers (Eastern): The green bell pepper pricing is going to get higher as the week goes on.

Berries (Strawberries): The Strawberry market in all three current growing regions will be on the rise with limited availability through the end of the month.

Cucumbers (Eastern): look for sharp increases in pricing by the end of this week.

Eggplant (Eastern): Eggplant quality is fair at best.

Lettuce Iceberg: Blister and peel reported by all shippers with this commodity.

Potatoes: Russet 60 count and larger limited out of Idaho

Squash (Eastern): Watch for pricing to rise as the week goes on.



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Truckin' Along

California and Yuma trucks remain plentiful again this week. Washington apple trucks are plentiful as well. Idaho potato and onion trucks remain steady. The national average on diesel rose slightly this week and is currently at 3.048 per gallon. California prices are up slightly as well and are now at 3.772 per gallon. Crude oil prices remained steady and are currently at 55.99 per barrel.

U.S. On-Highway Diesel Fuel Prices* (dollars per gallon)

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| | 02/11/19 | 02/18/19 | 02/25/19 | Change from | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | | | | week ago | year ago |
| U.S. | 2.966 | 3.006 | 3.048 | ↑ 0.042 | ↑ 0.041 |
| East Coast (PADD1) | 3.031 | 3.073 | 3.094 | ↑ 0.021 | ↑ 0.037 |
| New England (PADD1A) | 3.161 | 3.165 | 3.171 | ↑ 0.006 | ↑ 0.044 |
| Central Atlantic (PADD1B) | 3.225 | 3.256 | 3.286 | ↑ 0.030 | ↑ 0.031 |
| Lower Atlantic (PADD1C) | 2.872 | 2.927 | 2.949 | ↑ 0.022 | ↑ 0.043 |
| Midwest (PADD2) | 2.849 | 2.904 | 2.969 | ↑ 0.065 | ↑ 0.022 |
| Gulf Coast (PADD3) | 2.776 | 2.809 | 2.849 | ↑ 0.040 | ↑ 0.052 |
| Rocky Mountain (PADD4) | 2.870 | 2.887 | 2.913 | ↑ 0.026 | ↓ -0.023 |
| West Coast (PADD5) | 3.435 | 3.458 | 3.493 | ↑ 0.035 | ↑ 0.096 |
| West Coast less California | 3.084 | 3.104 | 3.141 | ↑ 0.037 | ↑ 0.077 |
| California | 3.714 | 3.739 | 3.772 | ↑ 0.033 | ↑ 0.112 |

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Apples: Peak production of red variety apples is currently available.

Transitions & Temperatures

Berries (Strawberries): Central Mexico and Baja will be slowly on the decline in production depending on how mother nature treats the growing areas for the next three weeks .

Lettuce Iceberg: Huron will begin production in late March.

Onions: Mexico has started to cross White, Red and Sweet Yellow onions into the U.S.

Pears: We are currently transitioning into Chilean fruit.

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APPLES

There has not been much change with apple supplies or markets over the last week. In Washington, we are seeing fairly consistent supplies across the board with the exception of Granny Smith and Gold. These varieties are exceptionally snug on smaller sized fruit and markets have been higher and firm. We have seen some more aggressive pricing on red varieties in particular size ranges to move volume. Overall markets have been fairly consistent with little change. Quality is being reported as very strong on all varieties. We expect supply and demand to remain consistent over the next few weeks until we see warmer weather. On the east coast, we have seen better availability of smaller sizes, steady market prices, and good quality.



ASPARAGUS

Caborca continues to have lower yields due to past cold fronts. We are expecting to see an improvement in supply going into this weekend as the weather outlook is decent with warmer nights as well as afternoons. Markets firmed up a little this week as there were lighter supplies to start the week. Overall demand continues to be steady on both coasts.



AVOCADO (CALIFORNIA)

There is a very small amount of California fruit on the market. Fruit is still very young and green. California growers consider the current market weak and will hold off on a full-on harvest until there is a market opportunity. The winter rains have been good for the California crop as growers have not had to irrigate over the recent months. That rain will help bring on larger fruit. The duration of the season is set to be shorter than last year as production will be down about 50%. With cooler temps in the previous months, along with wildfires the previous year, likely also contributed to the low forecast. Last years heat wave was also a major factor. Temps reached well over 100 degrees and got as high as 117. California current year over year is down 87%.



AVOCADO (MEXICAN)

Field prices continue to strengthen this week. Strong demand on fruit 48s and smaller. Harvest in Mexico remain steady and demand keeping pace. #2 grade fruit makes up roughly 20% of the current pack. We tend to see more fruit with External defects at this point in the season as fruit has hung on the trees longer and has been exposed to mother nature for longer than early season fruit. Keep Holy Week (April 14-20th) in mind, as we know that Mexico will have little to no harvest for that week. Mexican fruit ripens with dark skin and is eating excellent.



BELL PEPPERS (EASTERN)

Green bell pepper supply is steady in Florida, demand is picking up. Cold weather in Mexico is slowing production and new acreage in Florida will not start for a few weeks. The pepper market has been weak for the past month and now that retail prices have come down to a more reasonable level demand is picking up. Quality is still good in most areas but growers are packing a larger percentage of smaller fruit reducing overall volume. We look for pricing to rise as the week goes on and less supply for the next two weeks.



BELL PEPPERS (WESTERN)

Green Bell Pepper – Light volume of green bell pepper arriving in Nogales. Cold temperature in the Sonora growing area and cooler temperatures in the Sinaloa growing area this past week has slowed down production to begin the week. Warmer temperatures in both growing district this week is expected to increase supplies and sizing. Quality on green bells from both regions are good. Mostly small, medium and choice grade being packed. Demand currently exceeds supply on all sizes of green bells. Market on Green bells has increased after supplies have decreased. Green bell pepper from Mexico are also available to load in McAllen, TX.

Red Bell Pepper – Extremely short supply of Red Bell pepper available to load in Nogales, AZ from Mexico. The price on the red bell peppers has increased over the past week. Light volume available to load on both Elongated and Hot House bells in all pack styles. Lower numbers on both varieties of red bells expected to continue through the week. Quality of red bells on both varieties continues to be good. Red bell supplies from Mexico are currently crossing through Nogales, AZ, and McAllen, TX.

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BELL PEPPERS (WESTERN) CONT.

Yellow Bell Pepper – Very light volume of Yellow Bell pepper is crossing through Nogales this week. Growers transitioning from older fields and cooler weather in the Sinaloa growing district has slowed down production. Both elongated and Hot House varieties being packed in light volume on 11lb/15lb and 1 1/9 bushel carton. Quality on both varieties is good. Demand exceeds supply. Market on yellow bell remains high this week. Yellow Hot House bells are also available to load in McAllen, TX.



BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)

Blackberries are in steady supplies crossing into Texas from Mexico. Quality has started to improve after some shippers were reporting a good amount of red cell defect caused by rain. Look for the market to increase slightly as production and crossings slowly decline.



BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)

Blueberries are in good supplies out of both Mexico and Chile. The market remains steady and there are several pack styles to choose from. Quality remains good while Mexican fruit is commanding a slight premium due to less transit time eating away at shelf life.



BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)

Raspberries are in good production out of Mexico with quality being reported as good. Delays in transfers arriving from the border are causing some temporary shortages. The market remains steady.



BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)

The markets are active this week after last weeks slump in demand. California is still experiencing colder temperatures with chances of light rain on Wednesday and a heavier front on Friday. The harvest remains light in Oxnard and Santa Maria has just started to scratch the surface of the upcoming season. Look for markets to increase moving into the region with fewer numbers of open market fruit available. Quality is nice and improving as we look for rains to subside and temperatures to increase next week.

Florida markets are experiencing an uptick due mostly to the placement of ad commitments coming into effect and the decline in yields. This decline has been caused by adverse weather in previous weeks. Quality is still good although plants are producing lower yields. Look for this market to continue to be stronger into the week.

Mexican fruit coming into the Texas area for distribution is declining in numbers as quality begins to be an issue. Rains in some of the growing areas combined with the natural aging of this crops growth cycle are resulting in lesser shippable fruit. This reduction in production has caused the market to go up in Texas and has also incurred greater demand and firmer markets in the other berry growing regions. Overall look for all markets to remain firm through the end of the month.



BROCCOLI

The broccoli market continues to get tighter from the colder and wet weather we've recently experienced. Weather looks to be cooler the next few days in all areas slowing down the growth process. Next weeks weather in Yuma looks to warm up to the mid 70's. Look for supplies to get a little better with improved weather. Quality is good with slight purpling, some mechanical damage, and occasional yellow cast.

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BRUSSELS SPROUTS

The Brussels Sprout market continues to remain snug with supply being affected by the recent rains. The quality has been affected by the rain and cold weather and sizing tend to run smaller due to this recent colder weather. Look for the Brussels Sprout market to remain tight going into next week.



CARROTS

The carrot market continues to remain steady. The quality is good, and supplies are adequate to meet current demand. We see no change in the carrot market going into next week.



CAULIFLOWER

Cauliflower continues to be extremely short as we are in a demand exceeds situation. The market continues to get stronger as suppliers are battling lower yields. The Yuma weather has been cooler resulting in a slower growth process. Overall, the quality is good with minor bruising and some yellow cast with weights in the 25 to 28-pound level. Look for this market to continue to be tight going into next week.



CELERY

This celery market continues to be very active. Demand exceeds supplies. Second tier escalators are in effect on value-added items. Rain and cool temperatures continue to be a regularity in Oxnard/Santa Maria. The poor weather has altered the growth of this commodity. Production in Yuma is minimal. Common defects reported from suppliers include leafy tops, insect damage, pith and bowing. The quality is fair. Light availability will continue for two weeks, minimum.



CHILI PEPPERS

Jalapenos – Steady supply of Jalapeno available to load in Nogales, AZ from Mexico. Growers continue to harvest jalapeno out of the Sonora and in Northern/Southern Sinaloa. Quality out of Sonora is Good. Quality out of Sinaloa is good. Mostly medium to large size available from both growing regions. Market on jalapeno is steady and is expected to remain steady through the week. Jalapenos from Mexico also available to load in McAllen, Texas.

Pasilla – Good supply of Pasilla available to load in Nogales, AZ from Mexico. Good volume continues to be seen this week and should continue through next week. Quality on Pasilla is good. Size on the pepper currently ranges from Medium to Extra Large. Market on Pasilla is currently steady. Price on Pasilla pepper is expected to decrease moving towards the end of this week. Pasilla crossing through Nogales is being harvested in the Mexican states of Sinaloa. Quality from Sinaloa is good. Pasilla from Mexico also available to load in McAllen, Texas.

Anaheim – Good supply of Anaheim continues to be available to load in Nogales, AZ from Mexico. Good Anaheim production expected through next week. Anaheim crossing through Nogales is currently being harvested in the Mexican states of Sinaloa. Quality of peppers from Sinaloa is good with mostly large size being packed. Market on Anaheim is slightly higher and is expected to increase slightly moving into March. Anaheim from Mexico also available to load in McAllen, Texas.

Serrano – Consistent supplies of Serrano peppers available to load in Nogales, from Mexico. Serrano supplies expected to remain consistent throughout the week. Supply on Serrano this week meets demand. The production on serrano is slightly increasing. Price on Serrano pepper is steady on a 40lb box and #10lb Pack and is expected to remain steady through the week. Moderate supplies of Serrano also crossing into McAllen, Texas.

Tomatillo – Good volume on Husk and Peeled tomatillos are available to load in Nogales, from Mexico. Good supplies on both varieties expected to continue through the week. The tomatillo market is steady. Prices remain steady in the low teens. Quality on both varieties is currently good. Both varieties of tomatillos also available to load in McAllen, Texas.

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CILANTRO

The Cilantro market continues to remain steady in Yuma and Mexico. The cilantro quality is good and has been affected a bit by the colder weather at the beginning of January. Look for the cilantro market to continue to remain steady going into next week.



CITRUS (LEMONS)

District 3 (Coachella/Mecca/Yuma) is extremely limited and looking to end this week. Only a handful of suppliers have limited supplies. District 1&2 (Central Valley & Southern California Coastal Region) is coming along nicely and peaking on 75ct/95ct/115ct. Due to the recent weather, the smaller size fruit 140's and smaller is looking to tighten up for the next couple months. The rain and cold weather brought on the larger fruit and smaller fruit is staying limited on sizing and green on the trees. Current markets are looking steady, normal business on small fruit looks steady for now but could get snug with the upcoming rain.



CITRUS (LIMES)

The market seems to be fairly steady this week with more shipments from Mexico crossing. There was some weakening at the end of last week, Mexico has more #2 quality fruit coming over and that is having a bit of an impact on some markets. The coasts are starting to pull limes from South Texas due to this mixed quality. Sizing is still heavier to smalls as we are still at the beginning of new crop. Reports from Mexico are that March will be a very short month on quantities. We are advising customers to avoid running lime ads for March due to unpredictable quantity and lack of commitments from the growers. Organics are very tight right now and will remain so through March.



CITRUS (ORANGES)

Navels are starting off the week with steady supplies, most suppliers made sure to pack ahead to get in front of the next storm. Depending on the amount of rain could affect delays with harvest. With export demand being very strong, the domestic supply will continue to be limited as long as we have rain in the forecast. March is a great month for CA Citrus – We are harvesting some of our best varieties/fruit of the season. Once the weather clears, we will be back to harvesting and packing daily. Fruit continues to peak on 72/88/113. Supplies of XL fruit will continue be limited for the next few weeks. Most suppliers are holding off promotable opportunities until they build inventory supplies. We encourage orders to be placed at least 48 hours in advance to help allocate orders. Color and flavor are excellent, brix averages are climbing to 13-14 as we are into some of our best varieties of the season with great quality. The pack has been majority fancy grade with limited choice grade availability. We still have plenty of Delite Mandarins that are peaking on 32/28/24 followed by size 36. Plenty of Pummelos available sizing and quality look great. Cara Caras & Blood are moving along, plenty of supplies available. Golden Nugget mandarins have started and are delicious, reach out for pricing.



CUCUMBERS (EASTERN)

Cold weather in Mexico has slowed production tremendously. Honduras shippers have slowed imports because of low prices in the U.S. and now they look to raise the market. The cucumber market has been showing signs of strengthening for a couple of weeks but it just hasn't materialized until now. Quality has been good but shippers will soon start winding down for the season and Florida growers were late planting so the potential for a gap in cucumber supply could happen in Mid-March.



CUCUMBERS (WESTERN)

Moderate supplies of cucumber is being harvested in Sinaloa this week. Supplies are expected to increase as warmer temperatures are being seen in the Sinaloa growing area. All sizes of cucumber available in 1 1/9 bushel pack this week along with 24ct and 36ct pack. The cucumber market has stabilized and is expected to remain steady through the remainder of the week. Quality out of Sinaloa is good.

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EGGPLANT (EASTERN)

Quality is the main concern with eggplant. The small acreage Florida growers are working with has been in production for some time and the quality is marginal, supply is minimal. Some of the consolidators in the state are bringing in Mexican product to supplement their business. Growers will continue to pack from the acreage they have been working with until the new spring crop begins in about two weeks. Demand has been weak on eggplant but supply will be less from Mexico with cooler weather slowing production. Product has been showing excessive scarring due to heavy winds the state has been receiving.



EGGPLANT (WESTERN)

Eggplant- Good supplies of eggplant continues to be harvested in the Mexican State of Sinaloa this week. Both fancy and choice grade currently being packed. Market on eggplant has increased on fancy grade pack and steady on choice grade. Quality on Fancy grade pack is fair to Good. Quality on Choice grade pack is also fair to good. Market on eggplant is expected to increase going into March.



GRAPES (GREEN)

Green grape supplies have finally started to improve. Volume is increasing week over week. We expect to see more fruit arrive this weekend. Orders can be filled on both coasts and market prices are in line in either location. We have seen prices gradually decline with another \$2 drop this week. As more fruit arrives, shippers will be looking to be more aggressive to move volume. Quality on the green grapes has been good with occasional reports of amber coloring. Moving forward for the remainder of the import season, we expect supplies to be steady and markets will level off in the next 2 weeks.



GRAPES (RED)

Red grape supplies have definitely improved this week. We saw good arrivals of fruit on both coasts this past weekend. We are finally seeing some smaller size grapes become available. Earlier in the season, we were limited to sizes L-XL; now we are seeing light volume of M/L red grapes become available. We expect more smaller sized grapes to arrive later this week. Quality has been good, but recently, we have seen some issues with mold and wet berries. This is due to the extended time it took for fruit to arrive and get unloaded. Moving forward, we expect supplies to remain steady and quality to improve. Market prices have started to decline. Again, as more smaller sized grapes become available, we will see more value prices fruit. The larger grapes have been slowly coming down and we expect to see another adjustment next week.



GREEN ONIONS

The Green Onion market continues to come off with the recent nice weather in Mexico. Currently, the weather has cooperated with a little more supplies coming on. This recent cold weather in January is causing occasional leaf minor and mechanical damage. The green onion market will continue to level off going into next week.



KALE

The kale market has started to come off this week as more supply has come on. Quality is fair with full bunches, and only an occasional yellow leaf being reported.

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LETTUCE ICEBERG

Demand exceeds supplies with this commodity. Cold temperatures and rain have combined to stop the growth of this product. Demand is very strong. Production is gapping with all suppliers. This will continue for two weeks minimum. Rains have subsided in Yuma and temperatures will be in the 80's all week. The damage to the plants, however, has turned this market upside down. Escalated pricing on value-added items will start this week. The quality of product continues to be fair. Value-added items will have shorter a shorter shelf life. Defects being reported by all shippers include blister and peel, mechanical, light weights, , misshapen heads and puffiness. This is industry wide issues with this commodity that all shippers are declaring. The weights on liner lettuce are averaging 36-43 pounds. Production in Yuma is expected the third to fourth week in March.



LETTUCE LEAF

Blister and peel continue to be the issue on romaine as well as all leaf items. This is an industry-wide issue. The market is very active. The weather in Yuma is going to be warm this week, but all leaf items have been severely affected by past rains and cold weather. Along with blister, common defects include mechanical, ribbiness, insect damage and discoloration. All of these defects are industry-wide issues. These issues will likely be seen throughout the rest of the Yuma season. Growers are attempting to clean up the product before it enters the box, but only so much can be done. Value-added items will have shorter shelf so please be aware. Customers need to be educated in knowing that the quality will be rough or the next 4-6 weeks.



LETTUCE TENDER LEAF

The Tender Leaf market has picked up on spring mix, arugula, baby spinach, and cello spinach. Quality issues are fair with minimal yellowing and bruising of the tender leaves. Look for these items to continue to remain active going into next week.



MELON (CANTALOUPE)

New arrivals will start to decrease over the next couple weeks with big retail promotions going into March. Honduras and Costa Rica are going into a temporary gap as they have completed their first cycle. Watch for small fruit (15s,18s) to shorten up during this time. Mostly larger fruit (J6s, J9s,9s) is what we will see for the next few weeks. With the shortage of small fruit and the retail pull, we can expect market prices to increase by the end of the week. Guatemala harvest is in its second cycle and seeing low yields. Overall shipments are down 28%.



MELON (HONEYDEW)

Both east and west volume should pick up in the short term with sizing being mostly geared toward larger sizes (4s/5s). Smaller sized fruit (8s/9s/10s) will be fetching a premium by the end of the week as small fruit percentages will shrink. Most suppliers are hitting their second cycle of harvest and hope to contain the whitefly as it has been an issue since the beginning of the offshore season. If your specs call for small fruit, would be a good idea to get ahead of it now. Quality has gotten better. Overall shipments are down 21%



MELON (WATERMELON)

Good supplies of watermelon available to load in Nogales, AZ. More shippers are receiving watermelon from Jalisco, Colima, and the southern Mexican growing area. The seedless watermelon market has begun to adjust down as better volume is now being harvested. Quality from the new watermelon crop is good.

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ONIONS

White onions continue to be very limited with a very strong market and fair quality. Mexico supplies have started to cross into the U.S. through Texas and will slowly increase in the coming weeks followed by red then yellow. Medium sized yellow and red will be scarce for the balance of the Northwest storage crop and command a higher market over the larger sizes. Overall quality remains good with occasional late storage translucency. A reminder that the translucency must be two full rings in order to be considered a quality defect. Proper air circulation in your onion holding rooms is essential this time of year.



PEARS

Domestic harvest of Washington Bartlett pears is now finished. Very little remaining inventory is being sold through this week. We can expect to transition into import Chilean crop next week. D'Anjou and Bosc varieties are in steady supply. Markets have been flat. Quality is being reported as strong.



PINEAPPLES

Supplies continue to improve and will continue to get better each week for the next month. Demand on the crownless has increased industry-wide and suppliers are doing their best to keep up with the current demand. Crownless supplies expected to start improving in a couple weeks. Current market prices on all sizes between \$10-\$12.



POTATOES

Russet potato carton market remains strong on 70 count and larger with limited availability. Smaller sizes remain steady with good volume. Norkotah variety is winding down and looks to finish for the season late March. Most suppliers in the Idaho region have switched to Burbanks with size profile dominant towards 80ct and smaller; very few 60 count and larger. Essentially the larger sized potatoes will be in limited supply until new crop Norkotah's hit the market in August. Quality issues are starting to show up including internal/external bruising, light hollow heart, external cuts, light peepers, and occasional soft rot. Washington is behind schedule for planting due to snow on the ground; the slowest start they have seen in the past 25 years! It is highly recommended to send orders in advance to cover large size potatoes.



POTATOES (COLORED)

Red potato market remains steady with yellow potatoes showing a small increase due to slightly lower supplies. Colored potatoes are available out of Washington, Idaho, California, North Dakota, and Florida. Florida quality remains excellent and peaking on B size and smaller with few #2's. Mt. Vernon, WA is expected to finish by the end of March with new crop available again late August. California is limited on whites, mostly C size available.



SQUASH (EASTERN)

Squash supply has decreased over the past 5 days. Squash runs in cycles and plants are starting an off cycle decreasing yields considerably, demand is increasing due to shortages of Mexican product. Quality is good for the most part, quality on zucchini has been good, yellow squash has had some issues with scaring and discoloration but we seem to be getting past these issues with newer fields and better weather. Cold temperatures in Mexico have decreased supply drastically and that fact alone will drive the market higher. We expect squash supplies to stay tight for the next week at least.



SQUASH (WESTERN)

Italian and Yellow S/N- Moderate supplies of Italian and Yellow S/N squash available to load in Nogales, AZ this week. Growers in the Sinaloa growing district are currently transitioning from old fields to new fields on both Italian and Yellow squash. Price on both varieties has increased. With warmer temperature in the growing area, production is expected to increase on both varieties. Quality on both packs on Italian is good. Quality on both packs on yellow s/n is good. Supply on Italian squash meets demand. Demand on Yellow S/N exceeds supply.

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STONE FRUIT

Import stone fruit supply continues to be steady this week. Good selections of peaches, nectarines and plums are available on both coasts. Sizes are heavy on the large side. Several tray pack sizes are available, but volume fill is ranging in the 60 series. Quality is being reported as very good on all varieties. Market prices are lower to steady with gradual declines in certain size profiles. We expect supplies to remain steady as we move forward through the remainder of the import season. Domestic fruit will get started in mid to late April.

TOMATOES (EASTERN)

Florida growers are near the end of winter crops and may be a week or two before harvesting spring plantings depending on current rain systems in the southeast. As winter plants near the end of the life cycle, the blooms slow down and less large fruit is available to be harvested. As a result, the price is even across all sizes this week. Roma volumes have improved and heavy volumes crossing from Mexico continue to keep Eastern FOBs competitive. Quality is mixed but a fair amount of #2 fruit is available as a result of recent rain and wind exposure. Grape and cherry tomato yields are mixed between farms as supply exceeds demand, however, there is slight upward pressure across the board with the expectation of supply contracting further the first week of March.

TOMATOES (WESTERN)

Mexico is also amidst crops transitioning between winter and spring acreage slowing the rate of crossings into the US, however there is still an abundance of tomatoes exceeding demand. Nearly all items are at Suspension agreement minimums. There is good supply of large rounds and plenty of volume spanning all varieties. Roma tomatoes remain steady at minimums while farms rotate. Grape tomatoes are in good production and also widely available offering further value. With mostly dry weather conditions in the coming week, markets should continue into March near minimums with healthy supply through both McAllen and Nogales facilities.

Commodities at a Glance

| Commodity / Region | Market | Quality |
|---|---------------|-----------|
| Apples | | |
| Wenatchee/Yakima, WA and Hood River, OR | Steady | Good |
| Hudson/Pleasant Valley/Red Hook, NY | Steady | Good |
| Coopersville/Belding/Sparta, MI | Steady | Good |
| Aspers/Gardners, PA | Steady | Good |
| Asparagus | | |
| Caborca, Mexico | Steady/Higher | Excellent |
| Avocado (California) | | |
| Oxnard/Ventura, CA | Higher | Fair |
| Avocado (Mexican) | | |
| Michoacan, Mexico | Steady | Good |
| Bell Peppers (Eastern) | | |
| Hillsborough / Western Collier County, FL | Steady/Higher | Good |
| Indian River / Dade County, FL | Steady/Higher | Good |
| Bell Peppers (Western) | | |
| Northern Sinaloa, Mexico | Steady/Higher | Good |
| Berries (Blackberries) | | |
| Central Mexico | Steady/Higher | Fair |
| Berries (Blueberries) | | |
| Southern Chile | Steady | Good |
| Central Mexico | Steady | Good |
| Berries (Raspberries) | | |
| Central Mexico | Steady | Good |
| Baja, Mexico | Steady/Higher | Fair |
| Berries (Strawberries) | | |
| Oxnard, CA | Higher | Good |
| Santa Maria, CA | Higher | Good |
| Central Florida | Higher | Good |
| Broccoli | | |
| Celaya Guanajuato Mexico | Higher | Good |
| Yuma, AZ | Higher | Good |
| Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA | Higher | Good |

| Commodity / Region | Market | Quality |
|---|---------------|-----------|
| Brussels Sprouts | | |
| Salinas Valley, CA | Steady | Good |
| Oxnard, CA | Steady | Good |
| Carrots | | |
| Bakersfield/Santa Maria, CA | Steady | Good |
| Coachella Valley, CA | Steady | Good |
| Cauliflower | | |
| Yuma, AZ | Higher | Good |
| Celery | | |
| Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA | Higher | Fair |
| Yuma, AZ | Higher | Fair |
| Chili Peppers | | |
| Northern Sinaloa, Mexico | Steady | Good |
| Cilantro | | |
| Baja, MX | Steady | Good |
| Yuma, AZ | Steady | Good |
| Citrus (Lemons) | | |
| Oxnard/Ventura, CA | Steady | Good |
| Merced/Bakersfield, CA | Steady | Good |
| Citrus (Limes) | | |
| Veracruz, Mexico | Steady/Higher | Fair |
| Citrus (Oranges) | | |
| Merced to Bakersfield, CA | Steady | Excellent |
| Riverside, CA | Steady | Excellent |
| Cucumbers (Eastern) | | |
| Olancho, Honduras | Steady/Higher | Good |
| Cucumbers (Western) | | |
| Northern Sinaloa, Mexico | Steady | Good |
| Eggplant (Eastern) | | |
| Hillsborough / Western Collier County, FL | Steady/Higher | Fair |
| Indian River / Dade County, FL | Steady/Higher | Fair |

Commodities at a Glance

| Commodity / Region | Market | Quality |
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| Eggplant (Western) | | |
| Northern Sinaloa, Mexico | Steady | Good |
| Grapes (Green) | | |
| Coquimbo/Valaparaíso/Santiago/Rancagua, Chile | Lower/Steady | Good |
| Grapes (Red) | | |
| Coquimbo/Valaparaíso/Santiago/Rancagua, Chile | Lower | Good |
| Green Onions | | |
| Mexicali, Baja | Lower/Steady | Good |
| Kale | | |
| Yuma, AZ | Lower | Good |
| Lettuce Iceberg | | |
| Yuma, AZ | Higher | Fair |
| Lettuce Leaf | | |
| Yuma, AZ | Higher | Fair |
| Lettuce Tender Leaf | | |
| Yuma, AZ | Higher | Fair |
| Melon (Cantaloupe) | | |
| Zacapa, Guatemala | Steady | Good |
| Choluteca, Honduras | Steady | Good |
| San Jose, Costa Rica | Steady | Good |
| Melon (Honeydew) | | |
| Zacapa, Guatemala | Steady | Fair |
| San Jose, Costa Rica | Steady | Fair |
| San Lorenzo, Honduras | Steady | Fair |
| Melon (Watermelon) | | |
| Jalisco, Mexico | Lower/Steady | Good |
| Onions | | |
| Ontario, OR to Nampa, ID | Steady | Good |
| Quincy/Hermiston, WA | Steady | Good |
| Tampico/Sonora, Mexico | Steady | Good |

| Commodity / Region | Market | Quality |
|---|---------------|-----------|
| Pears | | |
| Wenatchee/Yakima, WA and Hood River, OR | Steady | Good |
| Chile | Steady | Excellent |
| Pineapples | | |
| Heredia, Costa Rica | Steady | Good |
| Potatoes | | |
| Hamer/Rupert, ID | Steady/Higher | Good |
| Quincy/Hermiston, WA | Steady/Higher | Good |
| Eastern Colorado | Steady/Higher | Good |
| Plover/Bancroft, WI | Steady/Higher | Fair |
| Potatoes (colored) | | |
| Rupert to Rexburg, ID | Steady | Good |
| Bakersfield, CA | Steady | Good |
| Mount Vernon, WA | Steady | Good |
| Pasco/Tri-Cities, WA | Steady | Good |
| Red River Valley, ND | Steady | Good |
| Imokollee/Palm City/Punta Gorda, FL | Steady | Excellent |
| Squash (Eastern) | | |
| Hillsborough / Sarasota County, FL | Steady/Higher | Good |
| Dade / Eastern Collier County, FL | Steady/Higher | Good |
| Squash (Western) | | |
| Northern Sinaloa, Mexico | Steady/Higher | Good |
| Stone Fruit | | |
| Coquimbo, Valaparaíso, Santiago and Rancagua, Chile | Lower/Steady | Good |
| Tomatoes (Eastern) | | |
| Southern Florida | Steady | Good |
| Tomatoes (Western) | | |
| Southern Nayarit/Sinaloa, Mexico | Steady | Good |