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Weekly Market Report At A Glance....

*Summarized from 2017 PRO*ACT The Source*



Apples

California, Washington, Idaho, Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York are packing multiple varieties. Quality is good.



Cauliflower

Supplies are limited, and are expected to decrease into next week. Overall quality is good with uniform appearance, minimal off-white to cream color and brown to black spotting.



Onions

Supplies are extremely short on green onions. Markets are steady on yellows, reds and whites, with moderate demand and good supplies. Transportation is limited in the Northwest. Quality is good out of all growing regions.



Bell Peppers

Northern growers will continue harvesting until first frost. Southeast regions are ramping up with good volume. Quality in all regions has been good.



Celery

Supplies have tightened up, especially on large sizing. Oxnard is expected to begin production at the end of the month. Michigan production has slowed and Salinas/Santa Maria have moderate production. Slight bowing and seeder have been reported.



Romaine

Supply has tightened up as production has slowed down in Salinas. This situation is expected to worsen as we head into transition. Quality issues include mechanical and insect damage, and pink ribbing. Market will be more active in the coming weeks.



Broccoli

Supplies remain limited but demand has fallen off. Salinas and Santa Maria are still seeing pin rot, yellowing and brown beads. Product out of Mexico is showing hollow heart (hole through center stem of the crown).



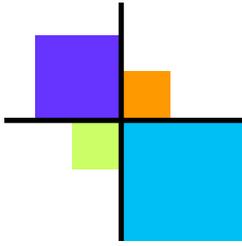
Lettuce

Demand exceeds supply and escalated pricing is in effect. Supply will be even more limited next week. Supply gaps will likely continue through transition. Product that is available is lighter weight with quality issues, so processing yields are down significantly. Quality issues include tip burn, mechanical damage, puffiness, ribbing and insect damage.



Tomatoes

Supplies are light out of the Carolinas and Tennessee. Virginia growers are wrapping up. We are still seeing the potential for supply gaps as we transition to fall/winter fields impacted by Irma.



Market Alerts

Apples: Large Granny Smith remain limited in Washington.

Berries (Blackberries): Supplies remain limited with domestic fruit and quality is fair.

Berries (Raspberries): Mexico production delayed due to recent rains.

Citrus (Oranges): California Valencia orange season is coming to an early end. Demand far exceeds supplies.

Cucumbers (Eastern): There are quality issues to watch out for in older fields.

Lettuce Tender Leaf: Spring mix, arugula, and baby spinach supplies are extremely limited as an industry due to limited supplies in the Salinas growing region.

Onions: Transportation very limited.

Potatoes: Transportation is very limited. Potato supplies transitioning from field run to coming out of the storages.

Squash (Eastern): Some quality issues on yellow squash.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Apples: Washington continues in the peak of its Gala apple season.

Bell Peppers (Eastern): Green bell pepper is in peak availability

Cucumbers (Eastern): Cucumbers will be in peak availability next week.

Eggplant (Eastern): Eggplant will come into peak availability next week.

Pears: Washington continues in the peak of its Bartlett pear season.

Potatoes (colored): Idaho, western Washington, and Wisconsin continue in the peak of their colored potato seasons.

Squash (Eastern): Squash will move into peak availability next week.

Stone Fruit: Peach harvests will wrap up this week and supplies will continue to decrease.

Transitions & Temperatures

Bell Peppers (Eastern): Green Bell pepper is transitioning to the southeast.

Berries (Blackberries): Mexico harvest was delayed due to rain. Better supplies are expected next week.

Berries (Blueberries): Import fruit is ramping up in production. Good supplies expected moving forward.

Celery: Oxnard will begin production at the end of October.

Cucumbers (Eastern): Cucumbers are transitioning to the Southeast.

Eggplant (Eastern): Eggplant is transitioning to the southeast.

Lettuce Iceberg: Huron expected to begin production next week.

Lettuce Leaf: Huron to begin light production next week.

Melon (Cantaloupe): The desert has started with light volume. Offshore will hit during the first week or two of November.

Melon (Honeydew): The desert and Mexico have started in a light way. Offshore supplies will come in the later part of November.

Squash (Eastern): Squash is transitioning to the southeast.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Quality</u>
Apples	STEADY	GOOD
Asparagus	LOWER	GOOD
Avocado	LOWER/STEADY	GOOD
Bell Peppers (Western)	STEADY	GOOD
Bell Peppers (Eastern)	LOWER/STEADY	GOOD
Berries: Strawberries	LOWER	FAIR
Berries: Raspberries	STEADY	GOOD
Berries: Blackberries	STEADY/HIGHER	FAIR
Berries: Blueberries	LOWER/STEADY	GOOD
Broccoli	LOWER/STEADY	FAIR
Brussel Sprouts	STEADY/HIGHER	GOOD
Carrots	STEADY/HIGHER	EXCELLENT
Cauliflower	STEADY/HIGHER	GOOD
Celery	STEADY	GOOD
Cherries	STEADY	GOOD
Chili Peppers	STEADY/HIGHER	FAIR
Cilantro	STEADY	GOOD
Citrus: Lemons	STEADY	GOOD
Citrus: Limes	HIGHER	FAIR
Citrus: Oranges	STEADY/HIGHER	FAIR
Cucumbers	LOWER/STEADY	GOOD
Eggplant (Western)	STEADY	GOOD
Eggplant (Eastern)	STEADY	GOOD
Grapes, Green	STEADY	GOOD
Grapes, Red	STEADY	GOOD
Green Onions	STEADY	GOOD
Kale	STEADY	GOOD
Lettuce: Leaf	HIGHER	FAIR
Lettuce: Iceberg	HIGHER	FAIR
Melons: Cantaloupe	STEADY/HIGHER	EXCELLENT
Melons: Honeydew	HIGHER	GOOD
Onions	STEADY	EXCELLENT
Pears	STEADY	GOOD
Pineapples	LOWER/STEADY	GOOD
Potatoes	STEADY	GOOD
Potatoes Colored	STEADY	GOOD
Squash (Western)	LOWER/STEADY	GOOD
Squash (Eastern)	LOWER/STEADY	GOOD
Stone Fruit	STEADY	EXCELLENT
Tomatoes (Western)	STEADY/HIGHER	FAIR
Tomatoes (Eastern)	STEADY/HIGHER	GOOD
Watermelon	STEADY	GOOD