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## Market Alerts

**PEPPERS & EGGPLANT** Extreme heat in California's growing region, and field transition from the Southeast to Midwest, has limited supplies of **Green and Red Bell Peppers**. Pricing is higher than normal on all sizes and grades, with good to fair quality reported. **Eggplant** is in a similar situation for the Western half of the country.

**AVOCADOS** Pricing remains very high on all sizes and grades of **Avocados** due to prolonged issues with the Mexican crop. Consider using #2 product where possible.

**POTATOES** As the storage crop winds down over the summer, **Idaho 90 CT** potatoes and smaller are the best buy. Quality is good on all sizes.

**APPLES** Some varieties are running low on small fruit, with **Grenny Smiths** and **Golden Delicious** being the most impacted. **Fujis** and **Galas** are good cost alternatives where smaller sizes are needed.

**RASPBERRIES / BLACKBERRIES** Supplies continue to be limited due to extreme heat in California. Pricing is higher than normal, with fair quality reported. **Blueberries** and **Strawberries** are both good cost and quality alternatives.

**ASPARAGUS** All sizes of **Asparagus** are very limited due to harvest issues in the major growing areas: Heavy rain and low overnight temps in Central Mexico, and field transition in Peru. Pricing is much higher than normal, with good to fair quality reported.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Locally Grown Products:** The local growing season is in full swing around the country—the perfect time to support local agriculture! Be sure to ask your distributor for their full list of locally grown recommendations, and look for these farm-fresh products this week!

**Cherries:** Cherry season has begun, with harvests out of Washington and Oregon. Bing and Rainier varieties — ask your distributor for recommendations!

**Cucumbers:** Quality and pricing are excellent on all sizes and grades of field-grown Cucumbers, with locally grown product available in most regions.

**Corn:** Corn on the Cob is in peak season, with great quality and pricing reported. Locally grown product is available in many regions including New Jersey, Indiana, Long Island and Virginia.

**Blueberries:** Harvests are peaking out of Oregon, Washington, Michigan and New Jersey. Excellent quality and pricing are reported.

## Weather Update

**California:** Above average temperatures continue to heat up the inland regions, with the coastal regions cooler and damp.

**Mexico:** Monsoonal moisture and cooler temperatures are expected throughout most of Mexico.

**Florida:** Moderate rain and thunderstorms and seasonal temperatures.



# Commodities at a Glance

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|  APPLES                   | Smaller sizes are becoming scarce over the summer as the storage crops finish up. Fujis and Galas are the best buys for 100 CT and smaller. |  CAULIFLOWER       | Quality and pricing are good.                                       |  LETTUCE LEAF         | Quality and pricing are very good.  |
|  ASPARAGUS                | Quality is good to fair, with much higher pricing than normal.  |  CELERY            | Quality is good, pricing is fair.                                   |  MELON (CANTALOUPE)   | Quality is good, pricing is fair.   |
|  AVOCADO                  | Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.   |  CITRUS (LEMONS)   | Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.            |  MELON (HONEYDEW)     | Quality is good, pricing is fair.   |
|  BELL PEPPERS             | Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher than normal on all grades and sizes.   |  CITRUS (LIMES)    | Quality and pricing are good.                                       |  MELON (WATERMELON)   | Quality and pricing are good.   |
|  BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)   | Pricing is higher, quality is good.   |  CITRUS (ORANGES)  | Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.            |  ONIONS               | Quality is good, pricing is higher.   |
|  BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)    | Pricing and quality are good.   |  CUCUMBERS         | Quality and pricing are good.                                       |  PEARS                | New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.            |
|  BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)    | Pricing is higher, quality is good.   |  EGGPLANT          | Quality is good to fair, pricing is much higher on Western product. |  PINEAPPLES           | Quality and pricing are good.   |
|  BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES) | Pricing and quality are good.   |  GARLIC            | Quality is fair, pricing is higher.                                 |  POTATOES             | Pricing is higher on 80 CT and larger. 90 CT and smaller are the best buys. |
|  BROCCOLI               | Pricing and quality are good.   |  GRAPES (GREEN)  | Quality is good, pricing is fair.                                   |  POTATOES (COLORED) | Quality and pricing are good.   |
|  BRUSSELS SPROUTS       | Quality is fair, pricing is higher than normal.   |  GRAPES (RED)    | Quality is good, pricing is fair.                                   |  SQUASH             | Pricing is higher on Yellow than Green. Quality is good.                    |
|  CARROTS                | Pricing and quality are good.   |  GREEN ONIONS    | Quality and pricing are good.                                       |  STONE FRUIT        | Quality is good, larger sizes are the best buys.                            |
|   |   |  KALE            | Quality and pricing are good.                                       |  TOMATOES           | Quality is good. Rounds and Cherries are the best buys.                     |
|   |   |  LETTUCE ICEBERG | Quality and pricing are good.                                       |  |   |

