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Market Alerts

TRANSITION The movement of major growing areas from California to points as far south as Yuma Arizona is underway, and will continue through early December. 'Transition', as this movement is called, is a time when certain crops are more susceptible to disruptions in supply and quality. Currently no issues are reported, outside of the product alerts listed below.

TOMATOES Aftereffects of Hurricane Irma has production of **Round and Grape Tomatoes** down 40% vs. normal, and California/Mexico are past peak harvest. Quality is good, however product is very scarce and much more expensive than usual. **Romas** are primarily grown outside of Florida, and as such are more plentiful and a much better cost option than **Rounds** for the coming week.

ORANGES The severe shortage of all grades and sizes of **Oranges** is expected to continue through the beginning of December. The **Navel** crop is now being harvested, but it is the lightest crop since 2009 and is not enough to keep up with demand. What little product available is up to 4 times more expensive than normal, with fair quality. Please avoid using, and substitute **Apples** or **Pears** where possible.

BROCCOLI / CAULIFLOWER Supplies and quality of all **Broccoli and Cauliflower** will increase next week as we transition to Yuma, Arizona. Pricing remains higher than normal.

AVOCADOS Supplies continue to improve. While pricing has stabilized and is lower than in prior weeks, it remains higher than normal. Quality is good to fair

BERRIES A variety of quality and supply issues continue to affect **Strawberries and Blueberries**. **Blackberries and Raspberries** are a better quality option for the coming week.

GREEN BEANS The aftereffects of Hurricane Irma included crop flooding and inability to plant. There is now a shortage of product, and pricing on what little is available is extremely high. Quality is fair to poor.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

SWEET POTATOES All sizes and grades of Sweet Potatoes/Yams are plentiful, with good quality and pricing just in time for fall menus.

Autumn Squash: With cooler weather approaching, it's the perfect time to highlight hard (autumn) Squash on your menus. Butternut, Delicata, Carnival, Acorn and Spaghetti are all great options.

Apples: It's peak Apple season, with all your favorite autumn varieties such as Honeycrisp, Lady, Jona Gold, Red Rome and more. Ask your distributor for recommendations!

Pears: Bartlett and Red Pears are at peak harvest out of Washington, along with in California and New York. It's the perfect time of year to use them for hand fruit and recipes.

Asparagus: Supplies will begin to decrease out of Mexico. The market is already trending higher on the West Coast. Steady supplies out of Peru on the East Coast with the market remaining steady.

Weather Update

California: Moderate rainfall in Salinas Valley through most of the week, and slightly cooler temps in Southern California.

Mexico: Above average temperatures and dry conditions over most of the growing regions.

Florida: Dry conditions and slightly cooler temperatures.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Peak season for fall varieties.	 CELERY	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are improved.
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing may be higher.
 AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher on Western product.	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, supplies are very limited, pricing is extremely high.	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality is fair, pricing is good.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is fair to poor, pricing is fair.	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is good.	 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.	 PEARS	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is good.	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 POTATOES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher than normal.	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.	 SQUASH	Quality and pricing are good.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good.	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Rounds and Grapes.

