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Market Alerts

ORANGES The severe shortage of **Oranges** has reached the point where certain sizes are largely unavailable. Orders for **113 CT, 138 CT and 163 CT** fruit are very likely to be shorted, or substituted with an **88 CT or larger size**. We recommend **88 CT, 72 CT or larger Oranges** be used through the end of the **Navel** season in early spring.

CARROTS Field carrot harvests are running to smaller sizing, with jumbo product less available. Pricing is higher than normal.

LIMES Poor growing conditions in southern Mexico continue to affect the lime crop. Pricing is higher than normal, and is expected to remain so for a few weeks. Quality is good to fair. For the best per-piece value, use 200 CT-sized fruit and purchase full cases wherever possible.

YELLOW SQUASH Quality is fair, with wind scarring and misshapen product reported. Pricing is higher than normal. For best cost and quality, use Green (Zucchini) Squash where possible.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Roma Tomatoes: Mexico's harvest of Romas is unusually strong for this time of year. Pricing is good and quality is excellent.

Herbs: Basil, Chives, Mint and Tarragon are all of great quality. Be sure to include as garnishes or ingredients.

Potatoes, Specialty/Colored: All varieties of Fingerling and Round colored potatoes are in great supply, with good quality and pricing reported.

Asparagus: All sizes of Asparagus are of great quality and pricing.

Mushrooms: Seasonal mushrooms such as Enoki, Hedgehog and Oyster are great winter menu additions. Ask your distributor for recommendations and availability.

Melons: Honduras is peaking on their Cantaloupe and Honeydew harvest. Great quality is reported.

Brussels Sprouts: Outstanding quality and very good pricing.

Weather Update







California Yuma, AZ: Cold temperatures and mostly dry conditions continue across much of the West.

Mexico: Seasonal temperatures in the Central regions, cooler and windy to the North.

Florida: Warmer than usual with some rain expected.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality and pricing are good	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 AVOCADO	Quality is good, pricing is fair	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, sizes are running large, pricing is higher	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are good	 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are 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 and pricing are good	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality and pricing are good	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on medium sizes
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality and pricing are good	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good	 SQUASH	Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher on Yellow than Green
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is still good, pricing is much higher	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good	 TOMATOES	Quality and pricing are good, Romas are the best buy

