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Market Alerts

TOMATOES Central Florida's harvest is winding down early, due to prolonged cold and rainy growing conditions. Round, Cherry and Grape Tomatoes are all more expensive than in prior weeks in the Eastern half of the country. Quality is good to fair.

CUCUMBERS Heavy rains in Florida have slowed the harvest and affected quality. Pricing may be higher than normal in certain markets.

BELL PEPPERS Supplies are improved from last week, but still a little light for **Green and Red Bell Peppers**. Pricing is higher than normal, with **Choice Grade** product being the best value. Quality is good to fair.

SQUASH Yellow and Zucchini Squash supplies are in a short supply gap out of Mexico. Because of this, pricing is higher in most markets in the Western half of the country. Florida and Georgia's harvests have returned to normal. Quality is good throughout all growing regions.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Eggplant: Product out of Florida and California fields is very good quality and pricing.

Strawberries: California's harvests are in their first seasonal peak in all regions. Quality is excellent.

Asparagus: Locally grown product may be available throughout the Pacific Northwest, Midwest and Northeast.

Early Spring Stone Fruit California has begun harvesting Peaches and Nectarines.

Iceberg Lettuce Quality out of Central California is very good, and pricing is at its lowest levels in several weeks.

Cantaloupe Excellent quality and high sugar levels reported.

Green Onions Mexico's harvest is yielding very nice quality, with vibrant color and consistent sizing.

Weather Update




























California: Cool, rainy conditions across the Central Coast.

Mexico: Warmer temperatures, mostly dry conditions in the Central and Northern regions.

Florida: Heavy rains will continue throughout the week, due to a slow-moving tropical storm.



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 and pricing are good	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 AVOCADO	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good to fair; pricing is higher	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, sizes are running large, pricing is higher	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher on Western product	 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 and pricing are good	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher. 90 CT and smaller sizes are the best value.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is good, pricing may be higher	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
 CARROTS	Quality and pricing are good	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good	 SQUASH	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher on Western product
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Eastern product

