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Market Alerts

TOMATOES Supplies of **Round and Roma Tomatoes** are slowly improving from earlier crop damage in Florida and Mexico. Pricing remains much higher than normal, and fully ripened product is still limited in availability.

ORANGES The severe shortage of **Oranges** will now continue through the end of the **Navel** season in early spring. Sizing is running two sizes larger than normal. **113 CT** product in particular is almost nonexistent, with **88 CT** product and larger the most available. Pricing remains higher than normal, with good to fair quality reported.

BROCCOLI / CAULIFLOWER Supplies of **Broccoli** are still very tight, with higher pricing and good to fair quality reported. **Whole and Floret Cauliflower** supplies are improving, and pricing is lower than in prior weeks, although still slightly higher than normal with fair quality.

ASPARAGUS All sizes of **Asparagus** are more expensive than normal, due to growing area transitions in Peru and Mexico. Quality is fair, with some tip seeding and splitting reported.

STRAWBERRIES Cold, rainy weather in Florida has further impacted quality and supplies nationwide. Quality is poor, with softness and short shelf life reported. Pricing may be higher. **Blueberries, Raspberries and Blackberries** are all better quality options.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Chili Peppers: Jalapeño, Pablano, Anaheim and Serrano peppers are all in great quality and availability.

Colored Potatoes: Washington, Idaho, Wisconsin and North Dakota are all at peak season on Reds, White and Gold potatoes.

Tender Leaf Lettuce: Supplies are abundant on Baby Spinach, Arugula and Spring Mix. Quality is great.

Pears: Washington's winter season is producing great Bosc, Bartlett, D'Anjou and Red Pears.

Kale: Green, Tuscan and Flowering Kale are all great quality, good coloring and full bunches.

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

Winter Citrus: The harvest of specialty citrus is right around the corner. Blood Oranges, Tangelos, Mandarins and Clementines will all be available very soon – be sure to ask your distributor for recommendations!

Winter Squash: Hard Squash varieties such as Kabocha, Butternut, Acorn and Spaghetti are in good supply.

Weather Update



California: Much-needed rainy conditions throughout Central and Northern California are expected during the week. Southern and Southwestern desert regions will have a chance of rain and unseasonably warm temperatures.

Mexico / Yuma, AZ: Warm and dry conditions throughout all growing regions.

Florida: Very cold weather through the weekend in North and Central Florida, with gradual warming at the beginning of next week.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Pricing and quality are good.	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good.	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are good.
 ASPARAGUS	Quality is fair, pricing is very high.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good.	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, sizes are running large, pricing is higher.	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 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 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 poor, pricing is higher.	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on medium sizes.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 CARROTS	Quality and pricing are good.	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.	 SQUASH	Quality and pricing are good.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good.	 TOMATOES	Quality is fair, ripened product is scarce, pricing is very high.

