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Market Alerts

AVOCADOS Supplies are decreasing rapidly, due to California's heat wave earlier in the month, and crop transition in Mexico. Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality reported.

ORANGES Supplies of **88 CT and smaller Oranges** are very limited, and will continue to be through the end of the Valencia season in autumn. "Re-greening", which is a heat-related greenish tinge to the exterior of fully ripened fruit, is being reported.

CILANTRO California's extreme heat, and similar conditions in Mexico's growing region, has created quality issues including smaller product, seeding and withering. Harvests are also light, causing pricing to be higher than normal.

CUCUMBERS Supplies of all grades of field-grown Cucumbers out of California and Mexico are very light due to heat-related crop damage, and pricing is much higher than normal in the western half of the U.S. Eastern product is less expensive, but quality is still fair. Consider using **English (seedless) Cucumbers** as an alternative.

LEMONS All sizes and grades of Lemons remain very short. Pricing is much higher than normal, and quality is fair to poor. **115 CT or larger choice or standard-grade** fruit is the best buy, where available.

BERRIES Harvest transition in California, Michigan and the Pacific Northwest has tightened supplies of **Strawberries, Blueberries, and Blackberries**. Quality is good, but pricing may be higher in certain markets.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Stone Fruit: California, Georgia and South Carolina are producing great Peaches, Nectarines and Plums.

Grapes: Quality is excellent, with great texture and sweetness, on Red and Green medium-sized fruit.

Chili Peppers: Baja California is harvesting very good quality chilis, including Jalapeño, Pasilla, Anaheim and Serrano.

Apples: New crop varieties are being harvested out of Washington, Michigan and New York, including Ginger Gold, Gala and Macintosh.

Pear: New crop Bartlett, Bosc and Red Pears are all being harvested out of California and Washington. Quality is excellent, with firm fruit and good sweetness.

Kale: Quality is excellent with good color and full bunches.

The local growing season for most of the U.S. is heating up. Be sure to ask your distributor for locally grown recommendations!

Weather Update















California: Seasonal temperatures and moisture along the coast, warmer and drier throughout the inland growing regions.

Mexico: Seasonably warm temperatures and precipitation, with rain in the central region.

Florida: Tropical Storm Gordon delivered heavy rains to the southern half of the state, and is now moving through the Mississippi Valley.



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 is good, pricing is higher on all sizes, Pencil is the best buy	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is fair, pricing is extremely high, supplies are limited	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is good
 AVOCADO	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher on smaller sizes	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is much higher on Western product	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 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 to good, pricing may be higher	 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 and pricing are good
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair, 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 and pricing are good

