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## Market Alerts

**HURRICANE FLORENCE UPDATE** Crops grown in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Eastern Tennessee and southern Virginia will potentially be impacted by Florence's heavy rain and wind. This may include Sweet Potatoes, Fall Squash, Cucumbers, Eggplant and Tomatoes. Be sure to read The Source Plus weekly for up-to-date information.

**ORANGES 113 CT and smaller Oranges** are very scarce, and will continue to be through the end of October when the Navel season begins and the Valencia season ends. **88 CT and larger sizes** are plentiful. Quality is fair to poor on all sizes and grades, with softness, mold and decay all reported. Consider **Apples** or **Stone Fruit** as a hand fruit alternative.

**LEMONS** The prolonged shortage of **Lemons** is beginning to ease, now that new growing areas in southern California and Arizona are ramping up. Supplies are 2-3 weeks away from returning to normal. Pricing remains higher than normal on all grades and sizes, with fair quality.

**CUCUMBERS** The initial harvest out of Baja California is very light, and available product is not keeping up with demand. Pricing remains higher than normal in the western half of the U.S. Quality is fair, and **Select-grade** product is the best value.

**AVOCADOS** Supplies out of Mexico remain light. Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality reported. #2 grade product is very scarce.

**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

**Melons:** Quality is outstanding on Cantaloupe and Honeydew out of Southern California, with very good sugar levels. Pricing is also very good.

**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.

**Potatoes:** New crop Idaho potatoes are now in season. Quality and pricing are very good.

## Weather Update







**California:** Temperatures will warm to above normal again in Central California's inland regions, with cooler temps to the south.

**Mexico:** Seasonal temperatures and precipitation in most growing regions.

**Southeastern U.S.:** Hurricane Florence will impact North and South Carolina, Georgia, Eastern Tennessee and southern Virginia with heavy rain and high winds. Florida is expected to avoid its most significant effects.



# 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 lower, and supplies are increasing	 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 poor, pricing is higher, smaller sizes are very scarce	 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 and pricing are good	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 POTATOES	Quality and pricing are good
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair at best with insect damage and pricing has trended 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 is good, pricing is higher on Western product
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good	 TOMATOES	Quality and pricing are good

