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## Market Alerts

**SEVERE WEATHER CROP IMPACT** - Hurricane Michael's path from Florida through Virginia, and Tropical Storms Rosa and Sergio in western/central Mexico, has affected quality and availability of the following: Corn, Green Beans, Peppers, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Green Onions. Be sure to read The Source Plus weekly for up-to-date information and product recommendations.

**EASTERN VEGETABLES** - Green Bell Pepper quality is fair, with rain/wind damage and red streaking commonly reported.

**Green Beans** and **Sweet Corn** are also in short supply and more expensive than normal.

**BERRIES** - Harvest transition continues to affect supplies and quality of **Strawberries**, **Blueberries**, and **Blackberries**. Quality is fair, and pricing may be higher in certain markets.

**LETTUCE** - Supplies of all head lettuce are slightly tighter, due to the beginning of California field transition. Quality is fair, with lighter case weights reported. Pricing is higher than normal. **Romaine Hearts**, **Green Leaf** and **pre-cut product** are the best cost and quality options.

**GREEN ONIONS** – Wet weather in Mexico, which is the primary growing area for **Green Onions**, has slowed harvesting and caused a small supply gap. Pricing is higher than normal, and quality is fair, with decay and short shelf life reported.

**TOMATOES** Round, **Cherry** and **Grape Tomato** fields in the Southeast were damaged by Hurricane Michael, as were Baja and Mexican fields by Tropical Storm Sergio. Quality will be good to fair across all varieties and sizes for the next few weeks, and pricing is expected to be higher than normal. **5x6 and smaller Rounds** will be the best overall value.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Apples:** All varieties are being harvested out of the major growing areas: Washington, Michigan and New York and more. The perfect autumn hand fruit!

**Pears:** Bartlett, Bosc and Red Pears are approaching peak harvest out of Washington and California. Quality is excellent.

**Onions:** – The new crop of Yellow and Red Onions are in, with excellent quality. Pricing is high for **Green Onions** as supply is tight.

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

**Kale:** Quality is excellent on all Green and Tuscan Kale, with good color and full bunches.

**Pineapples:** Quality is excellent on arrivals in all ports, with very good sugar levels.

**Squash:** Autumn Squash is beginning to be harvested throughout the country. Butternut and Acorn are the most available—ask your distributor for recommendations!

## Weather Update

**California / Yuma, AZ:** Temperatures continue to cool to at or below seasonal averages in most growing regions.

**Mexico:** Heavy rainfall from the last tropical storm continues to move across the central and northern regions.

**Florida:** Rain, possibly heavy at times, expected in the northern and panhandle regions over the weekend.



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# Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality is good, 125 CT and smaller sizes are less available	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is good to fair; pricing is slightly higher
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good, with Pencil and Standard the best buys.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality and pricing are good	 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 is good, pricing is higher
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is fair; pricing is higher	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is poor; pricing is higher; smaller sizes are very scarce	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is fair; pricing is higher	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is fair	 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 and pricing are good	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES	Quality and pricing are good
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is improved to good to fair. Pricing is higher than normal	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair to poor; 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 and pricing are good	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are fair	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing may be higher in certain markets

