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 APPLES	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 ASPARAGUS	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is lower
 AVOCADO	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 MUSHROOM	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 EGGPLANT	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is lower
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 GARLIC	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 PEARS	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is lower	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 PINEAPPLES	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair, pricing is lower	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 SQUASH	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair, pricing is steady	 KALE	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 STONE FRUIT	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is fair, pricing is lower	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is higher		
 CELERY	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is steady		

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Apples – Small low-grade Grannys, Galas, and Fujis will continue to be in tight supply for the balance of the season. Overall, all three varieties are short tonnage and are peaking on larger sizes and higher grades.

Asparagus – Supplies continue to stay tight on the West Coast due to the weather in Mexico. East coast has good supplies and better pricing.

Avocados – Overall, good supply on all sizes and good quality. Shippers are dealing with volume orders.

Bell Peppers – Prices are higher this week. Georgia continues with light supplies due to cool temperatures. Out west, Northern California areas are wrapping up their season and Coachella has started in a light way on green bells. Reds remain elevated and don't look to be getting any relief till Nogales gets going in late/early December.

Berries (Blackberries) – Central Mexico production will continue to be steady crossing in from McAllen Texas to the west and east coasts.

Berries (Blueberries) – There are good numbers of blueberries coming through Texas from Central Mexico combined with offshore fruit from Peru and Argentina to keep markets flat.

Berries (Raspberries) – An overabundance of raspberries is coming from both Baja and Central Mexico. Overall, the quality is fair and pricing is lower.

Berries (Strawberries) – The market remains extremely tight on this item as we wait for better volume to pick up in Oxnard and Central Mexico.

Broccoli – Supplies are slowly improving. Quality issues such as pin rot have been causing extremely lower yields. Look for this market to continue to adjust lower going into the weekend.

Brussels Sprouts – Supplies are starting to get a little tight. Expect good quality and the market to be steadily increasing as we approach the weekend.

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Carrots – Carrot supplies are ample besides organic rainbows. Organic rainbow carrots will be in a better spot early-November.

Cauliflower – Cauliflower supplies continue to improve in Salinas and Santa Maria. Quality continues to be affected by the heat and rain. Look for supplies to continue improving going into next week.

Celery – This market is gaining strength. Salinas production is light. Oxnard and Santa Maria have good to moderate production numbers to meet all demand. Aside from some seeder being reported, the overall quality continues to be good. Distributors continue to use this commodity to fill up trucks that are running light.

Citrus (Lemons) – Oxnard/Ventura County is nearing its end. California Desert/Arizona Region will begin harvesting in a light way Early-October. San Joaquin Region will get going in a light way beginning of October. Supplies across the board will be tight for the next couple of weeks.

Citrus (Limes) – Prices holding steady on small-size fruit which has now also brought down the price on large fruit. Expect steady supply and markets over the next few weeks.

Citrus (Oranges) - Supplies on all sizes are extremely tight and will be tight all season with high markets. Brix is in the 12-14 range. Domestic navels are becoming available in a very light way beginning the week of 10/17 and will increase week over week.

Cucumbers – Light supplies across the board. Cool-weather in Georgia keeping things light. Demand has shifted out west where Baja is finishing up as Nogales has just started. Expect tight supplies until Nogales picks up.

Eggplant – Supplies are light across the board. The cool temperatures in Georgia is contributing to light supplies. Western supplies in California remain tight; quality is marginal, Central Valley will go for a few more weeks and expect Nogales to get started towards the end of the month.

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Garlic – The garlic supply remains moderately tight and China's imports is helping offset it in a minor way. The new California crop for 2022 is helping supplies. Overall, the quality is good and the price is higher.

Grapes (Green) – Green grapes are still in good supply. Market slightly higher as shippers start the last few varieties of the season.

Grapes (Red) – Red grapes are still in good supply with good quality. Expect this trend to last several more weeks.

Green Onions – Green Onion supplies continue to be tight. The scattered showers and thunderstorms in Central Mexico didn't help. Green Onions will be limited going into the weekend.

Kale – Steady supplies are keeping this market level. Look for this market to stay steady going into the weekend.

Lettuce (Iceberg) – With this commodity out of the Salinas valley, there is limited supply and marginal quality. Both Huron and Oxnard have begun production. This product from these regions exceeds the quality in the Salinas Valley. Shippers in Salinas continue to have problems with crop failures caused by INSV and fusarium. Prices have risen as a result of a 60 percent crop loss and even higher for some. Discoloration, brown butts, light weights, misshapen heads, and small sizing are being reported from all suppliers. Escalated pricing is at an all-time high for value-added products. This scenario will continue through the month of October out of Salinas valley.

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Lettuce Leaf – Salinas valley continues to have issues with romaine, green and red leaf as well as butter. INSV and fusarium have destroyed a majority of the crop that was going to cover demand thru the month of October. Poor quality and lack of product will continue to be reported in Salinas until Yuma begins. Escalated pricing on value-added products continues to reach record highs. Defects being reported include small head sizing, lightweights, discoloration, and tip and fringe burn. Romaine hearts will continue to be very light in availability for the rest of the Salinas season.

Lettuce Tender Leaf – Supply has been good with most tender leaf items with fair quality in size and texture. Cilantro supplies continue to improve.

Melons (Cantaloupe) – Westside region is done. The Desert region is in full swing and Nogales/Mexico just starting. Overall, good quality and pricing is steady.

Melons (Honeydew) – Westside region is done. Nogales/Mexico going strong and good supplies out of Yuma. Overall, good quality and pricing is lower.

Melons (Watermelon) – Supplies continue to stay tight in California. More product is coming out of Mexico daily.

Mushrooms – Good supplies and availability. Expect it to change with Thanksgiving approaching.

Onions – Market is low in Washington. Colossals and Supers remain elevated.

Pears – Market mostly steady. Wide range in prices on mostly US#1 fruit.

Pineapples – Steady open market. Overall, good quality and pricing is steady.

Potatoes – Norkotahs are shipping from storages. Market is elevated, but supplies have improved. Burbanks are expected to start shipping from storages mid-November.

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Squash – Availability out of Nogales is increasing with good demand and quality. Baja and California squash are finishing up; quality is fair. East coast supply is light out of Georgia due to cold temperatures; demand has shifted to the west.

Stone Fruit – Nectarines are still done for the season. Plums will continue for about another month with moderate supplies. Almost all of the remaining plums are red with very few green plums being offered. New crop California kiwi is in full swing. Pomegranates and persimmons are nearly in full production in the Central Valley. in the Central Valley for pomegranates and persimmons.

Tomatoes – Demand exceeds supply situation is looking to get worse next week as most northern regions on both coasts wrap up their season. Central Florida growers will look to salvage as much as possible from crops that got hit by Hurricane Ian, expect extremely tight supplies out of these areas till replanted crops yield fruit in January. West coast supply is very light as well; California finishing up and Baja continues with minimal supplies stemming from Hurricane Kay. High markets and extremely tight supplies are expected through January.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Apples
Blueberries
Raspberries
Pears

Weather

California – Through Thursday, high pressure and offshore flow will keep temperatures above average. Near the coast, highs will range from the mid-70s to mid-80s, while inland, they will range from the mid-80s to mid-90s.

Mexico – By midweek, cool and dry northerlies will keep daytime highs cool. We will see warmer daytime highs throughout the week and into the weekend. Morning temperatures are expected to remain cool through the weekend, but they are likely to moderate by Sunday. Through October 23, shower activity will remain isolated.

Florida – The tail end of a cold front will bring light scattered showers to Central and South Florida, affecting only the far southern counties Wednesday. Behind the front, cool, dry, and windy conditions prevail through the weekend.

Arizona – The temperature will remain near seasonal averages through Saturday with periods of gusty winds over the next five days. Afternoon highs Wednesday, low 80s to the mid-90s, then cooling to the low 80s-upper 80s Saturday. Chance for rain Saturday through Sunday with models now showing less moisture than previous runs. The best chance for rain is Saturday night through Sunday afternoon. There is a possibility of rainfall amounts of 0.10” if stronger storms develop.

Freight

Trucks in California remain steady. Trucks in the Northwest and Idaho continue to be tighter than normal. The national diesel average continues to climb and is currently at 5.339 per gallon. California diesel prices remain steady and are currently at 6.499 per gallon.