

Commodities at a Glance

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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 higher |
|  ASPARAGUS | Quality is good, pricing is steady |  CITRUS (LIMES) | Quality is good, pricing is steady |  MELON (HONEYDEW) | Quality is good, pricing is steady |
|  AVOCADO | Quality is good, pricing is higher |  CITRUS (ORANGES) | Quality is good, pricing is steady |  MELON (WATERMELON) | Quality is good, pricing is higher |
|  BELL PEPPERS | Quality is good, pricing is higher |  CUCUMBERS | Quality is good, pricing is steady |  MUSHROOM | Quality is good, pricing is higher |
|  BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES) | Quality is good, pricing is higher |  EGGPLANT | Quality is fair, pricing is steady |  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 steady |  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 higher |
|  BROCCOLI | Quality is fair, pricing is higher |  GREEN ONIONS | Quality is fair, pricing is steady |  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 higher |  LETTUCE LEAF | Quality is fair, pricing is higher | | |
|  CELERY | Quality is good, pricing is higher |  LETTUCE TENDER LEAF | Quality is fair, pricing is steady | | |

Produce News

November 4, 2022



Market Alerts

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

Asparagus – Supplies continue to remain tight on the West Coast. East coast has good supplies and better pricing. Both coasts are struggling with a limited supply of XL and JBO sizing.

Avocados – There is a good supply on all sizes. Overall, good quality and pricing is higher.

Bell Peppers – Prices remain elevated. Coachella is the main growing region for greens and the volume is slowly increasing. Reds are very limited. Cold temperatures and rain forecasted this week will further reduce supply. Reds will start out of Coachella in a few weeks. Demand is strong.

Berries (Blackberries) – We expect the market to rise as supplies become lighter. Overall, good quality and pricing is higher.

Berries (Blueberries) – Steady supplies out of Central Mexico, Peru, and Chile are expected to keep markets low.

Berries (Raspberries) – Peak production has passed and we expect to see firmer markets moving forward.

Berries (Strawberries) – We will continue to see a demand exceeds supply market on this item for the next 2 weeks.

Broccoli – Supplies are becoming very limited as we approach the end of the season. Quality issues such as pin rot have been causing extremely lower yields. Look for this market to continue to go up as we approach the weekend.

Brussels Sprouts – Supplies continue to get a little tight. Expect good quality and the market to be steadily going up as we approach the weekend.

Carrots – Carrot supplies are ample besides organic rainbows and conventional jumbos. Organic rainbow and conventional jumbo carrots will be in a better spot mid-November.

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Cauliflower – Cauliflower supplies are extremely limited in Salinas and Santa Maria. Quality continues to be affected by the heat and rain. Look for supplies to remain tight going into next week.

Celery – This market is getting stronger. Salinas has just about finished production and Southern California has lighter supplies. Expect moderate production for the rest of the week. Large sizing still has the best availability. Overall, the quality continues to be above average with most shippers.

Citrus (Lemons) – California Desert/Arizona Region and San Joaquin Region are the main growing regions. The fancy grade will dominate the pack out.

Citrus (Limes) – Market is steady with good supply and quality. Sizes peaking on small size fruit.

Citrus (Oranges) – Domestic navels are now the main variety. 88ct and larger are tight to start off the season. Current gas times are 4-5 days; Brix is currently 10-11.

Cucumbers – Markets are steady at elevated levels. Heavy Eastcoast demand keeps pressure on markets. Supply is adequate out of Nogales as crops transition to southern growing areas of Sinaloa.

Eggplant – Markets are steady. Beginning to see product in Nogales as they continue to build volume. Prices are holding firm on both coasts.

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) – The green grape market is starting to improve as shippers sell out of smaller weaker grapes. Still good supplies on larger higher quality grapes.

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Grapes (Red) – The red grape market is starting to improve as shippers sell out of smaller weaker grapes. Still good supplies on larger higher quality grapes.

Green Onions – Green Onion supplies continue to be steady and somewhat limited. Green Onion supplies will continue to be moderate 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) – Across the industry, this market continues to grow. In addition to cartons, value-added products with this commodity are at all-time highs. Prices will remain high throughout November. Huron production is winding down, Salinas is almost finished, and Yuma is producing in a light way compared to demand. As the demand for Santa Maria has swallowed most of the available production, Santa Maria has extremely limited production. Markets remain at all-time highs. Common defects in the marketplace include light weights, misshapen heads, and discolorations. Escalated pricing is at all-time highs. Expect strong markets for another four weeks, minimum.

Lettuce Leaf – Demand far exceeds supply. Expect this to continue through the entire month of November with romaine as well as red and green leaf and butter. Romaine hearts are also limited in terms of availability. All the items mentioned are at all-time highs in the marketplace. Escalated pricing on value-added products continues to rise from all suppliers. Common defects include light weights, small head sizes, and discoloration. Yuma has begun production, Huron is starting to wind down and Salinas is all but finished in terms of production.

Lettuce Tender Leaf – Supply has been good with most tender leaf items with fair quality in size and texture. All tender leaf supplies are good at this time.

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Melons (Cantaloupe) – Over the next few days, supplies are diminishing both in the US and Mexico as the season prematurely ends. There are still some big fruits available. The offshore season will begin next week.

Melons (Honeydew) – Nogales/Mexico is going strong with plenty of fruit. Light supplies out of Yuma as the season is finishing up. Overall, good quality and pricing is steady.

Melons (Watermelon) – Supplies continue to stay tight in California and Mexico. Overall, good quality and pricing is higher.

Mushrooms – With Thanksgiving approaching, supplies are expected to be limited.

Onions – Market is steady with abundant supplies of medium red and yellow onions.

Pears – The market is mostly steady. There is a wide range in prices on mostly US #1 fruit.

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

Potatoes – Markets are increasing as we approach Thanksgiving pull. Supplies are expected to remain limited until after the holiday.

Squash – Fairly steady markets. Good quality out of Nogales. Zucchini supply is good, with yellow a bit tight. Adequate supply out of Georgia.

Stone Fruit – Peaches and nectarines are done for the season. Plums will continue for about another three weeks 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 in full production in the Central Valley.

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Tomatoes – Demand exceeds supply. Overall, the quality is fair. Central Florida growers have started harvesting an extremely limited supply from Hurricane affected crops; expect low quality from this region. Similar story out of Baja out west. Expect very high markets through January.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Weather

California – We can expect frost and cold temperatures as the weekend approaches. Daytime highs will only reach the 50s to low 60s while today's overnight lows fall to the mid-20s to low 30s south of Soledad, the low-mid 30s in the Santa Clara and northern Salinas Valleys and the upper 30s to low 40s near the coast.

Mexico – Cool mornings and warm afternoon temperatures will continue through Sunday. Lows are in the mid-40s to mid-50s with highs in the mid-70s to mid-80s through the weekend. While light sprinkles are possible across the area, mostly dry weather conditions are anticipated through Sunday.

Florida – Isolated showers today followed by warm and dry conditions through the weekend. Highs will hover in the mid-upper 80s through Sunday, with lows cooling slightly, from the mid-60s to mid-70s today, to mid-upper 60s most fields Saturday to Sunday.

Arizona – Chance for rain this morning and tonight through Thursday early afternoon with rainfall totals up to 0.20". Strong gusty winds up to 40 mph are expected.

Freight

Trucks remain steady in California. Trucks in the Northwest and Idaho are still tighter than they normally are this time of year. The national diesel average remained steady at 5.317 per gallon while California is almost a dollar higher at 6.254 per gallon.