










Commodities at a Glance



 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 lower	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 AVOCADO	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 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 higher	 MUSHROOM	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 ONIONS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 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 good, pricing is higher	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is lower
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair, pricing is steady	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair, pricing is steady	 SQUASH	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair, pricing is lower	 KALE	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 STONE FRUIT	Quality is fair, pricing is lower
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 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

March 18, 2022



Market Alerts

Apples – The apple market is mostly unchanged. Gala's firming up as shipper inventories get back to normal. Still lots of good deals on 113s across most varieties.

Asparagus – Supplies continue to be very good on Asparagus. Markets on all sizes are starting to adjust downward. Look for supplies to continue to improve going into next week.

Avocados – Supplies are steady. Mexico and California are both in play. Markets are expected to remain steady at higher prices.

Bell Peppers – Supplies of green bell peppers remain very limited on both coasts. Prices are higher. Red bell pepper has firmed up; growers are picking fruit green to take advantage of higher green bell pepper markets. Thus reducing red bell pepper supply. Expect adequate supply out of Nogales until the crop transitions to the CA desert.

Berries (Blackberries) – Good numbers are crossing in from Mexico along with some light west coast production.

Berries (Blueberries) – Supplies are adequate from Mexico and Chile. Florida is just now ramping up local crop.

Berries (Raspberries) – Good numbers are crossing in from Mexico along with some light west coast production.

Berries (Strawberries) – Florida production is nearly finished, Mexican yields are diminishing. California production is feeling added demand pressure.

Broccoli – Broccoli supplies continue to be very good coming out of Yuma and Santa Maria. Supplies out of Mexico have started to improve. Look for this market to stay steady going into the weekend.

Brussels Sprouts – Brussels Sprout supplies and quality are very good. Look for this market to continue to be aggressive going into next week.

Continued

Carrots – Production on snack pack styles is still lagging behind demand. Jumbo and cello carrots are still in light supplies due to smaller sizing being harvested in current fields. Mexican jumbo carrots are a viable option for coverage coming through Texas. Plenty of Jumbo carrots in Georgia.

Cauliflower – Cauliflower supplies continue to be limited. The cooler weather has slowed growth in the Yuma area. Look for this market to continue to stay on the higher side going into the weekend.

Celery – The Yuma season is winding down with this commodity. Southern California continues to be the main region for production, in particular Santa Maria and Oxnard. Small sizing, thirty-six counts in particular have the lightest availability. The overall quality continues to be good. This market is stronger and value added escalators are likely to occur next week.

Citrus (Lemons) – Supplies are steady out of the Central Valley. Ventura County will continue to trickle in.

Citrus (Limes) – Lime supplies remain very limited as size shifts heavily to smaller fruit. Demand exceeds supply; expect high prices until mid-April. Large fruit, 110ct and 150ct are extremely limited; prices continue to rise. Smaller fruit, 230ct and 250ct are more available as the new crop cycle begins harvest; prices are lower. Expect a wide pricing gap between larger and smaller size fruit over the next several weeks.

Citrus (Oranges) - Supplies remain very limited on 113's and 138's this week and are expected to remain tight through the rest of the navel season. We may need to sub sizes around or move orders a day to help fill in full. Markets will remain firm due to the limited availability. We highly encourage sending orders in advance to help secure orders.

Cucumbers – Supply remains limited in Mexico and Florida. FL supply expected to improve early April once spring crop ramps up. Mexico continues to deal with cold temperatures stunting growth. Mexican supply will improve in about two weeks with better weather.

Continued

Eggplant – Limited supply expected this week in Florida. Expect better supply by mid-April. Mexico markets are steady with good quality. CA desert season should begin in early May.

Garlic – California supplies remain tight. Imports from China will help offset in a minor way. Pricing is higher and quality is good.

Grapes (Green) – The market has found its level at lower pricing. West coast market firmer than the east.

Grapes (Red) – Reds have also found their level at lower pricing. The market on the east coast is very sloppy with some "price after sale" transactions happening. Market better on the west coast.

Green Onions – Green Onion supplies continue to be steady. Look for this market to stay steady going into next week.

Kale – SSteady supplies are keeping this market level. Watch this market closely with this past rain storm.

Lettuce (Iceberg) – Strong markets continues industry wide with this commodity. Escalated pricing on all value added items are in play. Yuma production will continue for another three to four weeks with Huron expected to begin production the last week in March. Salinas will have production at this time as well. Weights are varying but expect 36-42 pounds on liner lettuce. Small heads have been reported as well as discoloration and pink ribbing. There will be light supplies throughout the week.

Produce News

March 18, 2022



Market Alerts

Lettuce Leaf – Demand exceeds supplies on romaine as well as romaine hearts. Escalated pricing is in effect on all value added romaine products. Green and red leaf as well as butter are very active as well. Production in Yuma will continue for another 3-4 weeks with Salinas starting in a light way next week. Blister and peel as well as tip and fringe burn is being reported from multiple shippers. Expect light supplies throughout the week on all romaine and leaf items.

Lettuce Tender Leaf – The quality continues to battle light mechanical damage from the rain and cooler weather, but overall fair to good quality with texture and size within specification. Look for this market to stay steady.

Melons (Cantaloupe) – The market slightly higher on slightly lower volume. Better supplies on the east coast than the west.

Melons (Honeydew) – Market steady on fair supplies. Inventories much better on the east coast than on the west. Smaller sizes tight. Some range in quality.

Melons (Watermelon) – Market slightly higher on light volume.

Mushrooms – Availability is improving, however, prices remain elevated.

Onions – Northwest will continue shipments through early April. Texas supplies are ramping up.

Pears – Market steady. The crop is light on our favored sizes and grade. Expect this market to perk up.

Pineapples – Lower volume continues on the pineapple front. Fruit quality is good right now with no issues forecasted for the near future.

Continued

Potatoes – Carton market is firming up. Quality remains very good.

Squash – Supply remains limited in Mexico and Florida. FL supply expected to improve early April once spring crop ramps up. Mexico continues to deal with cold temperatures stunting growth. Mexican supply will improve in about two weeks with better weather.

Stone Fruit – Moderate amounts of imported peaches and nectarines on both coasts. Small amounts of plums on the west coast but starting quality is iffy. The kiwi market has leveled off and is steady at elevated prices. Some imported kiwi landed on the east coast.

Tomatoes – Markets are fairly steady due to light to moderate demand. Florida supply is on the lighter side due to bloom drop. Overall quality is good. Mexican supplies are good are also a bit lighter as we move past peak production.

Weather

California – High pressure strengthens today causing morning lows in the 40s and mid 50s, while daytime highs reach the low 70s to 80 through Friday. A low pressure system moves into the regions later Saturday bringing a chance of rain through Sunday.

Mexico – Seasonably warm temps with little variations through the weekend. Mostly dry weather excluding the slight chance of an isolated shower or two later in the week in around Mexico City.

Florida – A system exits the peninsula tonight into Thursday leaving 1/4 to 1/2 inch of rain over parts of north Florida with rain showers and scattered thunderstorms, as the supporting low pressure moves up the East Coast.

Arizona – Unseasonably warm today with afternoon highs in the lower desert in the low 80s to low 90s. Minor fluctuations in temps tomorrow through Saturday. Much cooler temps Sunday due to a low pressure system passing, bringing a chance for rain Saturday through Sunday afternoon.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Blackberries
Blueberries
Raspberries

Freight

Trucks remain steady in the Northwest, Idaho, and California. The national average on diesel fuel is up to 5.25 per gallon from the previous weeks price of 4.849 per gallon.