




Commodities at a Glance



 APPLES	Quality is fair, 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 lower	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 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 steady
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 MUSHROOM	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is steady	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 GARLIC	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 PEARS	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is lower	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 PINEAPPLES	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is lower	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is lower	 POTATOES	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair, pricing is steady	 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 lower
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is fair, pricing is steady	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing is lower
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is fair, pricing is steady	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is steady		
 CELERY	Quality is good, pricing is lower	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is steady		

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Market Alerts

Apples – Market mostly steady. Inventories are thinning out and this would result in an up market if not for demand dropping to meet supply. Small Gala's and Fuji's are scarce as the remaining packout is skewing large. There are still deals on Grannies.

Asparagus – Supplies continue to be good as domestic programs are coming on strong and Peruvian imports have increased. Look for the market to continue to be aggressive going into the weekend.

Avocados – Markets are steady. Very light supplies of Peruvian fruit available.

Bell Peppers – Prices are slightly lower on the east as Georgia is in full swing. We will start to see more local deal starting up over the next several weeks; North Carolina starting next week. Greens out of Bakersfield have started in a light way with Coachella basically done. Green bells will be short until volume pick up out of the Central Valley. Supply on colored bells are gradually improving but markets remain elevated. Overall quality is good.

Berries (Blackberries) – This commodity is beginning to ramp up locally in central California. Light numbers are coming out of central Mexico with North Carolina and Georgia still producing local crop.

Berries (Blueberries) – Product is still coming out of Central Mexico. Central Valley California volume is picking up. PNW is expected to begin production in the last week of June.

Berries (Raspberries) – West coast volume should begin to ramp up over the next few weeks.

Berries (Strawberries) – An increase in production in California growing areas continues to drive markets lower. This trend is expected to continue through next week.

Broccoli – Broccoli supplies continue to be very good in Salinas and Santa Maria. Hot humid weather conditions and pest pressure in Mexico are negatively impacting yields in Mexico. Look for this market in Salinas and Santa Maria to stay steady going into the weekend.

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Brussels Sprouts – Brussels Sprout supplies continue to be very limited. The heat in Mexico has stunned the growth and has caused crew shortages. Look for supplies to remain tight for the next couple of weeks until the local domestic supply ramps up.

Carrots – Jumbo carrots are still in light supplies due to smaller sizing being harvested in current fields. Harvesting in Bakersfield, CA has begun, but Jumbos out of this region will not begin for another couple weeks to help increase sizing.

Cauliflower – Cauliflower supplies continue to improve with the recent warm weather. Look for the cauliflower market to stay steady going into the weekend.

Celery – Production has started in Salinas and demand has fallen in the marketplace. This market is softer. Seeders are minimal compared to past weeks. Santa Maria as well as Oxnard will have good supplies throughout the week. Small sizing currently has the best availability down south. Shippers that are not harvesting in Salinas will continue to transfer for a fee coming from southern California.

Citrus (Lemons) – District 1 (Central Valley) is still trickling in with peak sizes currently being 115ct and larger. District 2 (Oxnard/Ventura County) is now the main growing region; sizing expected to be peaking on 140ct and smaller. Due to growing conditions in this region, choice grade fruit will dominate the marketplace; Fancy grade prices will increase. Seedless lemon season will run through early-June. Gap is expected between growing seasons. Harvesting will end early-June and new crop production will start in early-November.

Citrus (Limes) – Markets steady this week. Southern area of Mexico near Tabasco received some rain and there is some discounted limes out there, however quality may not be the greatest. Expect fairly steady markets this week.

Citrus (Oranges) - Supplies on 113ct/138ct are slightly better. Valencia's are now the primary variety. Gas times are around 24-48hrs; quality is strong. Brix are in the 12-14 range. We highly encourage sending orders in advance to help secure orders.

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Cucumbers – Overall markets steady with several regions on both coasts offering cucumbers.

Eggplant – Georgia eggplant supply is steady with North Carolina starting next week. There is still eggplant out of Coachella but supplies are dwindling as crop transitions north over the next 2 weeks.

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

Grapes (Green) – Lower supplies on nice fresh green seedless in Nogales and Coachella are keeping this market up. The Nogales greens are running on the small side, mostly M/Ls. Coachella has better size. Good quality on all.

Grapes (Red) – Red seedless grapes are in serious over supply. Many medium large being quoted in low double digits or PAS. Mexican Flames crossing in Nogales are making up the bulk of the over supply. Quality is good. Some newer varieties such as Sweet Celebrations now shipping at higher prices. Coachella reds are also going in decent volume. Quality and sizing are good.

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

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

Lettuce (Iceberg) – Demand continues to be off as schools are closed for the summer. Multiple shippers are flexing while there continues to be a few suppliers fairly tight with their numbers. Defects being reported include puffiness and discoloration as well as brown butts. Weights on the average has been 39-43 pounds pending the supplier. Good availability is expected throughout the week with most growers.

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Lettuce Leaf – Romaine as well as green and red leaf are steady. The demand is off. High temperatures are expected in all the growing regions for the next 5-6 days. Expect fringe and tip burn to be issues with shipping next week. Slight rainfall earlier in the week will likely cause for some mildew issues to surface. Most suppliers will have ample romaine hearts to fill all orders.

Lettuce Tender Leaf – Good supplies with quality overall fair to good with texture and size within specification. Italian parsley continues to be limited. The recent heat has caused seeders causing an industry-wide shortage on Italian parsley.

Melons (Cantaloupe) – Mexican lopes in Nogales are done. Both the Imperial Valley and Yuma are in full swing, more 9s and very few 15s. Expect this trend to continue.

Melons (Honeydew) – Good volume out of Nogales. The Imperial Valley and Yuma districts are in full swing. More 4's and 5's few 6's.

Melons (Watermelon) – Nogales supplies finishing up and Southern California supplies are improving daily.

Mushrooms – Supplies are ample, but prices are elevated.

Onions – CA and NM are going full steam on all colors. Market remains escalated on reds.

Pears – Washington pear inventories are starting to thin out. Prices are generally higher. New crop California Bartletts will start about July 11th.

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

Potatoes – Demand exceeds supply on all packs. The remaining storages of Burbanks are limited. Expect higher pricing until the end of July.

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Squash – Supplies are strong out east as several local deals have started. Georgia still going strong with deals starting out of NC, NJ, and other pockets. With no past weather events we expect good volumes over the next several weeks. California production is ramping up and should see Baja squash come online over the next few weeks.

Stone Fruit – Peaches, Plums, Nectarines and Cots are all going now. The market on Peaches and Nectarines is adjusting downward as volumes ramp up quickly. Cots and Plums are in better supply. Larger sizes becoming available on all types.

Tomatoes – Even with adequate supply markets are steady to slightly lower. Both coasts are transitioning to Northern growing areas of Quincy, FL and Baja. California production is expected to begin late June/early July.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Green Grapes **Potatoes (Past Peak Season)**
Red Grapes
Mushrooms
Onions
Stone Fruits

Weather

California – Strong high pressure causes a heat wave through the rest of the week. Morning lows will be in the 40s to low 60s. Daytime highs near the coast will be in the 60s and 70s, but peak Friday/Saturday in the 70s to mid 80s. Further inland max temps will be in the 80s to low 100s, peaking Friday at 108.

Mexico – Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms through Thursday. Precipitation totals will range from trace amounts to up to 0.20" in most showers but higher totals are possible within some thunderstorms. On Friday through Sunday expect shower chances to wane but we can still not rule out an isolated shower or two.

Florida – High pressure remains over the northern Gulf, with southwesterly onshore flow, as diurnal rain showers continue in daytime heating.

Arizona – A slight increase in moisture today/tomorrow with thunderstorm activity possible, followed by unseasonably hot temps with excessive heat warnings over the weekend due to a strong high pressure ridge.

Freight

Trucks remain steady in the Northwest, Idaho, and California. The national average on diesel jumped up from 5.539 last week to 5.703 this week, a rise of .164.