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 APPLES	Quality is fair, 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 steady	 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 fair, pricing is steady	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 GARLIC	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 PEARS	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 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 lower	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 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 higher	 KALE	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 STONE FRUIT	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 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 steady	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is steady		
 CELERY	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is steady		

# Produce News

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## Market Alerts

**Apples** – Some shippers are nearing the end of their gala storage supplies. Expect this market to rise only slightly as demand is moderate at best. New crop galas are the first variety to come off and should start the week of 8/9.

**Asparagus** – Central Mexico and Peru supplies are improving. Good numbers on STD and LG few more XL and JBO are available.

**Avocados** – Markets have peaked as the Mexico's Negra crop finishes up and Flora Loca crop ramps up. Light supplies of Peruvian fruit available.

**Bell Peppers** – Prices are slightly higher. Georgia is basically done on green bells leaving the Carolinas the single player on green bell pepper in the east. Quality is good with sizes still trending big. West coast supply remains adequate. Colored bell peppers are still very limited as the crop is gapping for about two weeks until Bakersfield gets going.

**Berries (Blackberries)** – No changes steady go on this item.

**Berries (Blueberries)** – Demand exceeds supply on this item until the Pacific NorthWest starts in 23 weeks. NJ, GA and NC are light.

**Berries (Raspberries)** – Steady supplies

**Berries (Strawberries)** – More manageable numbers are expected this week. We are going to experience lower demand due to the timing of the 4th of July Holiday.

**Broccoli** – Broccoli supplies continue to be good in Salinas and Santa Maria. Market in Salinas and Santa Maria has slightly gone up as this heat wave is causing some lower yields..

**Brussels Sprouts** – Brussels Sprout supplies are tightening up again with the most recent heat wave. Shippers are seeing seeders, puffy heads and reporting insect damage due to the recent heat waves. Look for this market to stay volatile for the next 4 weeks.

**Carrots** – Jumbo carrots are still in light supplies. Harvesting in Bakersfield, CA has begun, but sizing still a tad small at the moment. Supplies will ramp up in the coming weeks.

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**Cauliflower** – Cauliflower supplies continue to be very good with the recent warm weather in Salinas and Santa Maria. Mexico is experiencing pest pressures due to the heat and humidity causing lower yields. Look for the cauliflower market to stay steady going into the weekend.

**Celery** – Demand is steady and supplies are moderate in Salinas and better in southern California. Overall, the quality continues to be above average with some seeder that is being reported as the main defect with this commodity. Large sizing continues to have the best availability. Expect steady supplies throughout the week.

**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)** – Prices are fairly steady. The size manifest is starting to shift to bigger sizes mainly due to rain causing fruit to size up. Volume is steady. Quality is generally good; there are some occasional weather related quality issues.

**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.

**Cucumbers** – Prices are higher. Georgia is finished which has reduced overall supply while the crop transitions to norther areas. Western supplies are adequate. Quality is good.

**Eggplant** – Limited supply on the West coast the past couple of weeks has shifted demand to the east. CA is ramping up more every day so this will be short lived. Eggplant has finished in GA and NC eggplant is now available.

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**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 green grape market remains steady. Good supplies and good quality out of both Nogales and Coachella. Central Valley greens will start Mid July.

**Grapes (Red)** – The red grape market is still long but is getting better from the bottom up. The price after sales and single digit prices are done. The higher priced grapes will stay steady as Mexico supplies fade and harvest in the central valley begins.

**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)** – The warm weather has created havoc with this commodity. Common defects being reported include internal burn, discoloration, tip burn and brown butts. Multiple shippers have lost acreage of production that will prove to be costly going into next month. Needless to say, yields are off with most suppliers. Demand is average for now. Weights are averaging 39-42 pounds. Expect supplies to be on the moderate to light side next week.

**Lettuce Leaf** – The heat wave in northern and southern California has affected the quality of romaine as well as all leaf items. Fringe and tip burn as well as internal burn has been reported by most suppliers. Yields are down. Romaine hearts are active as well. Supplies are currently meeting demand, however this could change at the end of the week.

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**Lettuce Tender Leaf** – Good supplies with quality overall fair to good with texture and size within specification. Stay tuned with these markets as this heat wave will have an affect on quality and yields.

**Melons (Cantaloupe)** – Market slightly higher due to the holiday pull. Stronger demand mainly from the retail sector and has shippers finishing up their desert deal, supplies are diminishing. Sizing mostly JBO 9/9's few 12's. San Joaquin Valley District has begun in a small way with just a few shippers. Supplies are lighter Sizing Mostly JBO 9's/9 some 12's and a few 15's. More shippers will be transitioning north through out next week making supplies sporadic and keeping the prices higher.

**Melons (Honeydew)** – Honeydews coat tailing the cantaloupes. Desert cleaning up. Westside just starting. Sizing mostly JBO5's/5 and 6's some 8's.

**Melons (Watermelon)** – Good demand and lighter supplies in all districts through the nation. San Joaquin has started limited supplies but will improve over the next few days.

**Mushrooms** – Promotable volume available.

**Onions** – Weather in both New Mexico and California have created elevated markets on yellow onions. New Mexico is receiving monsoon rains delaying harvest, and California is receiving excessive heat.

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

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

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**Potatoes** – Market is extreme. Storage crop supplies are becoming depleted in all growing regions. Cold spring weather has delayed new crop harvests. New crop is expected to start second week of August.

**Squash** – Both coasts have seen strong markets due to lack of volume and quality; more so on yellow than zuke. We will see increased production in over the next few weeks as several growing regions get started VA, NC, MI, SC, PA, and NY. CA supply is steady out of Santa Maria and Baja.

**Stone Fruit** – Increasing volume in the Central Valley over the next two weeks should keep a lid on this market. Nectarines are steady with nice quality. Plums will remain light all season due to a light crop set. Apricots are light.

**Tomatoes** – Prices are steady to slightly lower as CA ramps up out of the San Joaquin Valley. There is overlap between Quincy and South Carolina, the eastern mountain supply will start in a few weeks out of TN and NC. There are adequate supply of tomatoes coming out of Baja and Central MX. Overall quality is good.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

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**Strawberries**   **Blackberries (Past Peak Season)**

## Weather

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**California** – A system passing to the north today weakens the heat-wave inducing high pressure, deepens the marine layer and starts cooling temps across the region. By Thursday, inland temps will cool to the upper 70s to upper 80s and slowly climb a few degrees over the weekend.

**Mexico** – Isolated showers and thunderstorms through Thursday but in Friday into Saturday showers become more likely. Most showers should drop 0.02" to 0.25" of precipitation through Saturday. Higher totals are possible within thunderstorms. On Sunday expect isolated showers.

**Florida** – Weak high pressure over the western Atlantic with east to southeasterly flow over the peninsula. Expect light rain showers, with afternoon t'storms scattered thru the state with the heaviest precipitation between Ocala and Lake Oke for Thursday.

**Arizona** – Scattered thunderstorms this evening through Thursday over the higher terrain with thunderstorm activity shifting over Eastern AZ over the weekend. Best chance for thunderstorm activity Wednesday evening through Thursday morning with rainfall amounts up to 0.25" and heavier rainfall amounts (0.50"+) where stronger storms develop.

## Freight

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Trucks in the northwest, Idaho, and California have tightened up due to the 4th of July holiday. Look for this to continue into next week as well. The EIA will publish the national average after 5 pm EST on Wednesday.