








# Commodities at a Glance



 APPLES	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 ASPARAGUS	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 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 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 good, pricing is higher	 EGGPLANT	Quality is fair, pricing is steady	 ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 GARLIC	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 PEARS	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality is good, 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 steady	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is lower	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair, pricing is steady	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 SQUASH	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 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 steady	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is higher		
 CELERY	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair, pricing is steady		

# Produce News

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## Market Alerts

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**Apples** – The new crop galas in Washington have started in a light way. With more volume coming online late next week, this market is expected to adjust. Golds and Fujis remain very tight, with new crops starting in the first half of September. There is a slight increase in the market for reds and granny smiths.

**Asparagus** – The market is tighter and demand is good. In the west, rain is slowing up supplies in Mexico. In the east, it is winter out in Peru has colder temperatures and light supplies.

**Avocados** – Flora crop is in full production with supplies peaking. Overall, good quality and the market is steady. Lighter supplies on smaller fruit.

**Bell Peppers** – The market is relatively steady. Good supplies on both coasts, and there is enough supply in the east to meet demand. The quality is average due to rain. California green peppers have been supplemented with another grower out of Arroyo Grande. Colored bells remain short and prices are still elevated.

**Berries (Blackberries)** – Blackberry availability should improve as we see warmer temperatures on the West Coast. Central Mexico slowly begins to produce more significant numbers.

**Berries (Blueberries)** – Pacific Northwest, New Jersey, Michigan, and Central Mexico are all in production right now. Peruvian imports are also making their way to the market.

**Berries (Raspberries)** – Increased volume is expected as we go into the first week of September mostly out of the Central Mexico area.

**Berries (Strawberries)** – The Salinas and Watsonville areas are on the decline while we look to the Santa Maria area to begin production next week. Overall, quality has been reported to be good down south.

**Broccoli** – Salinas and Santa Maria continue to produce good supplies. Expect the market to be steady.

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**Brussels Sprouts** – Supplies continue to be good. Expect better quality and market to be steady going into the weekend.

**Carrots** – Carrot supplies are ample with Bakersfield's growing region under way. Snack pack carrot demand is increasing due to schools back in session.

**Cauliflower** – Salinas and Santa Maria supplies continue to be good. However, Mexico continues to experience pest pressures due to the heat and humidity causing lower yields. Expect the market to stay steady going into the weekend.

**Celery** – A few suppliers have attempted to raise the price, but overall this market is steady. Santa Maria and Oxnard continues to be the best region for production in California. Salinas has moderate availability but the FOB pricing is higher. Aside from slight seeder, the quality continues to be good.

**Citrus (Lemons)** – Central Valley is finished and Oxnard/Ventura County is now the main growing region. A gap is expected between growing regions. Harvesting will end early-June and new crop production will start in early November. Expect good quality and supplies steady.

**Citrus (Limes)** – Lime prices are higher this week as we are still in an extended rain market. Yields are below normal causing higher prices. The new crop has started and should gradually improve by early September.

**Citrus (Oranges)** - Supplies of all sizes are extremely tight throughout the season. Expect good quality and pricing to be steady.

**Cucumbers** – Good supply on both coasts. There is some hit or miss quality in the east due to weather, but overall supplies are good.

**Eggplant** – Good supplies out in the east. Adequate supplies in the west out of the Central Valley. California's hot temperatures have affected production. Expect the same for the next few weeks.

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**Garlic** – The garlic supply remains tight and China's imports will help offset it in a minor way. In the next week, the new California crop for 2022 will begin. Overall, the quality is good and the price is higher.

**Grapes (Green)** – Lots of very fresh, well-priced, green grapes are available. A good choice for truck filling.

**Grapes (Red)** – Lots of very fresh, well-priced, red grapes are available. A good choice for truck filling.

**Green Onions** – Green Onion supplies continue to be very limited with the incremental weather in Mexico. Look for this market to go up 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 industry-wide market for this product remains active. In the Salinas valley, Fusarium and INSV continue to make growing conditions difficult for all suppliers. Currently, demand exceeds supply. Light availability is expected throughout the week. There is an increase in value-added lettuce items. The most common defects reported are mildew, discoloration, and pinking. Santa Maria has much fewer quality issues compared to the Salinas region.

**Lettuce Leaf** – The market is active with romaine, green leaf, and red leaf. Fusarium and INSV pose growing problems. The Salinas Valley is experiencing declining yields and quality, and this is likely to continue for at least the next two weeks. Mildew, fringe, and tip burn as well as internal burn are being reported. All value added romaine is on escalated pricing. Santa Maria and Oxnard could be better outlets for this kind of product.

**Lettuce Tender Leaf** – Supply is good with fair quality with size and texture. Expect the market to continue to stay steady on most items. Cilantro supplies are starting to improve slightly.

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**Melons (Cantaloupe)** – Shippers are dealing with load volume. Overall, supplies and quality are good.

**Melons (Honeydew)** – Supply is light and quality is good.

**Melons (Watermelon)** – Light supplies on seedless watermelon in all U.S. regions. Overall, demand and quality are good.

**Mushrooms** – Good supplies and great quality.

**Onions** – New Washington and Idaho crop supplies are limited. Sizing is peaking on Jumbo. Colossal and Super Colossal onions are limited.

**Pears** – Washington has started packing Bartlett's. Expect this market to adjust downward next week as volume picks up. California pears are still available.

**Pineapples** – Due to the storm season in the tropics, there is a light volume of pineapples.

**Potatoes** – Extremely limited supplies and high pricing from all regions.

**Squash** – Light supplies continue on both coasts. Weather affecting supplies and quality in the east. The primary region in the west is Santa Maria but the heat has also affected production. Expect limited supplies for the remainder of the month.

**Stone Fruit** – Market mostly steady with some upward movement on peaches, plums and nectarines. Volumes starting to drop on nectarines and peaches as we enter the late part of the season over the next couple of weeks. Nice quality across the board.

**Tomatoes** – Eastern crops are working through heat and rain and supplies are low. Demand has shifted to California causing prices to rise. Rain in Mexico has also contributed to higher prices as fewer tomatoes are crossing through McAllen, TX.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

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**Green Grapes**  
**Red Grapes**

## Weather

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**California** – Today, a trough moves into the region, deepening the marine layer and cooling temperatures. Coastal lows will be in the 50s to near 60, with coastal highs in the 60s to mid-70s and 80s to upper 90s farther inland. As the trough moves off Friday, high pressure moves back in, compressing the marine layer and warming inland fields up to 102 degrees.

**Mexico** – Isolated showers and thunderstorms will continue through Friday, with more isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms expected on Saturday. Some thunderstorms, particularly on Saturday, may bring higher totals of rain than expected. Most showers are expected to bring 0.05" to 0.30" of rain, but some thunderstorms may bring higher totals.

**Florida** – Through Saturday, a stalled frontal boundary in northern Florida will produce daily showers and thunderstorms across the forecast area, which will gradually dry out by Sunday. Temperatures remain steady with highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid-upper 70s in the morning.

**Arizona** – There is a chance of thunderstorms today due to a passing system. There is a good chance of thunderstorms and rain this evening through Thursday morning with rainfall amounts ranging from 0.25 to 0.50 inches.

## Freight

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Trucks remain steady in California but continue to tighten up in Idaho and the Northwest. The national average for diesel remains steady at 4.909 while the price for diesel in California remains over 6 dollars and is currently at 6.029 per gallon.