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Market Alerts

STONE FRUIT The season is coming to an early end due to poor growing conditions throughout the spring and summer. Quality is fair, sizing is running to larger sizes, and pricing is higher than normal. South Carolina and New Jersey's harvests were impacted early by severe weather and a cold spring, and California's harvests have been slowed by extreme heat.

ASPARAGUS Quality is good on all sizes, with higher pricing on larger sizes. **Pencil and Standard** are the best buys.

CILANTRO Quality is very poor, with spotting, yellow leaves and decay all reported. Pricing is higher than normal.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS Supplies are very limited, particularly on Jumbo sizes, and pricing is higher than normal. Quality is fair to good.

AVOCADOS The supply situation remains critically tight, particularly with the Mexican harvest, which accounts for the majority of available product. Quality is good to fair, however pricing is at record highs.

TOMATOES The harvest of **Red and Yellow Peppers** out of Central California is very light this week due to excessive heat. Quality is good, but pricing is higher than normal. **Green Peppers** are a very good cost alternative.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Locally Grown Products: The local growing season is at its peak in most areas of the country! Be sure to ask your distributor for their full list of locally grown recommendations, and look for these farm-fresh products:

Melons: All melons are peaking in quality and availability. Cantaloupe, Honeydew, Watermelon and specialty melons like Crenshaw and Persian are all perfect summer menu features.

Tomatoes: Locally grown in late summer throughout the country, with Beefsteak, Heirlooms and other specialty tomatoes available in many regions. Ask your distributor for recommendations.

Red and Green Leaf Lettuce: Excellent quality and pricing are reported on Leaf Lettuce, with locally grown product available throughout the Midwest, Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

Green Bell Peppers: Harvests in the Midwest, Northeast and California are all peaking. Great quality and pricing on all grades and sizes of Green Peppers.

Weather Update

California: Coastal areas remain at seasonal temperatures and moisture, with inland areas still hotter than normal.

Mexico: Seasonal temperatures and precipitation throughout the week in all regions, with minor aftereffects of Hurricane Franklin in the south.

Florida: Seasonal temperatures and precipitation throughout the week in all regions, with slightly wetter conditions in the southern half of the state.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Smaller sizes are becoming scarce over the summer as the storage crops finish up. Fujis and Galas are the best buys for 100 CT and smaller.	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good.	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are very good.
 ASPARAGUS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher than normal on larger sizes.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, with Green Peppers being the best buy.	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Western product.	 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is higher than normal on Western product.	 PEARS	New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality is good to fair, pricing is good.	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 POTATOES	Pricing is higher on 80 CT and larger: 90 CT and smaller are the best buys.
 BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher than normal.	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.	 SQUASH	Pricing is higher on Yellow than Green. Quality is good.
 CARROTS	Pricing and quality are good.	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.	 STONE FRUIT	The season is ending early. Quality is fair and pricing is higher.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good.	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good.	 TOMATOES	Quality is good. 5x6 Rounds and Grapes are the best buys.

