

Produce Market Update

Week of May 17, 2019

VEGETABLE	SOURCE	MARKET INFORMATION
Asparagus	Peru, Mexico	The market is softer on the East Coast with good to very good quality. Peru continues with steady volume into Miami, and WA and Mexico are the main sources in the West.
Beans—Green	Mexico, TX, FL	Supply and quality is good depending on location. New crop beans have begun in South GA. Coachella is winding down and Fresno is about to start, which should be a smooth transition.
Broccoli & Broccolini ALERT	CA, AZ, Mexico	Broccoli is fair to good quality with some under-sizing, large stalk, occasional open bead, and branchiness. Demand for Broccolini continues to outpace supply. The market is expected to firm up in the next 2-3 weeks as some suppliers are expecting lower numbers.
Cabbage Brussels Sprouts ALERT	CA, Mexico, FL	The cabbage market is steady. Good volume to meet all demand needs. Cold weather has affected Brussels sprouts growth, and plants are taking longer to size up. Supplies are short, and the market is active.
Carrots	CA	Growers are sorting inconsistent sizing, which is thought to be a result of late winter rains.
Cauliflower ALERT	CA, AZ	Cauliflower quality is good with some under-sizing and discoloration. The market continues to be active. Supply improvement is hopeful over the next 7-10 days.
Celery ALERT	CA, FL, Mexico	Supply remains troubled as the domestic crop has been challenged from late winter rains, and the Mexican crop is trending ahead of schedule due to warm conditions. Quality is fair to good, and QA is watching for discoloration this week. The market is back on the rise now that Mexico is finishing up and Salinas Valley is delayed.
Corn	Mexico, FL	Coachella remains the option on the West Coast with the market fairly active.
Cucumbers	Mexico, FL, Honduras	Supply and quality are good and the market is weak. South GA has begun.
Eggplant	Mexico, CA, FL	Eggplant supply is short and the market is stronger. Quality is good.
Garlic	CA, Europe, Mexico	CA storage product continues to wind down, bringing demand for international product. You may see differences in size, color, and taste. The market is showing signs of activity based on the unknowns with the product from China.
Herbs	Mexico, USA, Canada	The market is mainly steady with good supplies on most herbs. Chervil supplies are down, but expected to rebound in a couple of weeks.
Lettuce—Iceberg, Leaf, and Romaine	CA	Iceberg quality is fair, with inconsistent sizing, mildew scar, burn, and discoloration. There may be some activity starting next week with lower yields on iceberg. Leaf quality is good, with burn, insect damage, and wind damage. Romaine quality is fair to good, with cupping, burn, discoloration, and insect damage. Good supply for now to meet all demand needs.
Lettuce—Spring Mix	CA	Quality is fair to good, with discoloration and mildew damage.



Mushrooms	USA, Canada, Mexico	The market remains steady from previous weeks.
Onions—Red, White, Yellow	WA, ID, TX, Mexico, CA	The market is softer as supplies improve and meet demand. CA's Imperial Valley is coming on with good volumes. Quality is good.
Onions—Green	Mexico	Quality is good with occasional insect pressure. Ample volume to meet all demand needs.
Peas—Snow & Snaps	Guatemala, Mexico	Good volume on both snow and snap peas this week. The market is adjusting accordingly.
Peppers—Chiles	Mexico, FL	Hot pepper supply has increased on certain varieties and is shorter on others. Overall quality is good and markets are strong.
Peppers— Green, Red & Yellow ALERT	Mexico, FL	Strong demand on green bell peppers is due Mexico finishing and FL's weather problems. Red and yellow bell peppers are mostly from Baja, Mexico. Quality is good and the market will remain steady for the next two weeks until Coachella volume kicks in providing relief to the market.
Potatoes—Russet	ID, WA, CO, WI	The market is mainly steady, larger sizes are a little shorter in supply. Quality is good.
Potatoes – Red, White & Yukon	WA, ID, ND, CA, FL	The market is steady, but expected to get active as we start to transition to southern growing regions in CA/AZ from ID/ND. Quality is fair to good.
Potatoes—Sweet	CA, MS, NC, LA	The market is active. Supplies remain tight as growers try to manage inventory to get through the rest of the season.
Spinach	CA	Mostly good quality, QA is watching for misshapen leaves and discoloration.
Squash—Yellow & Zucchini	Mexico, CA, FL	Yellow squash and zucchini supply are very good in the East and markets are weak. Yellow squash quality can vary depending on location and zucchini quality is good. Zucchini in Mexico remains in good supply with yellow very limited. CA will be delayed with rain expected all week.
Tomatoes	FL, Mexico	Out East, round markets are holding steady with moderate volume on all sizes. Roma, grape, and cherry availability remains steady. The Ruskin/Palmetto growing region will be finishing the end of the month and growers will make the transition to South GA/Quincy, FL. In the West, volume is moderate and demand is steady on all varieties. Markets remain unsettled due to continued uncertainty concerning the US/Mexico trade agreement.



FRUIT	SOURCE	MARKET INFORMATION
Apples	WA	The market is steady.
Avocados ALERT	Mexico, CA, Peru, Dominican Republic	Avocados are in a seasonal production decline from Mexico, production is light for CA this season, and Peru is not expected to arrive with volume until mid-June. Current inventories are low and growers in Mexico are creating a strong market, with few supplies of #2 fruit.
Bananas	Central America	Markets remain steady with consistent production and supply. Fruit quality is good.
Berries—Black, Raspberry & Blueberry	Mexico, FL, CA	Markets continue to be steady. June may see lighter numbers on blueberries.
Berries—Strawberry	CA, Mexico, FL	Good supplies continue. Rainfall is expected in the growing regions over the next 5 days. This may cause some quality issues and delayed shipments depending on how heavy the rainfall is on the day of harvest.
Citrus—Grapefruit	TX, CA	The market is steady with slightly lower volume on smaller fruit. Quality is good to very good.
Citrus—Lemons	CA	The lemon market remains active. Larger fruit is softer, and markets continue to increase on smaller fruit. Quality is fair to good.
Citrus—Limes	Mexico	Limes continue to trend heavily on small fruit. There appears to be no let-up as lack of rain will continue to favor small sizes.
Citrus—Oranges	CA	The orange market is active on small fruit and supplies are not meeting demand. Some shippers are starting Valencias and with school demand slowing in June, it may settle. Quality is fair to good.
Grapes—Green & Red	Chile, Peru	The market is active, green grapes remain light, but new crop are starting to hit the market. Imports are wrapping up and Mexico and Coachella will see improved volume next week. New crop quality is good to very good.
Kiwifruit	CA, Italy, Greece, Chile, New Zealand	Market steady good volume and moderate demand. Quality is good to very good.
Melons—Cantaloupe & Honeydew	AZ, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica	Offshore fruit is coming to an end on both coasts for cantaloupe . Mexico supplies have been very good and this has kept things going smoothly. Domestic product is just starting up and quality is fair at best. Good availability is reported on honeydew at this time.
Melons—Watermelon	CA, Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala	Mexico is still yielding good numbers and high end quality. Coachella should start end of this week with Phoenix/desert volume right behind. The market is expected to move up for retail ads starting for Memorial Day.
Pears	WA,	Steady from the previous week.
Pineapple	Central America	Market coming down on slower demand, quality is good to very good.

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