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## Market Alerts

**Avocados** – Mexico’s harvest is slow to recover from the recent heavy rains and work slowdown. Pricing is very high, quality is good to fair, and fully ripened product may be less available. #2 Grade, 60 CT and smaller size fruit is the best value.

**Tomatoes** – The overall supply situation continues to be very poor, due to recent freezing and flooding in Mexico. Florida’s harvest is improved, but not enough to offset the Mexican shortfall. Quality remains fair, with pale coloring. **Romas** in particular are extremely scarce, and orders may be shorted.

**Squash** – Supplies continue to be limited for both **Zucchini** and **Yellow** in all parts of the country. Quality is fair, and pricing is higher than normal. Cold-weather squashes such as **Butternut** and **Acorn** are still in good supply, and are better cost and quality options.

**Cucumbers** – Mexico’s extremely light harvest, coupled with widespread wind scarring on the Honduran imports, has continued to affect supplies and quality on all field-grown cucumbers. Pricing is higher than normal, and quality is fair. **Select-grade** product is the best value.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Grapes** – Quality on both Red and Green Grapes is excellent, with Chile at peak harvest.

**Kale** – Quality is excellent, with full leaves and vibrant color.

**Asparagus** – All sizes of Asparagus are plentiful, with excellent quality.

**Melons** – Cantaloupe and Honeydew are great quality, with high sugar levels, color and shelf life.

**Brussels Sprouts** – Quality is very nice out of the Yuma harvest—the best of the past several weeks.

**Apples** – All seasonal varieties continue to be plentiful, with excellent quality.

**Limes** – Supplies out of Mexico are abundant, with very good quality.

**Grapefruit** – Texas and California are harvesting very nice quality fruit.

**Strawberries** – TVery good quality berries are coming out of Southern California, Mexico and Florida.

## Weather Update

**California:** Temperatures cooling to slightly below seasonal, with isolated showers and gusty winds.

**Yuma AZ:** Temperatures cooling to slightly below seasonal, with isolated showers and gusty winds.

**Mexico:** Dry conditions and seasonal temperatures in all growing regions.

**Florida:** Moderate rain and cooler temperatures at the beginning of the week, followed by warmer and drier conditions.



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# Commodities at a Glance

 Apples	Quality and pricing are good	 Citrus (Lemons)	Quality and pricing are good	 Melon (Cantaloupe)	Quality and pricing are good
 Asparagus	Quality and pricing are good	 Citrus (Limes)	Quality and pricing are good	 Melon (Honeydew)	Quality and pricing are good
 Avocado	Quality is fair, pricing is very high	 Citrus (Oranges)	Quality and pricing are good, 113 CT and larger are the best values	 Melon (Watermelon)	Quality and pricing are good
 Bell Peppers	Quality is good, pricing on Reds is higher	 Cucumbers	Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher	 Onions	Quality and pricing are good
 Berries (Blackberries)	Quality and pricing are good	 Eggplant	Quality and pricing are good	 Pears	Quality and pricing are good
 Berries (Blueberries)	Quality and pricing are good	 Garlic	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 Pineapples	Quality and pricing are good
 Berries (Raspberries)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 Grapes (Green)	Quality and pricing are good	 Potatoes	Quality is good, pricing is higher, 90 CT and smaller are the best values
 Berries (Strawberries)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 Grapes (Red)	Quality and pricing are good	 Potatoes (colored)	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Reds and Whites
 Broccoli	Quality and pricing are good	 Green Onions	Quality and pricing are good	 Squash	Quality is fair, pricing is higher on Zucchini and Yellow
 Brussels Sprouts	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher	 Kale	Quality and pricing are good	 Tomatoes	Quality is fair, pricing is very high, Romas in particular are very scarce
 Carrots	Quality and pricing are good	 Lettuce Iceberg	Quality and pricing are good		
 Cauliflower	Quality and pricing are good	 Lettuce Leaf	Quality and pricing are good		

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