

# Product Condition Alert

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The responsible factors for the industry-wide, supply interruption remain unchanged. Commodities affected are Leaf Lettuce, Romaine, Iceberg, Spinach, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Spring Mix, Salad Mix, Mushrooms and Oranges.

The prolonged heat in central California has heavily impacted the lettuce fields and with grower's transition in full swing, supplies are dwindling down.

An "Act of God" clause has been invoked on Oranges due to record rainfall caused by Hurricane Harvey and Irma. An A.O.G. is an event that is outside of human control, and which is not directly caused by human activity. In this case, the natural disaster of these deadly storms was the determining factor.

Mushrooms are the newest victim of the hurricanes. Harvey and Irma tore through anything in their path and unfortunately, a lot of growing centers for mushrooms were in the line of fire. From compost to harvesting, the growing process depends heavily on electricity in the form of climate-controlled growing houses, coolers and more. Electrical failure and wide spread power outages are to blame here.

Realistically speaking, this isn't something that will change overnight and is a challenge that we expect to battle with well into Autumn. We are reaching into all pockets available and will exhaust all options to continue filling your orders in full. It is a frustrating time for the industry but the key right now is patience.

To be continued...