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Market Alerts

AVOCADOS The supply of product out of Mexico continues to be severely restricted, due to a combination of growing condition and import issues. Product from other sources, including California, is not plentiful enough to offset the Mexican shortage, and pricing continues to be much higher than normal.

SOFT VEGETABLES Uneven growing conditions have affected some sizes and grades of **Cucumbers, Bell Peppers** and **Squash**. We recommend you limit use of **Red Bell Peppers** and **Yellow Squash**, and substitute with **Select-grade Cucumbers, Choice-grade Green Bell Peppers**, and **Medium-sized Green Squash**.

CAULIFLOWER & BROCCOLI The shortage of **Broccoli** and **Cauliflower** supplies is expected to continue for another week or two at minimum. Quality is good to fair, but pricing is much higher than normal, and orders may be shorted on **Whole Heads, Crowns** and **Florets**. Please avoid use where possible.

ASPARAGUS Pricing is lower than last week on all sizes of **Asparagus**, however certain sizes are better values. We recommend using **Pencil** and **Standard** sizes for optimal cost. Quality is good on all sizes.

GRAPES Quality remains poor and pricing remains higher than normal on **Green Grapes**. Quality is good on **Red Grapes**, however pricing also remains high. Please discontinue use of **Green Grapes** where possible, and limit use of **Red Grapes**.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Strawberries: Quality is excellent on regular and long-stemmed strawberries, with very good pricing, just in time for Mother's Day menus!

Ramps and Fiddlehead Ferns: These mid-spring specialty items are popular menu additions during their very short growing seasons. Ask your distributor for availability.

Apples: Washington and Michigan are still peaking on Gala, Granny Smith, Red and Golden Delicious.

Blueberries: Central California is at the beginning of a 2-to-4-week peak harvest. Excellent quality and good pricing!

Potatoes (colored): Bakersfield, California is in the peak of its season.

Weather Update













California: Cooling temperatures across Central and Southern Coastal areas, with windy conditions later in the week.

Mexico: Lower temperatures from passing cold fronts, and scattered showers throughout the week in Northern and Central Mexico. Tropical Storm Adrian is off the El Salvador coast, which may impact Southwestern Mexico next week.

Florida: Above average temperatures and generally dry conditions throughout the week.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	WA, ID and MI are at peak season on certain varieties. Quality is excellent.
 ASPARAGUS	Pricing is lower than the previous week, with good quality.
 AVOCADO	Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality. Pencil and Standard are the best values.
 BELL PEPPERS	Pricing is higher on some grades and colors. Quality is good.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.
 BROCCOLI	Pricing is very high, quality is poor.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality and pricing are good. Mexican product is at peak season.
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is stable.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is fair to poor, pricing is very high.

 CELERY	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality and pricing are good.
 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.
 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality and pricing are good.
 CUCUMBERS	Pricing is higher on some grades. Quality is good.
 EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are good.
 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is fair to poor, pricing is very high.
 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is trending higher.
 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.
 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Supplies are improved, pricing is lower and quality is good to fair.

 LETTUCE LEAF	Supplies are improved, pricing is lower and quality is good to fair.
 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good.
 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good.
 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good.
 ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 PEARS	New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.
 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is very good.
 POTATOES (COLORED)	All colors are at peak season.
 SQUASH	Pricing is higher on Yellow than Green. Quality is good.
 STONE FRUIT	Quality and pricing are good. Chilean product is at peak season.
 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher on Western grape and cherry tomatoes.

