

Product Condition Alert

June 14th, 2019

The Salinas Valley this week is experiencing extreme heat. Temperatures reached as high as 107 degrees yesterday with similar heat today. This extreme heat shortened yesterday's harvest and today looks to be the same. Harvest started earlier today to get as much product as they can before it gets too hot. All week suppliers will be looking to catch up as tomorrow's weather looks to be back to normal. All row crop items have reacted upward given this extreme heat. Weather the next couple weeks in the Salinas Valley looks favorable with no rain and consistent winds of 12-13 mph. Quality the next several weeks will be affected with all the weather we've recently experienced. Leaf and Lettuce will both have tip burn, fringe burn and even internal burn.

Row Crop suppliers are tight on the following items:

- Curly Parsley – we are prorating product
- Lettuce – not prorating
- Romaine – not prorating
- Celery – not prorating

We will keep you informed so that you may prepare your menus accordingly, as we work through the challenges our industry faces this time each year.