

Product Condition Alert

October 25th, 2018

The transition of our lettuce and row crop sourcing has begun. As we depart Salinas Valley and travel into Yuma's desert, the industry leaders are preparing for an overall drop of quality and availability in regards to **Romaine, Romaine Hearts, Iceberg** and **Broccoli**. As for our leafy items – we expect to see smaller heads, lighter weight cases, minimal yellowing and bruising of tender leaves. Shippers have notified us that they will be heavily monitoring their numbers on these items for the next 3-4 weeks or until we are fully settled in Yuma. Unfortunately, Yuma is behind schedule and it's this time of year that we turn to Mother Nature to push acreage forward.

Although we are depending on the Great Mother for a little push in Yuma's growing region, she has been tearing through the east coast leaving devastation deep within several farms. Rain, heat and crop damaged caused by Hurricane Michael have resulted in an extreme lack of availability of **Green Beans**. As a result, an **Act of God** has officially been declared with this commodity. An Act of God is defined as an instance of *uncontrollable natural forces* in operation.

We are monitoring these seasonal and weather related challenges daily and doing all we can for a seamless transition & return from the depression that comes with this Act of God.