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Market Alerts

SEVERE WEATHER CROP IMPACT - Hurricane Michael's path from Florida through Virginia, and Tropical Storms Rosa and Sergio across western/central Mexico, will affect quality and availability of the following crops: Corn, Green Beans, Tomatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Cucumbers, Green Onions and Melons. Be sure to read The Source Plus weekly for up-to-date information and product recommendations.

EASTERN VEGETABLES – ZUCCHINI SQUASH supplies continue to be limited, with **Yellow** or **Autumn Squash** being a much better cost option. **Bell Peppers, Cucumbers, Eggplant** and **Green Beans** in the Eastern U.S. will also be of varying quality and price over the next few weeks.

BERRIES - Harvest transition continues to affect supplies and quality of **Strawberries, Blueberries,** and **Blackberries.** Quality is fair, and pricing may be higher in certain markets.

LETTUCE - Supplies of **Romaine** and **Green Leaf Lettuce** remain tight, due to cooler weather and the beginning of California field transition. Quality is fair, with lighter case weights reported. **Iceberg, Red Leaf, Romaine Hearts** and **pre-cut product** are all better cost and quality options.

GREEN ONIONS – Wet weather in Mexico, which is the primary growing area for **Green Onions,** has slowed harvesting and caused a small supply gap. Pricing is higher than normal, and quality is fair, with decay and short shelf life reported.

TOMATOES Roma, Cherry, and **Grape tomatoes** have all been affected by Hurricane Florence in the Southeast and heavy rains in Mexico's Baja region. Quality is fair and pricing is higher. **Round tomatoes** are the best cost and quality option.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Apples: All varieties are being harvested out of the major growing areas: Washington, Michigan and New York and more. The perfect autumn hand fruit!

Pears: Bartlett, Bosc and Red Pears are approaching peak harvest out of Washington and California. Quality is excellent.

Onions: – The new crop of Yellow and Red Onions are in, with excellent quality. Pricing is high for **Green Onions** as supply is tight.

Grapes: Quality is excellent, with great texture and sweetness, on Red and Green medium-sized fruit.

Kale: Quality is excellent on all Green and Tuscan Kale, with good color and full bunches.

Colored Potatoes: – Yellow, Purple, Red and Fingerling Potatoes are all in season, with great quality reported.

Squash: Autumn Squash is beginning to be harvested throughout the country. Butternut and Acorn are the most available—ask your distributor for recommendations!

Weather Update

California: Temperatures continue to cool across most of the state, with marine moisture and showers along the coast.

Mexico: Tropical Storm Sergio is bringing heavy rains and strong winds from Baja through the north and central regions.

Southeastern U.S.: Hurricane Michael brought damaging wind and rain from the Florida Panhandle through southern Virginia, expected to be followed by cooler temperatures.



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Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality and pricing are good	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is good to fair; pricing is slightly higher
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good, with Pencil and Standard the best buys.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair; pricing is good
 AVOCADO	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is poor; pricing is higher; smaller sizes are very scarce	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good to fair; pricing is higher on Western product	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is fair; pricing is higher	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is fair	 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 GARLIC	Quality is fair; pricing is higher	 PEARS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality is fair to good, pricing may be higher	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality and pricing are good	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES	Quality and pricing are good
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is improved to good to fair. Pricing is higher than normal	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair to poor; pricing is higher	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
 CARROTS	Quality and pricing are good	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good	 SQUASH	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Zucchini
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing may be higher in certain markets

