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Market Alerts

STRAWBERRIES – Quality has improved to fair out of California and Mexico, and Florida remains poor due to recent heavy rain and colder weather. Pricing may be higher in certain markets.

Blackberries and **Blueberries** are better cost and quality alternatives.

LEAF LETTUCE – Pricing on **Green** and **Red** Leaf Lettuce is down from last week, but remains above normal, with fair quality. Iceberg and Romaine are better cost and quality options.

MELONS – Supplies of Cantaloupe and Honeydew are very light, due to limited harvests out of Mexico, and a slow start to the Central American season. Quality is good, but pricing may be higher in certain markets.

CELERY – Transition-related light harvests continue to cause higher pricing than normal, with good to fair quality reported.

TOMATOES – Supplies have improved on all sizes/varieties, particularly on Romas. Quality is still fair, especially in the Eastern half of the U.S., due to the continued cold and rain in Florida's growing region. Pricing is still slightly higher than normal in most markets, with 5x6 Rounds being the best overall value.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Cherries: Quality is excellent on imported Cherries.

Specialty Potatoes: – Quality is very good on all Colored, Fingerling, and Yukon Potatoes.

Pears: Quality is excellent out of Washington and California on all varieties.

Cranberries: Just in time for holiday menus, quality is great on fresh Cranberries.

Specialty Citrus: The winter citrus season has begun – Mandarins, Tangerines, Clementines and Blood Oranges are available in most areas. Ask your distributor for recommendations!

Winter Squash: Butternut, Acorn, Delicata, Spaghetti and more are available – ask your distributor for recommendations!

Kale: Quality is excellent, with full bunches and dark green color.

Avocados: Quality is excellent and pricing is lower than in recent months. Fully ripened product is plentiful.

Weather Update

California: Temperatures will warm to seasonal levels throughout the week, with some rain and wind to the south.

Yuma, AZ: Dry conditions, seasonal daytime temperatures and cold overnights.

Mexico: Dry conditions, seasonal daytime temperatures and cold overnights.

Florida: Heavy rainfall over the weekend, with dry conditions most of the following week.



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Commodities at a Glance

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|  Apples | Quality is good, 125 CT and smaller sizes are less available |  Celery | Quality is good, pricing is higher |  Lettuce Leaf | Quality is fair, pricing is higher |
|  Asparagus | Quality is good, pricing is fair quality is good. |  Citrus (Lemons) | Quality and pricing are good |  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 is good, pricing is higher |  Citrus (Oranges) | Quality and pricing are good |  Melon (Honeydew) | Quality is good, pricing is higher |
|  Berries (Blackberries) | Quality and pricing are good |  Cucumbers | Quality and pricing are good |  Melon (Watermelon) | Quality and pricing are fair |
|  Berries (Blueberries) | Quality and pricing are good |  Eggplant | Quality and pricing are good |  Onions | Quality and pricing are good |
|  Berries (Raspberries) | Quality is good, pricing may be higher |  Garlic | Quality is fair, pricing is higher |  Pears | Quality and pricing are good |
|  Berries (Strawberries) | Quality is fair, pricing may be higher |  Grapes (Green) | Quality is fair, pricing is higher |  Pineapples | Quality and pricing are good |
|  Broccoli | Quality is good, pricing is fair |  Grapes (Red) | Quality is fair, pricing is good |  Potatoes | Quality and pricing are good |
|  Brussels Sprouts | Quality is fair, pricing is good |  Green Onions | Quality and pricing are good |  Potatoes (colored) | Quality and pricing are good |
|  Carrots | Quality and pricing are good |  Kale | Quality and pricing are good |  Squash | Quality and pricing are good |
|  Cauliflower | Quality and pricing are good |  Lettuce Iceberg | Quality is fair, pricing is good |  Tomatoes | Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher |

