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## Market Alerts

**GRAPES**– Supplies of both Red and Green Grapes are limited, due to a slowdown of receiving South American fruit through major ports. Pricing may be higher in some markets. Quality is fair, with discoloration and softness the most common issues.

**STRAWBERRIES** – Quality has improved on fruit out of both California and Florida, and supplies are slowly recovering. Pricing may still be higher than normal in some markets between now and Valentine's Day.

**PEPPERS**– Supplies of Bell Peppers are improved in the West, although Florida's harvest remains extremely light. Pricing is higher in the Eastern half of the country.

**TOMATOES** – With better recent growing conditions, supplies of all Round, Roma, Grape and Cherry Tomatoes are improved out of California, Mexico and Florida. Quality is good. Pricing remains higher than normal on most product, with 5x6 Rounds being the best value.

**ASPARAGUS** – Pricing is lower than the prior week, although still higher than normal, with Pencil and Standard being the best sizes. Quality is good, and supplies are expected to continue to improve.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Apples** – All red varieties are in peak season.

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

**Pears:** Bartlett, Bosc and Anjou pears and excellent quality out of Washington and California.

**Blackberries** – Quality is excellent and pricing is good.

**Specialty Citrus:** Winter Citrus is in season—Mandarins, Tangerines, Clementines, Blood Oranges and more are available. Ask your distributor for recommendations!

**Blueberries** – Quality is terrific on South American imported fruit.

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

**Plums** – Imported fruit from Chile and Peru is excellent quality.

## Weather Update

**California:** Temperatures warming back up to seasonal levels, with very windy conditions expected in all growing areas.

**Yuma, AZ:** Temperatures warming back up to seasonal levels, with very windy conditions expected in all growing areas.

**Mexico:** Temperatures and precipitation also at seasonal levels.

**Florida:** Cold, windy, rainy conditions expected in all growing areas, particularly in the northern half of the state.



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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 good                                   |
|  ASPARAGUS              | Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher than normal      |  CITRUS (LEMONS)   | Quality and pricing are good       |  LETTUCE TENDER LEAF  | Quality is fair, Romaine pricing is good, Green/Red leaf is higher |
|  AVOCADO                | Quality and pricing are good                                 |  CITRUS (LIMES)    | Quality and pricing are good       |  MELON (CANTALOUPE)   | Quality is good, pricing is fair                                   |
|  BELL PEPPERS           | Quality is good, pricing is higher                           |  CITRUS (ORANGES)  | Quality and pricing are good       |  MELON (HONEYDEW)     | Quality is good, pricing is fair                                   |
|  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 is good, pricing is higher |  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 good, pricing may be higher                       |  GRAPES (GREEN)    | Quality is fair, pricing is higher |  PINEAPPLES           | Quality and pricing are good                                       |
|  BROCCOLI             | Quality is good, pricing is higher                           |  GRAPES (RED)    | Quality is fair, pricing is good   |  POTATOES           | Quality and pricing are good                                       |
|  BRUSSELS SPROUTS     | Quality is fair to poor, pricing is higher                   |  GREEN ONIONS    | Quality is good, pricing is higher |  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 is good, pricing is higher                           |  LETTUCE ICEBERG | Quality is fair, pricing is good   |  TOMATOES           | Quality is good, pricing is improved, still higher than normal     |