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## Market Alerts

**Tomatoes** – As of May 7th, all tomatoes imported into the U.S. from Mexico will have a 17.56% duty applied by the Department of Commerce. This will affect the tomato market nationwide in the coming weeks, although the true impact is yet to be determined. Please read The Source Plus weekly for up-to-date information and recommendations.

**Celery** – The prolonged shortage of bulk and pre-cut product continues. Pricing is extremely high and quality is fair. Avoid use where possible.

**Avocados** – Supplies have improved but not enough to meet demand, particularly on **60 CT and smaller fruit**. Pricing is higher than normal, and fully ripened fruit may be less available. **48 CT and larger sizes** are the best value.

**Cauliflower** – Supplies continue to be very light out of Salinas Valley. Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality. Florets may be a better option.

**Green Bell Peppers** – Field transition from South Florida into Georgia, and in Mexico, has caused a temporary supply gap. Quality is good, but pricing is higher than normal.

**Green Grapes** – Mexico and California's harvests are very slow to ramp up this spring. Pricing is extremely high in most areas, and quality is fair. Conditions should return to normal by the end of the month.

**Red Grapes** are a much better cost and quality option until then.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Cucumbers** – Quality is very good on field-grown Cucumbers out of Central Florida and South Georgia.

**Early Season Stone Fruit** – California Peaches, Nectarines, Plums and Cherries are all available – ask your distributor for recommendations!

**Green Onions** – Mexico's harvest is yielding excellent quality and abundant supplies.

**Strawberries** – California berries are very nice quality.

**Red Grapes** – Quality is very nice on Red Grapes out of Mexico and California.

**Potatoes** – Smaller-sized Idaho baking potatoes are less expensive than larger ones. 80 CT and smaller are the best values.

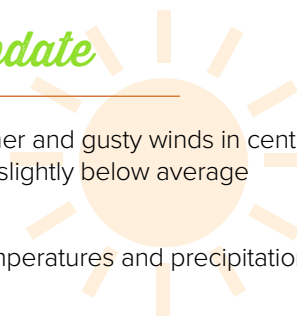
**Asparagus** – Locally grown Asparagus is available in most of the Midwest, Northeast and Pacific Northwest.

## Weather Update

**California:** Wet weather and gusty winds in central growing regions, with slightly below average temperatures.

**Mexico:** Seasonal temperatures and precipitation in all growing regions.

**Florida:** Warm, humid conditions and seasonal precipitation, primarily in the southern half of the state.



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# Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality is good, 125 CT and smaller sizes will be less available through the summer	 CELERY	Quality is fair; pricing is very high, avoid use if possible	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 ASPARAGUS	Quality is good, pricing is higher; Pencil and Standard are the best buys	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 AVOCADO	Quality is fair; pricing is high, fully ripened product less available	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Melon Cantaloupe – Quality and pricing are good
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Green Bells	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Western product	 ONIONS	Quality is fair; pricing is higher on Reds
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 GARLIC	Quality is fair; pricing is higher	 PEARS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is fair; pricing is higher	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is higher on bulk product	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on larger sizes
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair to poor; pricing is higher	 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 is fair; pricing is higher	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good	 TOMATOES	Quality and pricing are good

