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## Market Alerts

**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 continue to be light, particularly out of California, and expect to remain so into June. Pricing is higher than normal, and quality is fair. 48 CT and larger sizes are the best value.

**Strawberries** – Heavy rain in central California has decreased the harvest and caused quality issues, most notably short shelf life. Blackberries, Raspberries and Blueberries are all better quality options.

**Brussels Sprouts** – Recent heavy rain in California's Salinas and Oxnard regions has affected quality and availability. Pricing is higher than normal, and quality is fair to poor, with smaller sizing and decay reported.

**Grapes** – Supplies remain very tight on table grapes. Pricing is very high, particularly for **Green**, and quality is fair.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

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

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

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

**Kale** – Quality is very nice, with full bunches and vibrant color reported.

**Squash** – Quality and pricing are great on Zucchini.

**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.

**Specialty Melons** – Juan Canary, Casaba and Crenshaw melons are starting to be harvested. Ask your distributor for availability.

## Weather Update

**California:** Colder temperatures, windy conditions and rain are expected most of the week.

**Mexico:** Seasonal temperatures and precipitation throughout most growing regions.

**Southeastern U.S.** – Very warm, dry, breezy conditions over most growing regions.



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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 and pricing are good	 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 and pricing are good	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good	 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 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, 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 on bulk product	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 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 good, pricing is higher	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good	 TOMATOES	Quality and pricing are good