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## Market Alerts

Last night we received word that a tariff had been proposed on all goods coming from Mexico. This disconcerting news would affect the approximately \$345+ billion dollars in goods that are coming across our southern border, and of course have detrimental outcomes on the landed cost of many fresh produce items that are grown in Mexico.

Like other proclamations, we have no idea if this threat will be acted on, but are working closely with our industry partners including United Fresh, PMA, and the many growers who work in Mexico to speak clearly to authorities about the ripple effect this would have in the economy as costs are passed down to consumers.

We will make you aware of specific responses to this issue, and keep you updated as the situation is fairly fluid at this point.

**Celery** – Very light harvests out of Mexico and Central California continue to keep pricing high. Quality is fair, with abnormally leafy tops and seeder reported. The situation is expected to continue through the month of June. 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.

**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 are still light for both **Green and Red Grapes**, but harvests are improving quickly out of Coachella and Mexico. Pricing is much lower than last week for Greens, and should return to normal in another week or two for both. Quality is also improved to good.

**Eggplant** – Quality has been fair on the spring harvest out of Georgia and Florida, with light supplies and slightly higher pricing. Western product is also light, with pricing slightly higher than normal, and good quality. **Choice-grade product** is the best value.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Pineapples** – Quality is excellent out of all Central American growing regions, with high sugar levels reported.

**Stone Fruit** – California Peaches, Nectarines, Apricots 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** – New Jersey, Michigan and Canada are harvesting all sizes of Asparagus, with good quality reported.

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

## Weather Update

**California:** Temperatures warming to seasonal levels, with dry conditions.

**Mexico:** Cooler temperatures and tropical moisture in the central regions, warmer and drier to the north.

**Southeastern U.S.** – Seasonal temperatures and precipitation across Florida.



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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 fair, 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 good, pricing is slightly higher	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is higher on bulk product	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is slightly 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