

the Source +



Market Alerts

Mexican Tariff Update – The situation with Mexican imports and potential tariffs continues to be very fluid. Currently a 5% tariff is scheduled to commence on June 10th, affecting all products imported to the U.S. from Mexico, including fresh produce. This is in addition to the recent 17.56% tariff being imposed on Mexican tomatoes.

The true impact to cost and availability of those products is very much unknown. It is possible that at least a portion of these tariff impacts could be passed along to consumers at some point. As of now, markets haven't reacted significantly to the news, and government negotiations are ongoing.

Please continue to read **The Source Plus** for up-to-date news and product recommendations.

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.

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.

Cucumbers – Select- and Super Select-grade Cucumbers are in a short supply gap, due to field transition and import delays in Mexico. Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality reported.



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!

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 – Mexico and Peru are harvesting excellent quality in all sizes.

Watermelon – The Mexican and Southwestern U.S. harvest is yielding great quality with high sugar levels.

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

Weather Update

California: Cooler temperatures early in the week, warming later with marine layer (foggy) conditions along the Central coast.

Mexico: Seasonably warm and dry conditions across most of the growing regions.

Southeastern U.S.: –Very warm temperatures with widespread showers and thunderstorms.



The newest kitchen tool is already in your pocket.

COLORFUL PLATES

Created for chefs by chefs, **Colorful Plates** is an online toolkit for culinary artisans of all experience levels looking for produce knowledge and inspiration. From Michelin-starred restaurants to home cooking enthusiasts, advice, information, and creativity available on the website is designed to elevate produce understanding.

JOIN THE COMMUNITY AT WWW.COLORFULPLATES.CO

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 is good, pricing is higher on Western product	 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 good, pricing may be higher	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality and pricing are good	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on larger sizes
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is improving, pricing is fair	 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 and pricing are good	 TOMATOES	Quality and pricing are good