



# Weekly Market Report

May 21, 2018

## Watch out! Important updates on these items.

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- **Apples & Pears:** Washington apple prices have started to rise. Bosc pears are all imports and prices are high.
- **Arugula:** Quality issues with baby arugula; organic supplies will be very limited.
- **Green Bean:** Markets are higher as the FL season is finished and GA has just started to expect to see much higher prices for several weeks.
- **Blueberry:** Prices remain very high as FL is finished and GA is having issues. Expect prices to remain elevated for several weeks.
- **Broccoli:** Markets are higher with limited supplies.
- **Cantaloupe:** Markets are much higher as we have finished the offshore deal and are pulling fruit from Mexico and AZ. Costs will be significantly higher.
- **Citrus: Lemon** prices are higher on smaller fruit. **Orange** quality is still fair and prices are also higher on the smaller fruit. CA Valencia 113ct will start in a week. We will be shipping CA **grapefruit** this week. Expect internal color to be lighter.
- **Cucumbers:** Markets are steady but expected to increase as FL has finished. **European cucumber** supplies remain steady.
- **Garlic:** Markets remain very unstable.
- **Grapes:** Prices will be several dollars higher as we start the transition to Mexico. Green Grapes remain an issue but will improve when the new varieties get started.
- **Honeydew:** Markets are much higher as we move to Mexico and AZ this week.
- **Peppers: Red Pepper** prices will remain high but we should see some relief right after the holiday. **Green Pepper** markets are much higher. Costs are heading to record levels. FL is finished and GA is delayed. **Hot House** pepper prices are steady.
- **Squash:** Markets have started to ease as supplies have improved from GA. Hard-shell markets are steady.



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## NOTABLE UPDATES

### VEGETABLES

**Asparagus:** Supplies have improved and prices are steady. We will have availability on local asparagus this week again!

**Beans:** Snip Bean Supplies are steady. French Beans are steady.

**Brussels Sprouts:** Markets higher.

**Cauliflower:** Prices are steady.

**Celery:** Markets are steady.

**Eggplant:** Prices are slightly higher as FL starts to wind down and GA is yet to start.

**Greens: Collards** and **Kale** supplies are steady.

**Herbs:** Israeli chives are experiencing issues. It's summer in Israel and the excessive heat is creating quality and availability issues. The season will be coming to an end in coming weeks.

**Iceberg Lettuce:** Markets steady.

**Leaf Items:** Romaine and leaf items are steady.

**Onions:** New crop onions from TX and CA are in stock. Markets are steady. ***Vidalia Onions are in stock; ONI150!***

**Peas:** Supplies are improving and markets are lower.

**Potatoes: Russet** markets are steady and we are shipping all Burbank variety. **Red Potatoes** and **Yukons** remain elevated with limited supplies from FL.

### TOMATOES

**Tomatoes, rounds:** Round tomatoes are extremely active. Due to daily heavy rains in primary growing regions in FL, growers have been unable to harvest. Yields and volume continue to drop on all sizes. Quality and color may also begin to be a problem with all rain and lack of harvest. Market increased dramatically this week; is predicted to continue to rise in the coming weeks as we move into transitions to GA and SC.

**Romas:** Market increased slightly last week and will probably move again this week as a result of weather in FL and Mexico. Yields are down in both areas and suppliers are struggling with keeping volume up. Quality remains steady, but may drop as a result of the weather.

**Grape and Cherry:** Markets remain very active. Rain is again creating problems with yield and availability for these commodities. Cherry tomatoes are struggling the most right now, but grapes are not without issues. Quality on both is currently good, but that should continue to fall as move into transition time.



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### FRUITS

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**Avocados:** **CA**—Eating quality outstanding. Due to the seasonal defoliation, there is a lot more dark fruit in the pack-outs, but the fruit is hard. *Color is not an indication of ripeness!!* Strong volumes expected through July. **Mexico**—There is plenty of dark fruit in the pack outs which is normal for this time of year. Eating quality also outstanding. Loca crop is set to start mid-July. **Peru**—The industry's first container arrives this Friday. Will be another arriving the following week. Should see good volume by end of June. Sizing is heavy to 40s and larger.

**Banana & Plantains:** Plantain volume is steady, and pricing is stable. Banana supplies and pricing are stable this week.

**Blackberry:** Prices are slightly lower as supplies are improving.

**Limes:** Markets are slowly heading to normal levels.

**Mangos:** Supplies are tightening up as Peru finishes and Mexico growing regions are transitioning.

**Melons:** **Watermelon** prices are steady and are expected to remain stable heading into the next holiday.

**Raspberries:** Markets are steady.

**Stone Fruit:** *Cherries have started in very small volume and remain very expensive.* CA peaches are limited. CA nectarine supplies are limited as growers faced "Bloom Drop" with early spring frost. Black Plums are still from Chile, CA will start after the holiday. Apricots are in stock.

**Strawberries:** Markets are lower with good supplies. **Stem Berries** are in stock.

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## NO CHANGES

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**Baby Spinach:** Supplies are steady.

**Cabbage:** Markets are stable and production has started in GA.

**Corn:** Good supplies and good quality coming from FL for a few more weeks and then we expect to start in GA.

**Pineapples:** Markets are steady.

**Spring Mix:** Steady supplies and good quality.