



Weekly Market Report

July 9, 2018

Watch out! Important updates on these items.

- **Arugula:** Organic supplies still remain a challenge.
- **Asparagus:** Markets remain high as rain in Mexico has slowed harvest and supplies are very limited from Peru.
- **Brussels Sprouts:** Markets remain EXTREMELY high as quality issues are affecting supplies.
- **Celery:** Costs are high as FOBs and freight have increased.
- **Citrus: Lemon** prices are much higher. Demand is up and imported supplies are seeing quality issues. We are shipping all Valencia oranges and prices are steady this week. We will be shipping CA **grapefruit** this week. Expect internal color to be lighter.
- **Grapes:** Prices remain elevated but are expected to improve after the 4th.
- **Red Potato:** Prices are higher. Yukon prices are much higher. New crop from NC are delayed. Chef potatoes will be russets for the next few weeks until NC gets started.
- **Stem Berries:** May come up short as Driscoll has stopped packing due to smaller sizing.



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NOTABLE UPDATES

VEGETABLES

- Beans:** **Green Bean** prices are lower and supplies have improved. **Snip Bean** supplies are back to normal levels. French **Beans** are steady.
- Broccoli:** Markets are steady. Eastern product is starting this week **BRO11**.
- Cabbage:** Markets are steady.
- Cauliflower:** Markets are slightly higher.
- Corn:** Good supplies and good quality coming from GA now. Local production has started.
- Cucumbers:** Markets are steady. **European cucumber** markets remain elevated.
- Garlic:** Markets are steady for now.
- Greens:** **Collards** and **Kale** supplies are steady. Local production has started.
- Herbs:** Israeli chives are finished for the season due to excessive heat. Rain and heat in Mexico and Colombia continue to have an impact on quality and availability.
- Iceberg Lettuce:** Markets are lower as supplies have improved.
- Leaf Items:** Romaine and leaf items are up with increased freight costs.
- Onions:** New crop onions from CA and NM. Quality is questionable and prices will be higher. Red Onions have become very tight on supplies. **Pricing will be higher this week.** Vidalia onions are in stock **ONI150**. **They are storage onions so prices will be going up.**
- Peas:** Markets remain high on snow peas but reasonable on sugar snaps.
- Peppers:** **Green Pepper** markets steady. **Red Pepper** prices are steady. **Hot House Pepper** markets are steady.
- Potatoes:** **Russet** markets are steady and we are shipping all Burbank variety.
- Squash:** Markets are steady as we are seeing production from multiple growing regions. Local production has started but may be affected by weather. Hard-shell markets are steady.

TOMATOES

- Tomatoes, rounds:** Markets are coming down. CA crops have started and MD/VA will start picking later this week. Freight costs are a challenge for many CA growers. AL and TN have also both started. Color is not currently a problem, but may become an issue in the early stages of new crop.
- Romas:** Market continues to remain flat. Supplies are good from all domestic growing regions including CA as well as Mexico.
- Grape and Cherry:** Market is going to increase this week. Product supply on both commodities is limited as shippers are transitioning to different growing regions.



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FRUITS

Apples & Pears: WA apple prices have started to rise. Bosc pears are out of stock for this week. *Taylor gold pears are a great alternative!*

Avocados: **CA**—Harvesting is strong. Fruit is peaking on 40s/48s. Demand is strongest on 60s and smaller. Pricing continues to increase on these sizes in particular. Peak season flavor and even ripening. Organic harvest is strong, but the demand is even stronger. **Mexico**—Rain continues to disrupt the harvest. Seasonal decline is also in play. Off bloom fruit is not mature enough to harvest yet. Harvest could be delayed to last part of July. Old crop oil content is super high. **Peru**—The volume is increasing. Season will extend well into Sept. and possible early Oct. ***We will see some higher pricing next week on avocados. We still have mostly Mexican and California product in house.***

Bananas: Pricing is steady. With the warmer weather customers will see fruit come up very quickly at ambient temps.

Blackberry: Prices are improving as we have started with product from NC.

Blueberry: Supplies are improving and prices are lower. We will be stocking both 6oz packs **BER07** and full pints **BER072**.

Cantaloupe: Markets are steady and quality is very good.

Honeydew: Markets are steady.

Limes: Markets are steady and supplies should remain steady for the summer months.

Mangos: Markets are steady and we expect them to remain steady for the next few weeks.

Pineapple: Markets are steady.

Raspberries: Markets are slightly lower.

Stone Fruit: Washington State cherries will be in stock this week. CA peaches and nectarines are in stock. Donut peaches and white nectarines will be in stock this week. Red and black plums are both in stock from CA. Apricots are in stock.

Strawberries: Steady; sizing is smaller.

Watermelon: Prices are steady.

NO CHANGES

Baby Spinach: Supplies are steady.

Eggplant: Markets are steady as supplies have increased from GA.

Plantains: Supplies and pricing is steady this week.

Spring Mix: Steady supplies and good quality.