



Weekly Market Report

September 10, 2018

Watch out! Important updates on these items.

- **Arugula:** Organic supplies still remain a challenge. Arugula quality is fair, at best; light texture and occasional colored leaves due to warm weather.
- **Asparagus:** Markets remain elevated as supplies from Peru are still limited but we expect to see some relief at end of month when supplies from Mexico increase.
- **Blueberry:** We have made the transition to 1/2 pints. Supplies starting from Peru.
- **Broccoli:** Markets remain higher.
- **Cauliflower:** Markets are higher.
- **Corn:** Markets are several dollars higher.
- **Green Onions:** Markets are still high. We expect markets to remain elevated for several more weeks.
- **Herbs:** Thyme and sage harvest has been hindered due to increased rain and heat out of Mexico and Colombia. Harvesting of all other herbs remains steady. Israeli chives will resume in Oct.
- **Hot House Pepper:** Markets remain elevated.
- **Lemon:** Lemon markets are EXTREMELY HIGH and will remain high for several months. High temps in the growing regions have damaged most of the crop. Mexico has started but questionable quality and lower than expected production.
- **Limes:** Markets have eased slightly but still remain elevated. Prices are expected to remain elevated and will advance again once demand increases.
- **Mangoes:** Markets are higher as we start to finish up Mexican season. Fruit will be very mature. Expect product to be high color with some give for next week; Brazil will start next week.
- **Peas:** Markets are higher on sno peas as supplies are limited.
- **Pineapple:** Markets are slightly higher as supplies are much lower. Expected to last for several weeks.
- **Spring Mix:** All baby lettuces will be a challenge as supplies are down.
- **Squash:** Markets remain slightly higher. We expect to see some relief next week in supply. Hard-shell markets are steady.



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NOTABLE UPDATES

VEGETABLES

Baby Spinach: Supplies are slightly improved.

Beans: **Green Bean** prices are steady. **Snip Bean and French Beans** are steady.

Brussels Sprouts: Markets are slightly higher. Quality very good.

Celery: Steady supplies and markets.

Cilantro: Markets are lower but prices are still elevated.

Cucumbers: Markets still reasonable but are slightly higher. Euro cucumber markets are higher as growers are seeing a slight decrease in supply.

Eggplant: Markets are steady as supplies are good from Mid-Atlantic region.

Garlic: Markets are steady for now.

Greens: **Collard** and **Kale** supplies steady. **Mustard** and **Turnip** greens are very limited.

Iceberg: Markets are steady; quality very good.

Leaf Items: Romaine and leaf items markets are steady; quality is good.

Onions: Red and yellow onions are all new crop out of Pacific northwest. Prices are steady. PA sweets are available.

Peppers: **Green Pepper** markets are steady as we still have production from local regions. **Red Pepper** prices steady.

Potatoes: **Russet** potato markets are up; end of the Burbank season is over. New crop has started; we will start to see it in house over the next couple weeks. **GPODS** are also done. May have a gap on them in a few weeks; pricing is up on these. **Red potato** and **Yukon** prices are steady. Next week we will have New crop out of the Midwest. Also have New crop **White chefs**. **Red Chefs** are up because they are new crop.

Salad Mixes: Shredded lettuce and salad mixes back to normal. Cabbage products are up due to limited supply of raw.

TOMATOES

Tomatoes, rounds: Market remains elevated; will be flat going into this week. Availability on Eastern Shore continues to be limited, but should begin to improve in coming weeks. West Coast and Southeast have good availability. Color is improving and quality remains good.

Romas: Markets continue to remain elevated; market appears to be flat going into this week. Supplies should be somewhat limited through Sept. Domestic growers have decent availability and are increasing prices with the market from Mexico. Quality from both regions has been good.

Grape & Cherry: Showing some signs of activity. Demand for grapes is increasing with schools back in session, but availability is good. Cherry market is active and prices up this week; quality is improving.



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FRUITS

Apples & Pears: Transition to “new” crop has started and markets have leveled off and are expected to remain steady. Bartlet, Bosc, and Anjou pears are all “new” crop from WA.

Avocados: Market is stabilizing and should stay steady for the time being. We have mostly CA and MX fruit in house right now. Only few codes have Peru fruit. Due to declining volume in CA, and Peru tapering off later this month, the industry will again be relying primarily on Mexican fruit, which could mean some price volatility thru Oct.

Mexico—Good harvests; prices are leveling out. New crop fruit is bright green in color; may take longer to ripen than the old crop fruit. May see some uneven ripening in the cartons. Still not seeing many #2s; pricing still strong on these. **California**—Volume continues to decline. Morro Bay fruit will be available; will sustain CA volume thru end of Sept. **Peru**—Season is winding down this month. Market is weaker on Peru fruit.

Bananas: Supplies steady; no changes in pricing.

Blackberry: Markets are slightly higher.

Citrus: We are shipping all Valencia oranges and prices are steady this week. New crop navels will start in early Oct. Will be shipping CA grapefruit this week; expect color to remain light.

Plantains: Supplies steady; pricing unchanged.

Raspberries: Markets remain high.

Stone Fruit: Cherries and apricots finished until late Dec. CA peaches, nectarines, red and black plums in stock. Local peaches available **PEC02**.

Strawberries: Markets are up as growers struggle to fill orders due to poor yield and just “fair” quality. Expect smaller sizes with some wet and bruised berries. Stem berries are available.

Watermelon: Prices are on the rise as summer production starts to wind down and supplies will be limited.

NO CHANGES

Cabbage: Good supplies from NY/Canada. Markets steady.

Cantaloupe: Markets are steady and quality is very good.

Carrots: Markets are steady.

Corn: Good supplies and good quality.

Grapes: Markets are steady.

Honeydew: Markets are steady.