



Weekly Market Report

October 8, 2018

Watch out! Important updates on these items.

- **Blueberry:** Markets are much higher as supplies are still limited from Peru.
- **Broccoli:** Markets remain very high as supplies from Salinas start to wind down.
- **Cantaloupe:** Markets are higher as CA season starts to finish up.
- **Cilantro:** Markets remain very high.
- **Corn:** Markets are much higher. Georgia is slow to start and markets are expected to remain elevated for several weeks.
- **European Cucumber:** Markets remain very high. Supplies are very limited and are expected to stay high for several weeks.
- **Garlic:** Markets are slightly higher.
- **Greens: Collard and Kale** prices are higher with limited supplies locally due to rain.
- **Green Beans:** Prices are higher as supplies are limited.
- **Green Onions:** Markets remain very high. We expect markets to remain elevated for several more weeks.
- **Honeydew:** Markets are higher as CA season starts to finish up.
- **Leaf Items:** Romaine, romaine hearts, and leaf lettuces are all MUCH HIGHER.
- **Lemon:** Markets are slightly lower but still elevated. Quality is still questionable. CA has started in new areas but supplies are still limited.
- **Mangoes:** Markets remain elevated as supplies from Mexico have finished and Brazil is slow to start.
- **Pineapple:** Markets remain elevated as supplies are limited. Expected to last for several more weeks.
- **Red Pepper:** Prices are much higher.
- **Squash:** Markets remain elevated as supplies are still limited in the south. Mexico is starting and prices should get back to normal levels in a week. **Hard-shell** markets steady.



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NOTABLE UPDATES

VEGETABLES

Asparagus: Markets are steady as supplies are improved.

Arugula: Organic supplies still a challenge. Quality is fair at best; light texture and occasional colored leaves due to warm weather.

Baby Spinach: Supplies are slightly improved.

Brussels Sprouts: Markets steady with better supplies.

Cauliflower: Markets are higher and are expected to continue to rise.

Cucumbers: Markets are steady.

Eggplant: Markets are slightly higher as supplies are down locally and Georgia will not start for another week.

Herbs: Heavy rains have affected basil & Thai basil out of Hawaii. Thyme harvest affected in Colombia due to rains; expected recovery in the next few weeks. Israeli chives will not be available for a few more weeks due to temperatures affecting harvest. Other herbs remain steady.

Iceberg Lettuce: Markets are steady with better supplies.

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

Peas: Markets are higher on both snow peas and sugar snaps.

Peppers: Green Pepper and Hot House Pepper markets steady.

Potatoes: Norkotah Russet potato markets are steady this week. **Burbanks** will start in a week. GPODs will be back in stock next week. **Red and Yukon Gold** markets are steady. **Sweet Potato** prices are higher and expected to get higher in coming weeks. Growers still evaluating fields.

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

TOMATOES

Tomatoes, rounds: Market is starting to move. CA received large amounts of rain mid-week and will be unable to harvest until the beginning of the week. Eastern Shore no longer has any good round tomatoes to ship. The Southeast has product available, but prices are reacting quickly. For the growers that have GA crops, they will begin in the next two weeks which should help with supplies. Color remains good and quality varies load to load.

Roma tomatoes: Market continues to remain elevated and will be increasing again this week. Supplies from Mexico continue to be limited due to the rain. Domestic growers are starting to see lower supplies and are continuing to keep prices high as a result of increased demand. Quality on import and domestic fruit remains good.

Grape & Cherry: Markets both remain active. Demand for both commodities is high and supplies are limited. Product on the Eastern Shore continues to be limited. Transition crops are up and running, but volume on those is limited. We will continue to see active markets on these items for at least next two weeks.



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FRUITS

Apples & Pears: Apples from WA are all higher and Granny Smith apples are much higher. Bartlet, Bosc, Anjou Pears are all “new” crop from WA.

Avocados: May see slightly lower costs this week; pricing should remain steady for next couple weeks. **Mexico**—New Aventajada crop not meeting desired oil content yet; Mexico still harvesting Loca crop which will finish some-time in Oct. Starting to see large fruit diminish in availability; more small fruit. #2 fruit is still in short supply. External and eating quality on the Loca crop is excellent. **California**—Still seeing some availability in the North. We will continue to have CA fruit for a couple more weeks. **Peru**—Some fruit still lingering in the market; may hear of cheap deals to clean up.

Bananas: Supplies steady; no changes in pricing.

Blackberry: Markets are steady.

Citrus: We are shipping all Valencia oranges and prices are steady this week. New crop navels will start in a few weeks. Tangerines from FL has started. FL grapefruit has started.

Limes: Markets are steady as demand remains low. Prices are expected to rebound higher if demand increases.

Plantains: Supplies steady; pricing unchanged.

Raspberries: Markets are steady.

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

Strawberries: Markets are steady. Stem Berries will have limited availability as fruit is running smaller.

NO CHANGES

Beans: Snip, and French beans all steady.

Cabbage: Markets are steady.

Carrots: Markets are steady.

Celery: Steady supplies and market.

Grapes: Markets are steady.

Spring Mix: Supplies are steady and quality is good.

Watermelon: Prices are stable.