



# Weekly Market Report

January 21, 2019

## Watch out! Important updates on these items.

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- **Asparagus:** Markets are much higher and supplies will be limited. Expect markets to remain very high for several weeks. Production from Peru and Mexico are both down due to cold temps in the growing regions.
- **Baby Squash:** Supplies remain limited due to weather.
- **Baby Veg:** Due to rain and extremely cold temps, some baby items are still limited. Carrot size is back to where it should be.
- **Broccoli:** Markets moving higher as cold weather slows production.
- **Broccoli/Cauliflower Florets:** Prices are higher on both florets. Limited supplies due to cold.
- **Brussels Sprouts:** Markets are higher as domestic supplies finish up.
- **Cabbage:** Markets remain high but availability is slowly improving.
- **Cauliflower:** Market remains very high.
- **Cilantro:** Markets are much higher as cold weather has slowed production.
- **Honeydew:** Markets are much higher as supplies are very limited from GT and HR.
- **Garlic:** Markets are several dollars higher.
- **Greens: Collards and Kale** prices are very high. Limited supplies from the South. We are sourcing kale from out west and collards may be unavailable.
- **Green Leaf Filets:** Will be very limited for the next 10-14 days.
- **Green Onions:** Markets are even higher. Supplies critically short due to damage from freezing temps.
- **Iceberg Lettuce:** Markets remain high. Outer leaf discoloration will affect all product.
- **Leaf Items:** Markets are steady as the cold temps have slowed production. Expect to see blister and peel discoloration.
- **Peas:** Markets are much higher on Sno peas. Limited production from colder temps.
- **Peppers: Green** markets remain elevated with supplies still struggling to meet demand. We expect to see improvement next week. **Red Pepper** prices are finally improving as growers are finally seeing improved production. **Hot House** markets are slowly improving. **Jalapeno, serrano, tomatillo** prices remain high. **Poblano** prices have eased.
- **Pineapple:** Markets remain elevated.
- **Romaine:** Markets are steady and we are seeing blister and peel on the outer leaves and internal ribs of the product.
- **Sweet Potato:** Prices are elevated and may go higher as growers are seeing very low yields. Supplies are expected to remain tight all year.
- **Watermelon:** Prices remain high with slightly better quality. Supplies are now arriving from Guatemala and Honduras.



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## NOTABLE UPDATES

### VEGETABLES

**Arugula:** Organic supplies still remain a challenge and organic arugula prices are higher. Quality is fair at best, light texture and occasional colored leaves due to warm weather.

**Baby Lettuce:** Supplies are slowly improving; however they are still limited.

**Baby Spinach:** Supplies are improving.

**Beans:** **Green Bean** markets steady but quality is only fair. FL product is damaged due to high winds in growing regions. **Snip bean** supplies are still steady but we are monitoring the bushel green bean supply. **French bean** prices remain elevated.

**Carrots:** Markets are steady for now. Supplies are still limited and markets are expected to rebound with any increase in demand.

**Celery:** Markets are much higher as rain in growing region has slowed harvest.

**Corn:** Markets are steady.

**Cucumbers:** Markets are higher as cool weather again is slowing production. Euro cucumber markets are much higher as supplies from Mexico are slowed from cold weather.

**Eggplant:** Markets are higher; cold temps in FL and Mexico are limiting production.

**Herbs:** Israeli Mint availability will be tight over the next two weeks due to limited sun and colder temperatures affecting harvest. Colombian Mint out of Bogota will be tight over the next few weeks due to colder temps affecting harvest. Thai Basil availability out of Hawaii will be tight due to colder temps affecting new crops.

**Onions:** Red and yellow onions are all new crop out of Pacific northwest. Prices are steady. Sweet Onions from Northwest and Peru in stock.

**Potatoes:** **Norkotah** season is finishing up and we will have all Burbanks in the codes next week. GPODs are in stock now. **Red Potato** market is steady. **Yukon** prices are slightly lower as supplies start to improve.

**Salad Mixes:** Prices are lower and supplies are improving. Green leaf fillet supplies have improved. All processed cabbage items remain elevated due to limited supplies.

**Spring Mix:** Supplies are improving. Arriving with a lot of moisture; shelf life will be shortened. Weather has been cooler than normal.

**Squash:** Markets are higher as cooler weather has slowed production. **Hard-shell** markets remain high and are expected to stay at these levels.



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### FRUITS

**Apples & Pears:** Granny Smith apple supplies very light and prices continue to rise.

**Avocados:** Steady supplies and stable pricing expected. Super Bowl demand for upcoming ads will keep supplies tight and pricing steady. Mexican fruit in house at this time.

**Bananas:** Supplies remain steady; no changes in pricing.

**Blueberry:** Markets remain steady with good supplies.

**Blackberry:** Markets are steady.

**Cantaloupe:** Markets are steady and supplies are coming from Honduras and Guatemala.

**Citrus:** Navel oranges steady this week. Tangerines and juice oranges from FL have started. FL grapefruit in stock.

**Grapes:** Markets are slightly higher.

**Lemons:** Markets are steady.

**Limes:** Markets are higher with increased demand and limited supplies.

**Mango:** Markets are steady and quality is good as we expect supplies from Peru to be steady for the next few weeks.

**Plantain:** Supplies remain steady; no changes in pricing.

**Raspberries:** Markets are steady with limited supplies.

**Stone Fruit: Cherries** from Chile are finishing up. Pre-order needed. **Peaches** from Chile are now in stock. **Red & Black Plums** from Chile are now in stock.

**Strawberries:** Markets are steady but supplies still remain limited. Rain in CA and cold temps in FL are slowing production. Stem Berries will be available.

### TOMATOES

**Tomatoes, rounds:** Larger size fruit starting to recover; that market declined slightly week over week. Growers are fully in new fields so larger sizes are more available than in weeks past. Smaller sizes continue to have better availability and prices continue to reflect the pricing spread from larger sizes. Supplies from FL are improving, but staying short of demand. Quality is good and color will not be as much of an issue as we move through this week.

**Roma tomatoes:** Supplies from both Mexico and FL are good; market continues to drop. Mexico experienced some cold weather and rain late last week. FL availability will continue to support volume. Quality is also improving as supplies become more available.

**Grape & Cherry:** Availability on cherries declined slightly and created a small uptick in the market. There is more availability on grapes so there is some pressure to lower prices. Quality on both is good.