



# Weekly Market Report

January 7, 2019

## Watch out! Important updates on these items.

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- **Baby Squash:** **Sunburst** and **Green Patty Pan** supplies are extremely limited due to weather and have had quality issues; we may not be able to cover all sales. **Baby Zucchini** is available.
- **Baby Lettuce:** Supplies remain limited due to weather. Unfortunately, Peru is now also experiencing weather related issues. Supplies will be extremely limited and at times nonexistent.
- **Baby Veg:** Due to cold overnight temps and very cool daytime temps, harvest process will be slowed; may be limited availability on some items. Similar weather patterns and rain are expected this week which is not promising for the weeks ahead. **Baby bunched carrots** in stock now are running large in size. Quality is beautiful but size might not work for some. Buying from different sources to cover sales, however, they are a different spec than our norm. If these are too big, please use **CAR81** or **CAR20**, which are peeled; always consistent in size. At this time, not sure when we can expect improvement.
- **Cabbage:** Markets are at record highs as cold temps have halted production. Expect prices to remain elevated for a few more weeks.
- **Cantaloupe:** Markets are lower and supplies are improving.
- **Carrots:** Markets steady for now. Supplies are still limited and markets expected to rebound with any increase in demand.
- **Cauliflower:** Cooler weather has slowed production and markets are higher.
- **Garlic:** Markets are several dollars higher.
- **Greens:** **Collard** 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 remain higher. Limited labor and strong demand will keep markets active for several weeks.
- **Iceberg Lettuce:** Markets are higher with morning frost delaying harvest. Outer leaf discoloration is expected.
- **Peppers:** **Green** markets remain elevated with supplies still struggling to meet demand. **Red** prices remain very high and supplies very limited. **Hot House** markets remain very limited with high prices as well. **Jalapeno, Poblano, serrano, tomatillo** prices much higher.
- **Pineapple:** Markets remain elevated.
- **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 are high with just fair quality. Supplies currently from Mexico remain limited and offshore production is slow to start.



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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.
- Asparagus:** Markets are higher and expected to continue to increase over next several weeks as supplies will be lower.
- Baby Lettuce:** Supplies remain limited. We will continue to have mixed labels in house in order to cover sales.
- Baby Spinach:** Supplies are improving.
- Beans:** **Green Bean** markets steady. **Snip bean** supplies are still steady but we are monitoring the bushel green bean supply. **French bean** prices remain elevated with strong demand and lower production.
- Broccoli:** Markets moving higher as cold weather slows production.
- Broccoli/Cauliflower Florets:** Prices are lower and quality is good.
- Brussels Sprouts:** Markets are higher as domestic supplies slow down.
- Celery:** Markets are slightly lower as supplies improve.
- Cilantro:** Markets are steady.
- Corn:** Markets are steady.
- Cucumbers:** Markets are steady as supplies have improved and demand is down. Euro cucumber markets are steady as supplies from Mexico are increasing.
- Eggplant:** Markets are steady.
- Herbs:** Israeli Basil & Mint harvest affected by rain; quality and harvest should be improving over the next week. Hawaiian Basil & Thai Basil harvest continues to be affected by rain. All other herb harvest remains okay.
- Leaf Items:** Markets are higher as the cold temps have slowed production. Expect to see discoloration on outer leaves.
- Onions:** Red and yellow onions are all new crop out of Pacific northwest. Prices are steady. Sweet Onions from Northwest and Peru in stock.
- Peas:** Markets are steady on both Sno and Snap peas.
- 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.
- Romaine:** Markets are steady but expect to see blister and peel on outer leaves due to cold weather.
- Salad Mixes:** Prices are lower and supplies are improving.
- 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 slightly 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. Bartlet, Bosc, and Anjou pears are all “new” crop from Washington. Excellent quality and steady prices.

**Avocados:** Seeing increased demand on all sizes and specs. Pricing is steady for this week, however, pricing will be up for next. Super Bowl demand for upcoming ads will drive pricing up. We have all Mexican fruit in house at this time.

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

**Blueberry:** Markets steady.

**Blackberry:** Markets are steady.

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

**Grapes:** Markets are slightly higher as we transition to imported grapes from Peru and Chile.

**Honeydew:** Markets are slightly higher.

**Lemons:** Markets are steady.

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

**Mango:** Quality remains an issue as we finish up with Brazil. Ecuador has started with mostly smaller fruit.

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

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

**Stone Fruit: Cherries** are now available. **Peaches** from Chile are now in stock. **Red Plums** from Chile are now in stock.

**Strawberries:** Markets have lowered but supplies still remain limited. Rain in growing region may push markets higher for next week. Stem Berries will be very limited.

### 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.