



Weekly Market Report

February 4, 2019

Watch out! Important updates on these items.

- **Baby Veg:** Heavy rain and strong winds will affect harvest. May be limited availability on some items.
- **Broccoli/Cauliflower Florets:** Prices remain high on both florets.
- **Brussels Sprouts:** Markets are higher as domestic supplies finish up. Quality is only fair.
- **Cabbage:** Markets remain high. Supplies are very limited on both red and savoy cabbage.
- **Celery:** Markets are much higher as rain in growing region has slowed harvest. Supplies limited for several weeks.
- **Corn:** Markets remain higher as supplies from FL are very limited.
- **Cucumbers:** Markets remain elevated but are slowly coming down. Euro cucumber markets are very high as supplies from Mexico are slowed from cold weather.
- **Honeydew:** Markets are much higher as supplies are very limited from GT and HR.
- **Garlic:** Markets remain high.
- **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.
- **Peppers: Green** markets remain elevated with supplies still struggling to meet demand. **Red Pepper** prices are finally improving as growers are finally seeing improved production. **Hot House** markets are steady. **Jalapeno** and **serrano** prices still remain high; **Poblano** and **tomatillo** 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.
- **White Onions:** Will be very limited and prices are much higher.



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VEGETABLES

- Asparagus:** Markets are slightly lower. Supplies from Peru are minimal but Mexico is getting going with better volume.
- Arugula:** Supplies are limited and quality is fair at best; light texture and occasional colored leaves. Organic supplies are very limited.
- Baby Lettuce:** Supplies have improved, however heavy rain and strong winds are expected in the Santa Maria Valley, which could slow future production.
- Baby Spinach:** Supplies are steady.
- Baby Squash:** Supplies are steady.
- Beans:** **Green Bean** markets are slightly higher 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.
- Broccoli:** Markets are lower with improved supplies.
- Carrots:** Markets are steady for now. Supplies are still limited and markets are expected to rebound with any increase in demand.
- Cauliflower:** Markets are lower with excellent quality.
- Cilantro:** Markets are steady.
- Eggplant:** Markets are higher; cold temps in FL and Mexico are limiting production.
- Green Onions:** Markets are lower; expected to continue to drop for next couple weeks.
- Herbs:** Harvest is being affected by colder temperatures in both growing regions and in transit. Harvest of Israeli mint and basil has been difficult due to cold temps. Colder temps in transit has also affected quality. Thai basil/basil harvest in Hawaii has been affected due to cooler evening temps, preventing new crops from growing.
- Iceberg Lettuce:** Markets are steady and quality is improved.
- Leaf Items:** Markets are lower and quality is improving.
- 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.
- 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 steady and supplies improved. 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 remain high but are slowly improving. 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: Lots on the market. Demand will slow after this weekend; expect slightly lower pricing next week. All Mexican fruit in house at this time.

Bananas: Supplies and pricing remain steady.

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 from CA steady this week. Juice oranges from FL are steady. FL grapefruit in stock. Honey tangerines will be in stock at the end of the week. FL grapefruit is in stock.

Grapes: Markets are slightly higher.

Lemons: Markets are steady.

Limes: Markets are steady for now but are expected to increase in the next week due to cooler weather in Mexico.

Mango: Markets are higher as we expect supplies from Peru to be much lower for the next few weeks.

Plantain: May see some supply issues. One vessel did not make arrival; will cause shortages and maybe some price hikes, specifically ripens.

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: Supplies are very short. Heavy rain in CA and cold temps in FL and Mexico. Shortages are expected leading into Valentine's day. **Stem Berries will be very limited. Orders need to be pre-booked for Valentine's Day!**

TOMATOES

Tomatoes, rounds: Markets continuing to fall. Large fruit is the most prevalent; supplies of small fruit also good. Mexico is producing mostly large fruit right now, skewing market on large sizes. Most growers have fully transitioned to south FL and will stay there until April. Quality and color both good.

Roma tomatoes: Supplies from both Mexico and FL are good; market continues to drop. Fruit from Mexico is trending larger right now. FL has ranges in sizes. Good quality from all regions.

Grape & Cherry: Availability is good. Both have good quality currently.