



# Weekly Market Report

May 6, 2019

**Watch out!** Important updates on these items.

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**CELERY ALERT!** Markets are at record highs! Rain in growing region has damaged the crop. Supplies are critically short with no relief in sight.

- **Asparagus:** Markets are much higher. Supplies are coming from Mexico, Peru, and Washington. Local supplies have also started. Demand has been very strong.
- **Avocados:** Market is still mixed this week, but expecting it to steady out. May see slight increase in pricing after the holiday this weekend. Mexico is at the end with Negra fruit in May/June. New crop Loca will start in middle of July. CA is one-third done with their small crop; pricing will remain strong due to small crop size. Peru arrivals are starting with fruit from the North (higher maturity) and will continue through Sept. However, big volume will be in June/July/August. **We will see slightly higher costs to slots for next week; have primarily Mexican fruit in house with some CA and very little Peru.**
- **Broccoli:** Markets on the rise due to weather related planting gaps.
- **Brocolini:** Supplies are tightening up and prices are higher.
- **Brussels Sprouts:** We have a severe shortage for the next few weeks. Inland Mexico is winding down and the next regions are a couple weeks from starting. Prices up significantly. Quality will be only fair with mostly oblong shaped sprouts.
- **Cauliflower:** Markets are much higher and supplies are very limited. Growers expect supplies to be short for at least a month; purple cauliflower will not be available this week.
- **Celery:** Markets still remain at record levels but have eased slightly.
- **Grapes:** Markets are higher as the season winds down from offshore and we wait for Mexico to get started. Prices are expected to be higher for most of the month.
- **Green Leaf Filets:** Will be very limited for the next 10-14 days.
- **Lemons:** Markets remain high due to rain in the growing region. Smaller fruit is limited and we may have to sub 165ct for 200ct this week. Imports have started but supplies are also limited.
- **Limes:** Markets remain elevated but smaller sizes are slightly lower.
- **Onions:** Red/yellow onions from Pacific Northwest are finishing up; new crop onions should be in by the end of the week. **Vidalia Onions** are in stock (**ONI150**)
- **Peppers:** **Green Pepper** markets are much higher and are expected to increase more over the next week. Supplies are limited from FL. **Red Pepper** and **Yellow Peppers** prices are slightly lower. **Hot House Pepper** markets are steady.
- **Pineapple:** Supplies remain tight on all sizes. Pricing is strong, and will remain for several more weeks.
- **Sweet Potato:** Prices remain elevated and may go higher as growers are seeing very low yields. Supplies are expected to remain tight all year.
- **White Onions:** Prices remain high but are slightly lower as CA production has started.



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## NOTABLE UPDATES

### VEGETABLES

**Arugula:** Quality issues in all supplies; yellowing leaves and shortened shelf life.

**Baby Lettuce:** Supplies are steady.

**Baby Spinach:** Good quality and supplies.

**Baby Squash:** Supplies have improved.

**Baby Veg:** Supplies have improved.

**Beans:** **Green Bean** markets are back to normal levels. **Snip bean** supplies are still steady but we are monitoring the bushel green bean supply. **French bean** supplies are steady.

**Broccoli & Cauliflower Florets:** Prices are escalated due to limited supplies of raw product.

**Cabbage:** **Green** markets are steady. **Red Cabbage** remains high but is slowly getting back to normal.

**Carrots:** Markets are steady and we should see Canadian product for a few more weeks.

**Cilantro:** Markets are steady.

**Corn:** Markets are slightly higher.

**Cucumbers:** Markets are steady with supplies from Mexico and FL. **Euro cucumber** markets steady.

**Eggplant:** Markets are slightly higher.

**Garlic:** Markets are slightly higher; imports are delayed.

**Greens:** Markets are steady.

**Green Onions:** Markets are steady.

**Herbs:** Harvest has remained consistent. Dill out of NJ has declined due to winds over the weekend. This will last through Mother's Day.

**Iceberg:** Markets are steady with good quality.

**Leaf Items:** Markets are steady and quality is improved.

**Peas:** Markets are down as supplies have improved.

**Potatoes:** **Burbank** are in stock now. Market is slightly higher; quality is good on storage product. **Red** market is higher. **Yukon** prices are steady. New crop from FL has started.

**Romaine:** Markets are steady and quality is improved.

**Salad Mixes:** Prices are steady. Chopped romaine quality remains an issue. Prorates are possible.

**Spring Mix:** Good quality and supplies.

**Squash:** Markets are steady. Hard-shell markets are higher.



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### FRUITS

**Apples & Pears:** Steady pricing and good quality on apples from WA state. **Bartletts and Forelles** coming from Chile.

**Bananas:** Supplies and pricing steady for this week.

**Blueberry:** Markets are lower and we are seeing good quality and supplies from FL and GA.

**Blackberry:** Markets are steady and supplies are from both Mexico and Guatemala.

**Cantaloupe:** Markets are much higher; supplies are coming from Honduras and Guatemala.

**Citrus:** Navel oranges from CA are higher; will finish up at the end of the month. Juice oranges from FL are steady. FL grapefruit will be done after this week and CA has started.

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

**Mango:** Markets are steady as we are starting to see better supplies from Mexico. Guatemala is finishing up for the season.

**Plantain:** Supplies and pricing steady.

**Raspberries:** Markets are higher.

**Stone Fruit: Cherries** are starting in a small way on the West Coast. Prices are very high and are available by special order ONLY. **Peaches and Nectarines** from CA will be in this week; sizing will be small to start. **Red & Black Plums** will be in limited supply from Chile; CA expected to start late in May.

**Strawberries:** Markets are steady as supplies and quality are better. **Stem Berries are in stock.**

**Watermelon:** Prices are steady. Supplies are arriving from Florida.

### TOMATOES

**Tomatoes, rounds:** Market decreased as supply out of Mexico and FL continues to be healthy. 5x6s are in greater supply as more growers are in their crown pick for their spring crop. Quality and color are both good right now.

**Roma tomatoes:** Supplies are steady as Mexico is still close to the minimums. Color and quality remain good.

**Grape & Cherry:** Availability is steady in both FL and Mexico.