



# Weekly Market Report

September 9, 2019

## Watch out! Important updates on these items.

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- **Avocados:** Harvesting has increased, more fruit crossed the border this week. Flora Loca crop will continue for next two weeks. Aventajada expected to start mid to late Sept, depending on crop maturity. New crop looks to be heavy in large sizes, 36, 40 and 48ct. Less 60s and 70s—pricing higher on smaller fruit. Will be very few #2s from initial pack outs. CA—finished for the season. Peru—last of this season’s fruit has arrived in US. We have all Mexican and CA fruit in house.
- **Asparagus:** Markets remain high as supplies still limited from Peru. Sizing remains an issue as growers can’t keep up with demand. XL and Jumbo Asparagus is extremely limited; large is smaller and limited as well. Supplies are expected to slowly improve over the next two weeks.
- **Euro Cucumbers:** Markets remain very active. Supplies are tight and pricing is high.
- **Fuji Apples:** In a gap until new crop starts. Gala Apples would be the best sub.
- **Garlic:** Markets remain high as import supplies are limited.
- **Limes:** Supplies are still very light, especially on larger fruit. Pricing remains very strong. May see some improvement on availability of smaller fruit next week. Will be another couple of weeks before we see improvement on the larger fruit. Expect pricing to remain high for another two weeks. There has been some intermittent rain in Mexico, which will improve future supplies.
- **Plantain:** Supplies are getting short. Pricing higher; may see some gaps in supply.
- **Red Potato:** Markets remain elevated and quality is an issue. Yukon prices are expected to remain elevated for the next few weeks until new crop season begins.
- **Strawberries:** Supplies are getting tight. Lower yield in Northern growing areas with small sizing and fair quality.
- **Sweet Potato:** Prices are even higher as supplies are almost non-existent. Prices are expected to remain elevated for the next few weeks until new crop season begins.



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## NOTABLE UPDATES

### VEGETABLES

**Arugula:** Quality has improved and market is steady.

**Baby Lettuce:** Supplies are steady.

**Baby Squash:** Supplies are steady.

**Baby Spinach:** Quality has improved and market is steady.

**Baby Veg:** Supplies remain steady on most items. **Whole Baby Carrots**—all colors will be limited.

**Beans:** **Green Bean** markets are slightly higher. **French Bean** markets are steady.

**Broccoli:** Markets are higher.

**Broccoli & Cauliflower Florets:** Both are in good supply.

**Broccolini:** Markets are steady.

**Brussels Sprouts:** Markets are steady.

**Cabbage:** Markets are steady and supplies are good.

**Carrots:** Markets are steady.

**Cauliflower:** Markets are higher.

**Celery:** Markets are steady.

**Cilantro:** Markets are slightly lower.

**Corn:** Markets are steady.

**Cucumbers:** Markets are steady.

**Eggplant:** Markets are lower as supplies are plentiful.

**Greens:** Markets are steady.

**Green Onions:** Markets are steady.

**Herbs:** Israeli Basil quality continues to suffer as farmers transition to the winter fields. Israeli chives should be in season in the next 3-4 weeks.

**Iceberg:** Markets are steady.

**Leaf Items:** Markets are slightly higher.

**Onions:** **Yellow Onion** markets are slightly lower with new crop from the Northwest starting. **Red Onions** are slightly lower. **White Onion** prices are steady. **Vidalia Onions** are finished for the year. PA Sweet Onions are now in stock: **ONI15**.

**Peas:** Markets are steady as supplies are good.

**Peppers:** **Green Pepper** markets are steady. **Red Fresno Peppers** are very limited and prices remain elevated. **Mini Sweet Peppers** are in great supply and prices are at promotable levels. **Red Pepper** supplies are getting better this week. Pricing is returning to normal levels. **Yellow Pepper** supplies are improved; pricing is lower.

**Potatoes:** **Burbank** are done for the season. **New crop Norkotah** has started. **Red markets** are steady as supplies have started from mid-west. **Yukon** quality has improved and markets are lower.

**Romaine:** Romaine markets are slightly lower.

**Salad Mixes:** Market is steady; pricing back to normal levels.

**Spring Mix:** Quality has improved and market is steady.

**Squash:** Markets remain slightly elevated as heat and rain have hurt production. Hard-shell markets are steady.



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### FRUITS

- Apples & Pears:** New crop Ginger Gold apples are now in stock. Local Asian Pears are in stock. New crop Bartlett, Bosc and Forelle Pears from CA are in stock.
- Bananas:** Supplies and pricing steady for this week.
- Blueberry:** We have 12/6oz packs from Argentina and Chile.
- Blackberry:** Markets are slightly lower as supplies from Mexico start to increase.
- Cantaloupe:** Supplies remain steady from CA.
- Citrus:** All oranges are Valencia. Smaller sizes are up slightly as supplies are tight. CA grapefruit is now in stock in all codes.
- Grapes:** Markets steady.
- Honeydew:** Supplies remain steady from CA.
- Lemons:** Markets are slightly lower.
- Mango:** Supplies still arriving from Mexico and Brazil has just started; we will stay with Mexican product as long as possible.
- Pineapple:** Import volumes seeing some relief this week, but will be short lived. Pricing has come down for this week; however, it may jump back up in Sept. Production is expected to decline again.
- Raspberries:** Markets are steady.
- Stone Fruit:** **Peaches, Nectarines, White Nectarines, and Red & Black Plums** are all in stock from CA. Local peaches are also available. **Apricots** are finished for the season. WA state **cherries** are finished; next availability will be Dec.
- Watermelon:** Supplies are steady from NC and DE. These will be affected by the hurricane as well.

### TOMATOES

- Tomatoes, rounds/romas:** Round market will stay elevated as supply on all rounds remain very tight. Mexican Roma supply also decreased this week leading to increased markets, especially on the larger sizes.
- Grape & Cherry:** Grape and cherry supply is also tight leading to increased markets.