



Weekly Market Report

March 9, 2020

Watch out! Important updates on these items.

Avocados: Supplies continue to be somewhat limited. Mexican growers slowing production in an effort to stretch current crop and prevent potential gap in Q3. CA is anticipating heavy yields this season but harvest is light right now; not enough volume to keep Mexico pricing in check. CA has also seen rain this week, which is affecting harvest. Peru should start in May. Mexican and CA fruit in house. CA fruit is new crop fruit—oil content is low. Fruit takes longer to ripen and will ripen unevenly. Outward skin should not be used as an indication of internal ripeness right now—touch or cut fruit to check ripeness. Demand is currently surpassing supply right now. Situation may persist for several weeks.

- **Blueberries:** Markets higher with limited supplies.
- **Blackberries:** Markets higher with limited supplies.
- **Eggplants:** Markets are much higher with limited supplies from FL and Mexico.
- **Garlic:** Markets are much higher and supplies will be a challenge for the next several weeks.
- **Ginger:** Markets are much higher and supplies will be a challenge for the next several weeks.
- **Limes:** Supplies are tightening up on all sizes. Pricing will be substantially higher this week, and will continue to climb; March/April looking to be high market pricing.
- **Peppers:** **Mini Sweet pepper** supply is getting slightly better; prices are lower. **Green Pepper** markets are steady and supplies are slowly improving. **Red Pepper** supply out of Mexico is improving; pricing is lower. We are hoping to see some relief later this week with availability. **Yellow Pepper** supplies are much better; pricing is lower.
- **Pineapple:** Overall production continues to be lighter than normal. Looks like this may last another month or so. Heavy Easter demand will also keep supplies tight and prices strong through April. Supplies are light on all sizes, including crownless.
- **Raspberries:** Markets remain elevated.
- **Red Potato:** Markets are elevated and will remain elevated for the season. Yukon markets are steady. Red markets are high. New crop from FL should start in 3 weeks.
- **Yellow Onions:** Market is higher.



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NOTABLE UPDATES

VEGETABLES

Arugula: Markets are steady.

Asparagus: Markets are lower with good supplies from Mexico.

Baby Kale: Markets are steady.

Baby Lettuce: Supplies are steady.

Baby Spinach: Markets are steady.

Baby Squash: Supplies are steady.

Baby Veg: Supplies are steady on most.

Beans: **Green Beans** and **French Beans** are steady.

Broccoli: Markets are steady.

Broccoli/Cauliflower Florets: Markets are steady.

Broccolini: Markets are higher and supplies are tight.

Brussels Sprouts: Markets are steady.

Cabbage: Markets are steady.

Carrots: Markets are steady.

Cauliflower: Markets are slightly higher.

Celery: Markets are steady.

Cilantro: Markets are steady.

Corn: Markets are steady.

Cucumbers: Markets are higher. Supplies are coming from Honduras and Mexico. European cucumber markets are slightly lower.

Greens: Markets are steady.

Green Onions: Markets are steady.

Herbs: Dill harvest in Colombia and FL has been difficult due to rains.

Iceberg Lettuce: Markets are lower and case weights have improved.

Leaf Items: Markets are steady.

Onions: **Red Onion** market is steady this week. **White Onion** prices are steady. PA **Sweet Onions** are now in stock: **ONI15**.

Peas: **Sno Peas** and **Sugar Snaps** are higher for next week.

Potatoes: Markets are elevated and will remain elevated for the season. **Red** markets remain high. **Yukon** markets are steady. New crop from FL should start in 2 weeks. **Sweet Potato** prices are steady for this week.

Romaine: Markets are steady.

Salad Mixes: Markets are steady.

Spring Mix: Markets are steady.

Squash: Markets remain elevated; supplies are expected to improve.



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FRUITS

Apples & Pears: Apple markets are steady. Bartlett pear markets are higher and we have moved to imported production.

Bananas: Supplies and pricing are steady for this week.

Blackberries: Markets are steady.

Cantaloupe: Markets are steady.

Citrus: CA Navel Oranges are now in stock. FL Juice Oranges are in stock, **ORA13**. Texas Grapefruit in stock now: **GRF01** and **GRF061**

Figs: New crop Mexican have started. We will stock small amounts to start. Pre-orders are recommended.

Grapes: Markets steady.

Honeydew: Markets are steady.

Lemons: Markets are steady. May see pricing go up in the next few weeks on small fruit.

Mango: Supplies from Peru are steady. Mexico has started and will slowly increase volume.

Plantain: Supplies and pricing are steady for this week.

Stone Fruit: Imported Peaches and Nectarines are now in stock. Red & Black Plums in stock from Chile. Cherries are done until domestic crops start in early May.

Strawberries: FL supplies have tightened up and markets are slightly higher. Stem berries are available.

Watermelon: Markets steady and quality will remain just fair for next several months. Product currently coming from Guatemala and Honduras.

TOMATOES

Tomatoes, rounds/romas: Round market decreased in FL and Mexico as supplies increased in past week; quality is good. Roma markets decreased significantly as Mexico has strong push on volume during the week. FL also decreased price as supply remains steady and demand is flat. Quality good.

Grape & Cherry: Markets have declined this week in both FL and Mexico; quality good.