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## Market Alerts

**TOMATOES** The supply situation continues to improve on all varieties and sizes of Tomatoes. Pricing is higher than normal but much lower than the prior week. **Romas and 5X6 Rounds** are still the best values, and **Grapes** are a better buy than **Cherries**. Quality good across all sizes. Multiple new growing areas are starting up over next few weeks, with locally grown product becoming more available throughout the summer.

**POTATOES** As the storage crop winds down, **Idaho 80 CT potatoes** and smaller are the best buys, and will continue to be throughout the summer. Avoid **70 CT or larger** where possible. Quality is good across all sizes.

**AVOCADOS** The supply of product out of Mexico continues to be severely restricted, due to a combination of growing condition and import issues. Product from other sources, including California, is not plentiful enough to offset the Mexican shortage, and pricing continues to be much higher than normal.

**SQUASH** Supplies are improving, and pricing is lower than the prior week on **Yellow and Zucchini Squash**. Minor quality issues including wind scarring are still being reported. We recommend you use **Medium-Sized Zucchini** for optimal cost and quality.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Locally Grown Products:** The local growing season is starting up. Michigan Blueberries, Virginia Corn, New Jersey Peppers, Long Island Lettuces and other products are now available. Ask your distributor for this week's local farms list!

**Stone Fruit:** Domestic harvests of peaches and nectarines have begun. Ask your distributor for availability.

**Melons:** Cantaloupe and Honeydew are in great supply, with good pricing and quality reported.

**Blackberries & Raspberries:** California and Mexico are peaking, with great quality and pricing reported.

**Asparagus:** Locally grown asparagus is being harvested in many parts of the Pacific Northwest, Midwest and Northeast U.S. Ask your distributor for what's available!

**Grapes:** California harvests of Green and Red Grapes are ramping up, quality and pricing are very good.

## Weather Update



**California:** Marine layer conditions continue across the West Coast, with periodic rain and cooler temperatures over the next few days.

**Mexico:** Temperatures are warming back up, with periodic rain in all growing areas.

**Florida:** Strong thunderstorms over the weekend, followed by seasonal rain and temperatures throughout the week.



# Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	WA, ID and MI are at peak season on certain varieties. Quality is excellent.
 ASPARAGUS	Pricing and quality are very good, especially on Pencil and Standard sizes.
 AVOCADO	Pricing is slightly higher than normal, quality is good to fair.
 BELL PEPPERS	Pricing is higher on Western product, quality is good.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Pricing and quality are good.
 BROCCOLI	Pricing is fair, quality is very good.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality and pricing are good. Mexican product is at peak season.
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is stable.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good.

 CELERY	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.
 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.
 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.
 CUCUMBERS	Pricing is higher on some grades. Quality is good.
 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is fair.
 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality and pricing are good.
 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.
 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.
 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Pricing is slightly higher, quality is good to fair.

 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is good to fair, pricing is good.
 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good.
 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good.
 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good.
 ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 PEARS	New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.
 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 POTATOES	Pricing is higher on 70 CT and larger. 80 CT and smaller are the best values.
 POTATOES (COLORED)	All colors are at peak season.
 SQUASH	Pricing is higher on Yellow than Green. Quality is good.
 STONE FRUIT	Quality and pricing are good. Chilean product is at peak season.
 TOMATOES	Pricing is slightly higher than normal. Romas, 5X6 Rounds and Cherries are the best buys. Quality is good across all sizes and varieties.

