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MARKET UPDATE

*Information compiled from **Produce Alliance**, **Fresh Origins**, **California Giant** and direct communication with our procurement team.*

The long term effects of Hurricane Kay and Hurricane Ian are being felt on tomatoes and dry veg in both the west, mainland Mexico, and the eastern growing regions.

California tomatoes are done for the season, Mexican tomato supply is below normal and Central and South Florida's growing regions were ravaged by Hurricane Ian.

Unfortunately, we expect an extreme market on tomatoes through the end of the year. Dry veg and citrus crops have also been impacted by recent extreme weather and with cold weather on the way in Northern Mexico, we expect to see short supply.

In California, dry veg has begun transitioning out of the intercoastal valleys and Central Valley to Coachella and Yuma. As the Salinas season comes to a close, lettuces will continue to be an issue with quality issues and virus pressure severely impacting available supply. Although the transition to Coachella and Yuma is just around the corner, we expect it will be some time before we see relief in the market as there were also heavy rains in Northern Mexico, Coachella and Yuma that impacted early plantings. For the foreseeable future there will be low supply, poor quality, and record high pricing.

Strawberries are very light out of all production areas due to weather and/or virus pressures. We expect strawberries to remain short through December, at least.

Cold weather in Salinas and Santa Maria has led to extremely short supply on cauliflower. The market has increased significantly, and we expect light supplies through next week. Yellow and bi-color corn remains short this week with only white corn available now.

FRUIT

APPLES

Grannys, Galas, Fujis in tight supply for rest of season. All three varieties are short tonnage and are peaking on larger sizes and higher grades.

AVOCADO

Demand has shifted to MX, which accounted for 98% of the total volume. The Loca crop is winding down. Couple more weeks until Mexico is fully in the Aventajada crop, with the Normal crop shortly after.

BANANAS

Volume lighter due to weather impacts, higher global demand and lighter production.

BERRIES

Blueberries

Central MX ramping up. Imports arriving on both coasts, with good quality, large sizing.

Blackberries

Transition to Central MX underway. Volumes increasing weekly. Quality is good.

Raspberries

MX approaching peak next week. Quality is good. Watsonville done by end of month. Growers reporting some broken fruit and uneven ripening.

Strawberries

Supply hitting a season-low this week and will be extremely tight for the next 4-6 weeks. Demand exceeds supply. CA supplies impacted by weather and virus pressure. MX affected by storms and cold weather.

CITRUS

Oranges

Supply transitioned to Navels with only a handful of Valencia's still available.

Lemons

New crops have started in Districts 3 and 1. Peaking on 115/140/165 with an even balance of fancy and choice. Supply improving.

Limes

Market is stable although inconsistent supplies are expected throughout the holiday season. Recent weather has caused some conditional defects and ongoing rain and inclement weather is expected to impact the new crop causing a substantial price spike in early 2023.

Grapefruit

CA mostly finished for the season. TX starting over the next few weeks. FL has started, with good quality.

Import/Specialty

Imported clementines and kiwi are available. CA mandarins starting soon, with shippers reporting supplies up year-over-year.

FRUIT

GRAPES

Weather conditions over the Summer have impacted late season fruit. Growers projecting a shortage of 100 million boxes. Demand for larger fruit is up. Autumn Kings, Scarlett Royals, and globes showing good quality and color.

MELONS

Cantaloupe & Honeydew

Production out of Arizona is wrapping up with only very large jumbo fruit left. Imports expected in the coming week to bring some relief, although Hurricane Lisa may cause temporary harvest delays.

Watermelon

Volume is light. Quality is good. Market is firm. Mini seedless demand is down.

PEARS

Market steady. Wide range in pricing on US #1 fruit. *Warren Pears from Frog Hollow Farm are now available!*

PINEAPPLE

Supply improving, quality is good.

TOMATOES

East Coast:

Rounds, Romas, Grape & Cherry: Very short. Hurricane Ian wiped out most of the Central FL crop that covers Oct – Dec. Market expected to remain extreme through end of year. Demand exceeds supply on all varieties.

Mexico:

Rounds & Romas: High demand driving from both coasts markets up. Expect volatile markets through end of year.

Grape & Cherry: Baja product was damaged by Hurricane Kay. Expect shorts, prorates, and volatile market through Dec.

GREENS

ARUGULA, BABY & BUNCHED SPINACH, SPRING MIX

Supply is average. Quality is fair. Unstable supply and quality through end of season.

BUTTER LETTUCE, GREEN LEAF, ICEBERG, RED LEAF, ROMAINE & ROMAINE HEARTS

Supply extremely tight due to weather and virus pressure. **See more from the fields in Salinas by clicking [here](#).** This will continue through the end of Salinas season with transition to Yuma expected before month end. Unfortunately, light supply is expected early on in the Coachella and Yuma season due to heavy rains during early planting.

KALE

Steady supply, good quality.

VEGETABLES

ARTICHOKES

Light supply over the next few weeks.

ASPARAGUS

Markets remain very active as Mexican production continues to be low due to poor weather. Peruvian production has increased slightly and should continue through Nov.

BROCCOLI/BROCCOLI FLORETS

Supplies are light. Markets are active.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Strong volume. Market steady. Some insect injury being reported.

CABBAGE

Green & Red

Supply and quality are improving.

Napa

Market is active as some shippers have below average supply due to heat and quality issues.

CARROTS

Good supplies on baby and foodservice. Field sizing is small in CA. Cellos and Jumbos in good supply out of CO, MI, and MN.

CAULIFLOWER

Cauliflower extremely short this week due to weather. Market has increased and will remain short until late November when Yuma starts.

CELERY

Supplies will be lighter going forward with growers reporting quality issues caused by heat. Market will strengthen through the holidays.

CORN

Yellow and bi-color corn extremely short with quality issues. White corn is available.

CUCUMBERS

Slicer markets firm. Light volume out of MX and GA. English cucumber supply improving but demand will be high due to light volume on slicers. Light volume on pickles with mixed quality.

EGGPLANT

Good supply and quality out of South GA and Nogales.

FENNEL

Supply down slightly with very good quality.

FRENCH BEANS

Demand exceeds supply out of Mexico and Guatemala.

VEGETABLES, CONTINUED...

GARLIC

CA crop has started, but domestic supply remains tight. Demand high. Quality is good.

GINGER

Chinese supply will be very sporadic due to delays in unloading containers and inspecting at the ports. Pricing expected to climb daily.

GREEN BEANS

Supplies expected to remain tight through Thanksgiving holiday. Markets remain high.

GREEN ONIONS

Market is steady although supply continues to be very short.

MUSHROOMS

Quality is good, but labor and component shortages are limiting supply. Demand exceeds supply. Market is active.

ONIONS

Demand improving and pricing expected to pick up as we approach Thanksgiving. Quality is good. Season ending sooner than anticipated, indicating a short crop.

PARSLEY (CURLY, ITALIAN)

Supply is average. Quality is fair. Unstable supply and quality through end of season.

PEPPERS

Green Bell Peppers

Supply is light. Quality is good. New crop starting out of the desert and supply expected out of Nogales in next 2 weeks.

Red & Yellow Bell Peppers

Markets holding strong as supply remains limited. Desert crop expected soon.

Mini Sweet Peppers

Light supply and escalating pricing.

Mixed Chili Peppers

Supply ramping up out of South Georgia. Quality issues on tomatillos out of McAllen as well as on Coahuila and Chihuahua. California is almost done for the season, markets will remain firm until Nogales starts over the next few weeks.

POTATOES

Market has severely tightened up as growers finished with harvest. Elevated prices on 40 ct & 50 ct. Smaller sizes have gotten tighter.

RAPINI

Lighter supply and good quality. Market is slightly stronger.

VEGETABLES, CONTINUED...

SNOW & SUGAR SNAP PEAS

Production and quality issues with snow peas out of Guatemala. Sugar snaps short due to rain. In California, volumes are light, and markets are active. Quality is good. Mexico's crop is delayed due to rain but supply is expected in the next few weeks.

SWEET POTATOES & YAMS

Market is steady. Good quality. Availability on all sizes.

ZUCCHINI & YELLOW SQUASH

Mixed markets this week as supply tightened up from Nogales and eased back from South Georgia. Overall quality is very nice.

HERBS, FLOWERS & MICROS

Challenges on availability and supply will continue out of Mexico and the US due to past and present weather conditions. **Chives** supply will be light for next 7-10 days. **Chervil, Marjoram, Sorrel, and Tarragon** supplies will continue to be day-to-day. **Rosemary, Sage, and Thyme** demand is increasing with the start of the holiday season. **Cilantro** supply is light but improving.

HERB SUPPLY/QUALITY - COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

- Arugula** Steady/Steady- USA
- Basil** Steady/Steady- MEXICO
- Opal Basil** Steady/Steady - USA/MEXICO
- Thai Basil** Steady/Steady - MEXICO
- Bay Leaves** Steady/Steady - COLOMBIA
- Chervil** Limited/Marginal - USA
- Chives** Steady/Steady - MEXICO
- Cilantro** Light/Steady- USA
- Dill** Steady/Steady- USA
- Epazote** Steady/Steady- MEXICO
- Lemongrass** Steady/Steady - USA
- Marjoram** Limited/Flowering - MEXICO

- Mint** Steady/Steady- USA
- Oregano** Limited/Flowering - MEXICO
- Italian Parsley** Steady/Steady - USA
- Rosemary** Steady/Steady - MEXICO
- Sage** Steady/Steady - MEXICO
- Savory** Steady/Steady - USA
- Sorrel** Steady/Steady - USA
- Tarragon** Steady/Steady - MEXICO
- Thyme** Steady/Steady - USA
- Lavender** Steady/Steady- USA
- Lemon Thyme** Steady/Steady - USA
- Lime Leaves** Steady/Steady - USA

Fresh Origins Availability as of October 31st

ITEM	Availability Status
Micro Arugula	Available
Micro Basil Italian	Available
Micro Bull's Blood	Limited Availability
Micro Celery	Available
Micro Cilantro	Available
Micro Hearts on Fire™	Available
Micro Mint	Available
Micro Shiso Red	Available
Micro Wasabi™	Available
Petite Basil Italian	Available
Petite Pea with Tendril	Available
Decorative Flower Orchid	Available
Edible Flower Borage Blossom	Available
Edible Flower Buzz Button	Extra Availability
Edible Flower Firestix	Available
Edible Flower Lavender	Limited Availability
Edible Flower Nasturtium	Available
Edible Flower Marigold	Extra Availability
Edible Flower Pansy	Limited Availability
Edible Flower Premium Assortment	Extra Availability
Edible Flower Premium Confetti	Extra Availability
Edible Flower Squash Blossom	Available
Edible Flower Viola	Limited Availability
Edible Flower Zucchini w/ Flower	Extra Availability
Micro Flower™ Dianthus™	Limited Availability
Micro Flower™ Micro Flowers Blend	Extra Availability
Micro Flower™ Micro Marigold™	Available
Micro Flower™ Sun Daisy™	Available
Shoots Pea Gold	Available
Petite Pea Green	Available
Shoots Popcorn	Available
Leaf Shiso Green	Available

IN STOCK FROM THE FARMER'S MARKET!

FUYU PERSIMMON, GARCIA FARMS - FLAT, #18553

WARREN PEARS, FROG HOLLOW - 10LB, #8887

HONEYNUT SQUASH, ROCKY CANYON - 10LB, #18565

DELICATA SQUASH, ROCKY CANYON - 10LB, #4842

FLAVOR FALL PLUOT, SCOTT FARMS - FLAT, #18237

OCTOBER SUNNY PLUOT, SCOTT FARMS - FLAT, #20598

MIXED MELONS, MUNAK RANCH - 20LB, #18758

HONEYLOUPE MELONS, MUNAK RANCH - CASE, #18220

NARDELLO PEPPERS, WEISER FARMS - 5LB, #19578

LEMON CUCUMBERS, ROCKY CANYON - 5LB, #18300

BLOOMSDALE SPINACH, TAMAI - 5LB, #9014

CURLY SPIGARELLO, WEISER FARMS - 12BU, #18560

SALANOVA MIX, THE GARDEN OF - CASE #13209

LITTLE GREEN GEM, THE GARDEN OF/FINLEY FARMS - CASE, #18250

LITTLE GREEN RED, THE GARDEN OF - CASE #18901

**NOTE* Quantities are limited as these items are sourced from local farmers at the Santa Monica Farmers Market weekly. Check with your rep for availability!*

WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

In observance of Thanksgiving, we will be closed on Thursday, November 24th. Regular deliveries will resume on Friday, November 25th.

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