

# WORLDWIDE WEEKLY REPORT



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## MARKET UPDATE

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

The rain continues to impact California’s growing regions, causing flooding, road closures, and production delays. This week, we saw delays on cabbage, celery, carrots, and citrus, where the wet weather left growers unable to harvest their fields. Celery is very light going into the weekend, but Yuma is starting to harvest, so supplies should begin to improve. We will continue to monitor weather forecasts as more rain is expected over the coming week.

The rain has also led to a shortage on strawberries, causing a demand exceed supply situation out of all growing regions. We expect limited supplies over the next couple of weeks, so advance orders are highly recommended.

The green bean markets are firm as a freeze in Florida left the region with limited supplies. Light supplies in the East are driving up demand on product crossing through Nogales, where supplies are also limited with mixed quality. Expect elevated pricing if demand continues to increase.

Cool weather has also impacted zucchini and yellow squash in all growing regions, keeping the markets elevated. Florida’s crops will take a few weeks to recover, while Mexican crossings should improve over the next 7-10 days.

The supply of Mexican limes continues to be limited. Current sizing is leaning large (110/150ct) and small (250/275ct), which has left mid-sizes in short supply. Supplies are expected to remain light through the end of the month, with unstable markets and elevated pricing.

Chilean stone fruit is now available, with yellow & white peaches, yellow & white nectarines, red plums, and red cherries all in stock.

# FRUIT

## **APPLES**

Market remains firm. Limited inventory. Prices remain elevated.

## **AVOCADO**

Market steady. Size curve continues to favor 48s and larger. Volume stable.

## **BANANAS**

Lighter volume this week due to weather and global demand.

## **BERRIES**

### **Blueberries**

Strong supply from Central MX. Chile at peak, Peru past peak. Quality good.

### **Blackberries**

Lighter crossings leading to firmer markets. Pricing elevated. Quality is good.

### **Raspberries**

Supplies are tight. MX on the uptrend. CA volumes light.

### **Strawberries**

Wet weather impacting CA growing regions. Extremely low supply.

## **CITRUS**

### **Oranges**

Harvesting limited this week due to rain. Expect markets to rise.

### **Lemons**

All three lemon districts producing. Market steady, quality is good.

### **Limes**

Light supplies through MX. Markets unstable and elevated.

### **Grapefruit**

Good supply out of Texas. CA impacted by rain. Very good quality.

### **Import/Specialty**

CA supply impacted by rain. Mandarins have started with good availability and outstanding quality. Bloods and Cara Caras are available. Minneolas have started in SoCal.

## **GRAPES**

Storage fruit almost done. Delays on Peruvian product due to political unrest.

## **MELONS**

### **Cantaloupe**

Supplies are limited, quality is strong.

### **Honeydew**

Supplies are limited. Expected shift in sizing to 6/8s due to cold snap.

### **Watermelon**

Offshore volume increasing. Good quality. Steady pricing.

## FRUIT, CONTINUED...

### PEARS

Market higher on lighter inventory. Most shippers done with Bartletts.

### PINEAPPLE

Peaking on 7-8cts. Quality is excellent. Larger sizes light due to cold weather in the tropics. Del Monte and Dole brands are in short supply with rising prices.

### TOMATOES

#### East Coast:

*Rounds:* Supplies continue to improve. Slight uptick in pricing due to demand. Growers breaking new fields, seeing more consistent quality and volume.

*Romas:* Availability improving. Quality is good.

*Grape & Cherry:* Improved production. Markets retreating.

#### Mexico:

*Rounds:* Stable numbers crossing through Nogales and TX. Outstanding quality.

*Romas:* Improving availability, good quality.

*Grape & Cherry:* Strong volume and excellent quality.

## GREENS

### ARUGULA, BABY & BUNCHED SPINACH, GREEN LEAF, RED LEAF, KALE, SPRING MIX

Good supply, market steady. Quality is good.

### BUTTER LETTUCE

Production is improving. Quality is good.

### ICEBERG

Production is steady. Quality is good. Markets stabilizing.

### ROMAINE & ROMAINE HEARTS

Good supply, quality is good with minor blister. Market stabilizing.

## VEGETABLES

### ARTICHOKES

Light supply over the next few weeks.

### ASPARAGUS

MX and Peru production slowed. Markets becoming more active.

### BROCCOLI

Moderate supplies with improvements through the coming week. Quality above average.

### BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Good supply, market steady.

## VEGETABLES, CONTINUED...

### **CABBAGE**

#### **Green & Red**

CA supplies impacted by rain. Markets active with elevated pricing.

#### **Napa**

Market is active. Quality is improving out of the desert region.

### **CARROTS**

Heavy rain in CA impacting production. Supplies expected to be lighter until rain lets up.

### **CAULIFLOWER**

Good supply and quality out of Yuma.

### **CELERY**

Heavy rain in CA impacting production. Supplies expected to be light until rain subsides and normal production resumes. Yuma starting to harvest.

### **CORN**

Markets firming out of Coachella and Florida.

### **CUCUMBERS**

Slicers market volatile with light production out of FL and slow start in Honduras. Quality hit-or-miss. English cucumbers are light with firm markets. Quality is excellent. Steady volume on pickles with mixed quality out of MX.

### **EGGPLANT**

Supply improving out of FL and through Nogales. Quality is good.

### **FENNEL**

Light supply, especially on larger sizes. Markets active.

### **GARLIC**

Good quality. Moderate supply.

### **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**

Light supply out of FL due to cold weather. MX crossings are stable but increased demand driving prices up. Mixed quality.

### **GREEN ONIONS**

Market is active. Supply and quality improving.

### **MUSHROOMS**

Quality is good, but labor and component shortages are limiting supplies.

## VEGETABLES, CONTINUED...

### **ONIONS**

Market steady. Good quality out of all regions. Super Colossal and Colossal yellow are a bit tight. MX starting soon.

### **PARSLEY (CURLY, ITALIAN)**

Supplies very light. Quality is good.

### **PEPPERS**

#### **Green Bell Peppers**

Stable supply, good quality out of FL and through TX and Nogales. Markets firming.

#### **Red & Yellow Bell Peppers**

Markets holding strong. Supply improving. Nogales reds starting soon. Some pro-rates on yellow.

#### **Mini Sweet Peppers**

Stable supply. Good quality.

#### **Mixed Chili Peppers**

Improving supply out of South FL. McAllen light on all varieties. Supply improving through Nogales. Tomatillo supply good out of all regions.

### **POTATOES**

Supplies are good, demand is down. #2s are limited.

### **RAPINI**

Steady supply, good quality.

### **SNOW & SUGAR SNAP PEAS**

Excellent supply of sugar snaps out of MX. Good supply of snow peas out of MX. CA light due to rain. Guatemala improving.

### **SWEET POTATOES & YAMS**

Very good supplies out of NC and MS with good quality.

### **ZUCCHINI & YELLOW SQUASH**

Stable markets out of Nogales, while FL is more active. Quality is good.

# HERBS, FLOWERS & MICROS

The colder temps have impacted production. **Mint** supply is extremely limited and supply remains tight on **Rosemary** and **Sage** with some quality issues due to the colder weather.

## HERB SUPPLY/QUALITY - COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Arugula</b> Steady/Steady- USA            | <b>Mint</b> Limited/Steady- USA            |
| <b>Basil</b> Steady/Steady- MEXICO           | <b>Oregano</b> Limited/Flowering - MEXICO  |
| <b>Opal Basil</b> Steady/Steady - USA/MEXICO | <b>Italian Parsley</b> Steady/Steady - USA |
| <b>Thai Basil</b> Steady/Steady - MEXICO     | <b>Rosemary</b> Steady/Steady - MEXICO     |
| <b>Bay Leaves</b> Steady/Steady - COLOMBIA   | <b>Sage</b> Steady/Steady - MEXICO         |
| <b>Chervil</b> Limited/Marginal - USA        | <b>Savory</b> Steady/Steady - USA          |
| <b>Chives</b> Steady/Steady - MEXICO         | <b>Sorrel</b> Limited/Steady - USA         |
| <b>Cilantro</b> Light/Steady- USA            | <b>Tarragon</b> Limited/Steady - MEXICO    |
| <b>Dill</b> Steady/Steady- USA               | <b>Thyme</b> Steady/Steady - USA           |
| <b>Epazote</b> Steady/Steady- MEXICO         | <b>Lavender</b> Steady/Steady- USA         |
| <b>Lemongrass</b> Steady/Steady - USA        | <b>Lemon Thyme</b> Steady/Steady - USA     |
| <b>Marjoram</b> Limited/Flowering - MEXICO   | <b>Lime Leaves</b> Steady/Steady - USA     |

## Fresh Origins Availability as of January 9th

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

**MAGIC MYRNA POTATOES, WEISER FARMS - 10LB, #19499**

**MIXED HEIRLOOM TOMATO, FLAT, #18330**

**SALANOVA MIX, SUNRISE ORGANIC FARM - CASE #13209**

**LITTLE GREEN GEM, SUNRISE ORGANIC FARM - CASE, #18250**

*\*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!*

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