



Strawberries

Market lower on moderate demand. Northern CA: Stable volume, sharp decline late September. Fair-good quality. Santa Maria: Volume up until mid-October. Summer planting quality good. Oxnard: New production slow, volume early October. C-Mex starts this week.



Blackberries

Market steady with good demand. Lighter supply. Northern District production declining steadily but remains stable. Quality remains consistent. Santa Maria ramping up until early October. Minimal reversion and smaller fruit. Flavor issues due to warmer weather. Oxnard production minimal until October. Baja and CMex production started.



Blueberries

Market slightly higher on good demand. Peru volume continues to increase with more arriving each week. CMex light volumes and increasing slowly over the next few weeks.



Raspberries

Market steady on good demand. Northern California, Santa Maria, and Oxnard: Production declining. Quality good. Baja: Production increasing slightly for next 4 weeks, then stabilizing. CMEX: Production sharply increasing.



Cactus Pears

Season will end within the next few weeks - product is solid in quality but rising in price.



Avocado

Mexico's "Flor Loca" avocado harvest is increasing slightly. "Aventajada" avocados are rare and low quality. Mexico is self-regulating shipments to avoid price drops. California and Peru are ending their seasons. Mexico will soon have 85% of the market.



Jicama

Still in "storage crop" as we wait for new growing areas in Mexico to begin - like everything else out of Mexico, lower volumes, high prices, and suspect quality as we are in these "transitional" weeks.



Lemons

Lemons from Chile, Mexico, and the US are available. Fruit is smaller, and larger sizes are scarce. Prices for larger fruit are rising. Meyer Lemons - D3 are producing smaller fruit. Supply is spotty til gassed fruit is finished.



Limes

Prices decreasing and quality improving.



Oranges

Oranges are scarce & fair quality. Most are large, with few small fruit. Valencia's have greening & scarring. Navels are good quality, large & nice color, but high prices due to imports + demand. CA navels may start week.



Grapefruit

Marsh Ruby nearly complete, with few larger sizes remaining. Expect new crops and Texas fruit in late Oct. or early Nov. California D3 fruit will also arrive around weeks 41-42. South African fruit appears sporadically, but its quality and price are questionable.



Chili Peppers

Central California and Baja production is declining, leading to lower quality and higher prices. Sinaloa, Mexico will start harvesting soon, but quality is dropping.



Mexican Maridol Papaya

Lower volumes from Colima and Nayarit, prices increasing. Papaya's market demand will likely persist.



Persian Cucumbers

Lower volumes & strong demand is increasing price. This shortage will likely persist for weeks, as this product is unavailable from Baja year-round.



Hot House Cukes/Euros

Extremely short & very active. Still short for another 2-4 weeks. Typically, get short around this time of year as crops transition from Canadian & US greenhouses to Mexico.



Dark Yolk Eggs

Significant shortage in dark yolk eggs. Will result in limited availability and potential price increases in the coming weeks.



Loose Poly Radish

Michigan supplies emerging. Demand outpacing supply. Midwest (Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Canada) short. Prices higher than normal. Oregon supplies inferior.



Parsnips

Stable. New crop supplies out of Oregon and Michigan. Good quality. Supplies are starting to come on. Price starting to drop.



Turnips

Stable, starting to see a good mix of sizes. New crop supplies out of Oregon and Michigan. Solid quality. Supplies are also starting to come on. Price starting to drop.



Rutabaga

Stable out of Oregon and Washington. New crop Oregon to start this week. Prices are stable.



Potatoes

Idaho: Larger cartons softer; small sizes strong. Potato harvest ramping up. Sizing fluctuating, larger overall. Early crop quality excellent. New crop stable.

Washington: Excellent quality. Sizing varied. Smaller sizes light, strong pricing. Larger cartons softer, deals.

Specialty Potatoes: Red/Yellow demand up slightly, steady. Larger sizing. Sourcing from storage.

Heavy rain delayed harvest; favorable weather catching up.



Watermelon

Watermelon supply is decreasing as domestic programs end. Movement is average. FOB prices will rise until the MX crop starts.



Tomatoes

Roma – Eastern production declining; Tennessee farms still supplying. Western volumes moderate, quality good. Baja yields light, new plantings October. Central/Eastern Mexico steady, some quality issues.

Heirloom – Baja Crop lighter supplies. However, tons of local supplies throughout California.

Round – TN/NC mountains have rain, but tomatoes are back. Sizing is large. VA is also producing, sizing varies. All regions should continue until mid-Oct. Then, FL will start. In the West, CA's volume is low-moderate. Lipman has good tomatoes. They'll move to Los Banos soon. Baja MX will have low-moderate volumes until Fall crops start. Central/East MX will have consistent volumes.

Grape – Lipman's VA farm produces supply steadily, but will decrease soon. Despite rain, quality remains high. We expect overlap with FL crops in mid-Oct. In the West, availability from Baja and Jalisco. Baja's supply is low and will remain so until new crops start. Jalisco's supply has improved but remains light.



Beets

Very active. Light volumes of Mexico and California. New crop out of Oregon. Excellent quality. Price slightly up. Demand exceeds supplies. Gold beets will be short for the next 3-4 weeks. Poor sizing.



Onions

Idaho, Oregon, and Washington are harvesting and packing Yellow, Red, and White onions this week. Weather is ideal, producing beautiful bulbs. Jumbo and Colossal sizes are peaking, with good supplies of all sizes and colors. Medium Yellows are limited but meet current demand. Markets are firming and will remain so as onions enter storage.