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Weather Update

A slow-moving upper-level trough brings a cooling trend to California with temperatures 5-10 degrees below seasonal averages and a continued coastal marine layer into next week. All eyes remain to the south as the second major hurricane has developed in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. Hurricane Bud approaching Cabo San Lucas is expected to make landfall Friday as a Tropical storm. Another disorganized system moving into the Gulf of Mexico will converge to bring widespread showers and thunderstorms to Central Mexico over the next five days. This tropical moisture will bring significant rain showers and scattered thunderstorms to Northern Mexico and the Southwestern Desert regions late this week into the weekend. Florida will see a typical summertime weather pattern with scattered showers seasonal temperatures into next week.



Market Alerts

Bell Peppers (Eastern): Good Supplies

Bell Peppers (Western): Colored pepper markets are stronger, especially yellow bell peppers. Prices increasing sharply. Green pepper market is also active.

Berries (Blackberries): Supplies continue to be very limited and prices are higher.

Berries (Raspberries): Supplies remain light and prices are firm.

Citrus (Limes): Larger sizes are becoming limited.

Eggplant (Eastern): Good supplies and good quality.

Eggplant (Western): light supplies / high demand . Pricing is higher

Melon (Honeydew): Honeydews are very tight due to cooler weather and we are also in the last few weeks of the Arizona growing region. Limited on product (all sizes) and also look for prices to rise these next few weeks as we transfer to the San Joaquin Valley.

Melon (Watermelon): The market remains strong. Light supplies on larger, retail sizes

Onions: Red onion market active due to lighter suppliers and small sizing. Transportation is also very limited so stay ahead on ordering.

Potatoes: Transportation is limited out of all areas.

Squash (Western): The market is very strong on the west coast. Light supplies and high demand on zucchini and yellow s/n.



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Transitions & Temperatures

Bell Peppers (Western): Green Bell Peppers now available in Bakersfield. Colored bells will be available from Bakersfield in the next 7-10 days.

Berries (Blackberries): We will see a small window of harvest in central valley California starting next week.

Berries (Raspberries): Salinas and Watsonville production will slowly improve over the next 2 weeks.

Celery: Salinas has begun production. Oxnard will be finished by July 15th at the latest.

Chili Peppers: Supplies now available in Los Angeles, from Baja and also in Coachella, CA. Nogales spring season is winding down.

Cucumbers (Eastern): Cucumber supply is transitioning from Georgia to the Mid-Atlantic States.

Cucumbers (Western): Cucumbers available to load in San Diego, from Baja California.

Pears: California is scheduled to start packing new-crop Bartlett and red pears the front part of July.

Potatoes (colored): East Coast supplies will transition to new areas on and off till we make the full circle back to the Dakotas.

Squash (Eastern): Squash is moving north to the Mid-Atlantic, New Jersey and Tennessee.

Squash (Western): We have light supply from Baja. Santa Maria scheduled to begin on June 1.



Truckin' Along

California trucks remain extremely tight. Look for capacity to remain tight until after the 4th of July holiday. CA freight rates continue to increase. Washington apple truck supply is steady. Idaho potato trucks remain steady as well. The national average on diesel remained steady this week and is currently at 3.266 per gallon. An increase of .742 from this time last year. California prices increased slightly and are now at 3.990 per gallon. Crude oil decreased slightly and are currently at 66.57 per barrel.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Bell Peppers (Eastern): Bell Pepper is in peak season.

Cucumbers (Eastern): Cucumbers are in peak season.

Eggplant (Eastern): Eggplant is in peak season.

Squash (Eastern): Squash is in peak season.

U.S. On-Highway Diesel Fuel Prices* (dollars per gallon)				
	Change from			
	05/28/18	06/04/18	06/11/18	week ago
U.S.	3.288	3.285	3.266	⬇️ -0.019 ⬆️ 0.742
East Coast (PADD1)	3.287	3.282	3.264	⬇️ -0.018 ⬆️ 0.695
New England (PADD1A)	3.307	3.302	3.292	⬇️ -0.010 ⬆️ 0.678
Central Atlantic (PADD1B)	3.443	3.442	3.420	⬇️ -0.022 ⬆️ 0.709
Lower Atlantic (PADD1C)	3.174	3.166	3.148	⬇️ -0.018 ⬆️ 0.689
Midwest (PADD2)	3.230	3.224	3.199	⬇️ -0.025 ⬆️ 0.745
Gulf Coast (PADD3)	3.054	3.055	3.037	⬇️ -0.018 ⬆️ 0.669
Rocky Mountain (PADD4)	3.353	3.359	3.344	⬇️ -0.015 ⬆️ 0.700
West Coast (PADD5)	3.784	3.784	3.769	⬇️ -0.015 ⬆️ 0.964
West Coast less California	3.514	3.508	3.489	⬇️ -0.019 ⬆️ 0.808
California	3.997	4.003	3.990	⬇️ -0.013 ⬆️ 1.084

*prices include all taxes



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APPLES

Washington – Red Delicious market is firm on all sizes. Most fruit remains small and is peaking on 88/100's in Premiums and WAXF #1's with very few Fancy grades. Golden delicious are steady but strong due to light supplies, especially on the smaller sizes. Golden delicious continue to peak on 80/88s, so supplies of the smaller sizes are limited. Granny Smith are steady at lower levels due to good supplies and light demand on smaller sizes. The fruit is still peaking on 88/100s. Deals are being made to keep supplies moving. Galas/Fuji's are steady and are peaking on 88 and smaller. The quality for all varieties has been good.

Michigan – Gala market is steady with growers looking to keep supplies moving. Some suppliers have finished while others will continue through the month. The quality has been good.

New York – Red Delicious and Red Romes supplies are still being packed mostly in USXF grades. They will slowly wind down. Quality overall is good.

Chile – there are some Chilean Pink Ladies and Braeburns on the east and west coast. The Pink Ladies and Braeburns are peaking on 90s and larger. The quality has is good.

ASPARAGUS

Central Mexico is starting to see rain this week, and the forecast looks like more rain for the next seven days. We should know early next week what effect the rain has had on production. Gonzales, CA volume has started to drop due to seasonality, their season should be wrapped up in the next two weeks. Washington State is done for the season. Volume/Weather in both Ica and Trujillo, Peru has remained unchanged. Markets on both coasts are steady to lower due to local supplies, and Central Mexico has good supplies before the rain.

AVOCADO (CALIFORNIA)

California production good and steady this month with a peak toward the end of June for the 4th of July celebrations. Expecting good production into August. Export demand remains strong. The crop is currently peaking on 48s & 60s. Strong demand on 48s and 60s keeping supplies tight. Fruit is ripening well and has good flavor.



AVOCADO (MEXICAN)

Mexico's harvest continues, with declining weekly volumes through June to its seasonal end of their normal crop. We are still waiting for the Flor Loca crop the gain maturity. This summer crop is difficult to predict, but light volumes are expected. Demand remains good, and we are still seeing tighter supply situation on 48s & 60s #1 fruit.



BELL PEPPERS (EASTERN)

Bell pepper is in ample supply with Georgia wide open, and demand has slowed way down. Rain has slowed harvest in some areas with a few quality issues showing up, but most of the pepper has good quality. South Carolina will start later this week in light volume, Georgia will be in peak volume until the end of the third week of June.



BELL PEPPERS (WESTERN)

Green Bell Peppers – Few supplies still available in Nogales, from Mexico. Quality in Nogales is fair at best, and the peppers have a limited shelf life. Pricing is lower in this area. Coachella is producing a high-quality pepper, although extremely high heat for the last week has slowed production, and may affect the quality of the fruit. The heat will also shorten the season in the Coachella Valley. There will be more supplies being harvested in the Arvin / Bakersfield area daily. The volume will continue to increase throughout June. Pricing is expected to be higher with limited supplies. Shipping areas will include Fresno, Gilroy, and Oxnard, as well as Bakersfield.

Red Bell Peppers – There are still very few supplies in Nogales. Quality is mostly fair in Nogales. Coachella has lower volume of red bells to offer, due to extremely high temperatures recently. The quality of the fruit in Coachella may suffer from the high heat. Lighter supplies also available to load out of San Diego, with hothouse peppers being grown in Baja California. There will be additional supply in the next 7-10 days, with other growers scheduled to begin in early July from Bakersfield, as the volume from the desert harvest continues to decline. Shipping areas will be mostly Fresno, Oxnard, Gilroy, and Bakersfield.



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BELL PEPPERS (WESTERN) (CONTINUED)

Yellow Bell Peppers – Coachella has very limited volume of yellow bell pepper to offer. Many growers harvested immature yellow bells at a green color stage to take advantage of a very strong green bell pepper market in May. Consequently, very light supplies will be available until Bakersfield gets started in the next 7-10 days, some growers will begin to harvest in early July. Very light supplies of hothouse peppers are also available to load in San Diego, from Baja California. Quality from Baja has been fair.



BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)

Blackberries remain extremely limited industry-wide. Demand far exceeds supply as Mexico's seasons have come to an end and California is slowly ramping up. Georgia has limited harvest, but if loading there is an option, we may have a better shot of coverage. Although supplies are expected to remain very limited for the next 1-2 weeks, we will have some light central valley harvest starting in California next week. This in conjunction with Santa Maria, Salinas and Watsonville will hopefully bring some relief to this gap. Quality is being reported as strong, and market prices are high.



BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)

Blueberry supplies continue to improve in California. The central valley areas have seen warm weather, and it is pushing fruit forward. Quality is being reported as good, but with the recent heat, we can expect to see some softer berries if the cold chain is broken. Maintaining proper ride temperatures is imperative on long trips. Growers are packing mostly 6oz, but Pints are readily available. Market prices have come down on the 6oz, but are steady on Pints. North Carolina continues with harvest but has had a recent set back due to rain. We expect production to recover quickly. Quality is good, and prices have been steady. We expect New Jersey to get started with production by the beginning of July on the east coast and the Pacific Northwest to get going on the west coast in the next three weeks.



BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)

No major changes on Raspberries this week. Supplies remain limited. Mexico's season has come to an end, and California is slowly ramping up. The general feedback from all shippers is that availability will continue to be light until Salinas / Watsonville increase production. The transition will be slow, but we expect improvements week over week for the next 2-3 weeks. Quality is strong, and market prices are higher.



BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)

As discussed last week, the warmer weather has brought on a wave of strawberries this week. Excellent availability in Salinas and Watsonville areas. Quality is looking very strong. Good color and firm berries. Sizes are ranging between 16-20. Market prices have been low and steady with aggressive spot buy opportunities available. Santa Maria has slowed down with harvest as most shippers have transitioned up north. However, fruit is still available down south. Market prices on Santa Maria fruit is firmer. Quality is good. We expect supplies in all areas to remain plentiful for the next 2-3 weeks.



BROCCOLI

The broccoli market remains steady at current levels. Supplies are consistent but not abundant from all growing regions. The quality has remained really nice with decent crown size, minimal yellowing, or dehydration.



BRUSSELS SPROUTS

We have seen an influx of insect pressure in Mexico due to the heat in the growing regions. It has varied from lot to lot, but it is being reported. As well as some black spotting and some discoloration. The market is trending higher as a result. Supplies are also limited as we wait for the start of the Salinas Valley.



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CARROTS

California carrot supplies are good on value-added packs, medium, and jumbo size carrots.

CAULIFLOWER

We have plenty of supplies of cauliflower from both the Salinas Valley and Santa Maria growing regions. This has kept the market very competitive. The quality has been exceptional with vibrant white color, minimal bruising / brown spotting, and weights in the 27 to 30-pound level.

CELERY

Production in Salinas has begun this week. Better supplies will be available next week from this growing region. Oxnard will finish production by the middle of July. Santa Maria and Salinas will carry us through mid-July and August. Currently, small sizing continues to have the lightest availability, and this will continue throughout the week. Overall this market is steady but looks to get stronger by the end of the week. If the value-added product is being produced in Oxnard, shippers will load in Salinas, but an additional fee will be incurred for the transportation costs of the product. The quality of all sizes continues to be good.

CHILI PEPPERS

Jalapeño – Supplies are very few in Nogales. Quality is fair, and shelf life on the fruit is short. The market remains strong. The Jalapeños being harvested in Baja is mostly going directly to the LA market. Production may slow with a hurricane or tropical storm forecast for the weekend. Supplies in Coachella are being affected by high heat. Santa Maria is scheduled to start in late in the next week to ten days, some growers to begin in early July.

Pasilla – Very few supplies available in Nogales. Quality is fair, sizing remains smaller, and the fruit has a short shelf life. Light supplies also available in Coachella, with most of the Pasilla coming from the Baja growing area. There is good demand and pricing has increased. Quality from Baja and Coachella has been good. Production and/or quality may be affected by the hurricane or tropical storm that is forecast for the weekend.

Anaheim – Anaheim peppers are being produced in Baja, where the quality of the fruit has been good. Production in Baja is expected to slow, with a hurricane or tropical storm forecast for the weekend. Lighter supplies available in Coachella, extremely high heat has slowed production in the desert. Additional supply will be available in late June / early July from Santa Maria.

Tomatillo – Better supplies available on both husked and peeled tomatillos. The market remains higher on the peeled pack. Baja has increased production, and quality has been good. Most Baja fruit will be going directly to the LA market. Production is expected to decrease with the hurricane or tropical storm that is forecast for the weekend.

Serrano – Light supplies are still available to load in Nogales. The market remains strong, the quality in Nogales is just fair. Additional supply from Baja will be available in the next week. Production may suffer due to the storm forecast for the weekend.

CILANTRO

Cilantro supplies are abundant from all growing regions. The market is competitive. The quality is really nice with full bunches, little yellow to brown leaves, and minimal dehydration.

CITRUS (LEMONS)

The Central Valley crop is near its seasonal end toward the end of June. Fruit in this area is peaking on 115s and larger sizes. The Ventura/Oxnard areas are becoming the main growing area and are also peaking on 115s and larger sizes. Demand is strong, especially on the smaller sizes of 162s/200s. These smaller sizes are beginning to sell out daily, and supplies are tight.



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CITRUS (LIMES)

Lime supplies continue to be steady. However, the fruit sizing seems to be irregular. I have had a few reports of small size limes being packed into the large size box. Due to the higher demand on large fruit, supplies are becoming more limited on sizes between 150-110ct. The weather has been good in the growing regions, but the sizes are running small. Shippers expect better sizing as we get into July. Quality overall has been good with occasional discoloration. Market prices on the smaller limes are in the single digits, but larger fruit is still demanding higher money.



CITRUS (ORANGES)

California Navel crop is finished for the season. California Valencia harvest is moving at a steady pace. Fruit quality and color are good, with size currently peaking 88s/72s/113s. Demand remains strong. Small size fruit 113s/138s will be limited through to entire Valencia season.



CUCUMBERS (EASTERN)

There are good supplies of cucumbers from Georgia to Virginia. Georgia is shipping good volume on cucumbers; the quality is hit and miss depending on the grower. North Carolina has started in good volume with good quality, but they traditionally have a short season. There are cucumbers popping in Virginia and volume should increase next week. There are pockets in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee also, giving buyers a lot of choices where to load.



CUCUMBERS (WESTERN)

Cucumber supplies are almost finished in Nogales. Quality continues to be mostly fair, with condition problems affecting shelf life. Higher quality cucumbers are available to load in San Diego or Los Angeles. Pricing is lower in Nogales. The San Diego (Baja California) crop will produce through the summer. High volume is expected out of Baja; however, supplies are currently down, and demand has remained consistent. Pricing remains higher for retail packs. There is concern that a hurricane or tropical storm could seriously affect production. Updates will be available next week.



EGGPLANT (EASTERN)

Good Supplies of good quality Eggplant are coming out of Georgia, Florida has finished for the season, and there are some light supplies in Mississippi and Arkansas, but Georgia is driving the bus. The market has been steady on fancy eggplant with much higher quality fruit in Georgia; buyers were eager to get the newer product. More volume has started in the past week keeping the market in check.



EGGPLANT (WESTERN)

Eggplant supply in Coachella remains light, due to fewer acreage planted. There is increased demand for the eggplant, pricing is higher and may continue to rise. Quality in Coachella remains good, high heat in the area recently, may affect quality. Additional supply will be available from the Arvin / Bakersfield area, and also Fresno, in late June / early July.



GRAPES (GREEN)

The green grape market continues to be elevated as supplies continue to be scarce. Border crossing has been inconsistent, and we are having to look at numbers on a daily basis to cover orders. Green grapes are having an issue coloring up, and we have seen some quality issues in the ways of shatter and mold. We have seen slightly better numbers than the previous week, but an upcoming storm in Caborca this Friday will leave us with a "wait and see" situation going into the weekend and the beginning of next week.



GRAPES (RED)

The red grape market is seeing slightly better numbers, but border crossing is still hit or miss, and we are looking at the situation on a daily basis. We are expecting a big storm in the Caborca area this Friday, so this might cause the market to tighten again going into the weekend and early next week. There have been some quality issues, such as shatter and splits. Medium sized grapes are very scarce and may shippers are subbing up into a Large size grapes.



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GREEN ONIONS

We have plenty of supplies of green onions crossing from Mexico. The market remains competitive. Quality is good although we have seen some thrip damage which you will see brown spotting on the green tops.

KALE

The kale market is extremely competitive from all suppliers. Supplies remain abundant. The quality has been excellent with dark green color, full bunches, and minimal yellowing or dehydration.

LETTUCE ICEBERG

Finally, after weeks of a flat market, this commodity is active. Multiple suppliers began the week sold out while others had moderate to light supplies at best. Both northern and southern California have hit a planting gap that is expected for the next 10-14 days. The weights continue to be favorable, and the quality is good, overall. A few misshapen heads and mechanical has been reported but minimally. The weights on palletized have been reported between 41-45 pounds. Look for active markets throughout the week.

LETTUCE LEAF

Romaine, as well as all leaf items, are firm in the marketplace for now. Throughout California, supplies are lighter compared to previous weeks. Although school business has obviously fallen, suppliers are approaching lighter production numbers this week. Expect to see a bigger jump in pricing by the end of the week. Romaine hearts are slightly stronger currently and are expected to be available in moderate to light supplies next week, pending the shipper. The quality overall on hearts continues to be good.

LETTUCE TENDER LEAF

Even with the heat, we have experienced here in the Salinas Valley, supplies have been abundant for all tender leaf items. The market is steady with all suppliers as well. The quality has been really nice with minimal bruising, excessive wetness, slimy decay, or yellowing.

MELON (CANTALOUPE)

There is a steady supply of 9 count and 12 count available. Very limited on the smaller fruit 15 count and 18 count. Quality overall has been good with the brix (sugar) levels in the range from 12-14.

MELON (HONEYDEW)

The honeydew market is very active due to short supply. Arizona is finishing up, and shippers are struggling to cover orders. Demand has outpaced the harvest, so we are having to make multiple pickups and sub sizes to cover orders. We have a few weeks left in Arizona before the San Joaquin Valley comes into play the first week of July. Quality overall has been good with brix (sugar) levels in the range of 10-12.

MELON (WATERMELON)

Seedless watermelon production from Mexico is still mostly from the northern state of Sonora. In Nogales, sizing is remaining mostly smaller, and volume continues to decline as the spring crop winds down. Light supplies will be available in Nogales through June, as some Shippers will bring watermelons from growing areas in Central Mexico. Coachella has had lower volume than originally projected, and high heat has also affected production. Demand continues to be high, and light supplies are expected through June. Pricing is higher. Bakersfield is scheduled to begin watermelon production in late June / early July.

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ONIONS

Yellow onions market is steady at low levels due to light demand and good production. Supplies are coming out of California, New Mexico, Mexico and Texas. Washington will be harvesting Walla Walla Sweets next week. White onion market is steady with moderate supplies and demand. Red onion market is very active with light supplies out of New Mexico and California. Sizing is peaking on mediums. Look for this market to be active for the next couple of weeks. Quality overall is good on all colors. Sizing is a mixed bag demanding on growing area. Transportation is very limited so start ahead on ordering.

PEARS

Washington – D'anjou pears market is firm but mostly steady on all sizes, and they continue to peak on US#1 80/90s. Demand is good. Smaller size fruit remains limited. The quality has been good. Look for supplies to slowly wind down as we get into July.

Chile – Chilean Packhams market is firm on all sizes with smaller size fruit being limited. The quality has been good. Chilean Bosc pears are steady and peaking on 90. Chilean fruit is limited as well as the season is close to the end. The quality for both has been good.

PINEAPPLES

Pineapple volume coming from the tropics remains good, but we are soon to see a small seasonal decline for the summer and fall. This is planned production drop as summer time a period of good availability of other fruit types which compete with pineapples. Size peaking on 6s/7s.

POTATOES

Idaho - Demand is Moderate with a steady market on most size cartons and retail bales. Storage supplies are mainly peaking on 80ct and smaller with an occasional larger profile. Look for this trend to continue into next month. Quality overall is very nice. Occasional internal bruise, light hollow heart, and air checking/shatter bruise can be found. New Crop is coming along good and should start the front part of August.

Washington - Demand is good with supplies in fewer hands. The market is firm on most sizes and packs. Quality overall is good with the occasional lot with Silver Scurf, light bruising, and air-checking. New crop should start at the end of July.

Colorado/Wisconsin - Demand is good with supplies in fewer hands. Supplies are peaking on 80 count and smaller with 70 count and larger getting a premium. Quality is good.

Transportation is limited.

POTATOES (COLORED)

Red potato market is steady with good to moderate supplies. Demand is moderate. Supplies are still available out of California, North Dakota, Arizona, Idaho and Florida. Idaho and Florida will finish for the season by the end of June. White and Gold potato supplies are currently available on the West Coast. (California and Arizona). Markets are firm with good demand. Supplies of Colored potatoes on the East Coast will slowly make the move North. Missouri is scheduled to start Reds next week. North Carolina and Alabama are scheduled to start reds, whites, and yellows at the end of this month. Virginia is scheduled to start with all three colors the middle of July. Texas will also start on reds and yellow then end of this month. Supplies will then make the move to Minnesota the start of August followed by North Dakota October 1. Looks for the markets on the East Coast to firm then soften as they transition areas.

SQUASH (EASTERN)

Demand for squash has been good even though there seem to be pockets of squash popping up everywhere. The market has increased over the past week with good demand after a very weak market. There is squash production from Georgia to New Jersey and west to Tennessee and Arkansas. Ohio and Michigan are set to start in the next two weeks.

SQUASH (WESTERN)

Zucchini and Yellow S/N - Good supplies are available from Santa Maria, CA. Quality is mostly good. Production in Santa Maria is expected to remain consistent. There is now squash available from Fresno. The squash market remains steady.



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STONE FRUIT

Peaches and Nectarines are in full swing, with large fruit available, and cheap prices on smaller, volume filled fruit. Plums are still slow to start, but there are starting to be decent quantities on reds, with blacks starting the end of next week. Prices are still elevated but should come off over the next two weeks as harvest kicks into full gear. Cherries, are finishing up in California, and are available out of Oregon, and starting up out of Washington. The first of the Northwest cherry crop is sizing a little smaller, with the majority of the fruit running in the 11 to 11.5 Row size range.

TOMATOES (EASTERN)

Central Florida has finished their crops for the season. Northern Florida is starting in a light way. However, it will still be a week or so before the harvest brings forth enough volume to strengthen the supply chain. Shortly after that, South Carolina and Tennessee are expected to begin production as June closes out. The market may currently be at its peak with more supply waiting to hit the market. Heavy rains have saturated the last of the crops coming from the central portion of Florida directly affecting the quality of most of the fruit there. As fields transition, buyers look to North Florida and South Carolina for better quality tomatoes. Rounds are steady from last week and forecasted to remain steady moving lower in the next 7 to 10 days. Roma tomatoes are still limited in availability with Mexico being the main growing region for now. As the last of the grape tomatoes from Palmetto sell-off, quality is showing the effects of harsh weather shortening the supply of good quality tomatoes further. With little coming out of the north this week, there is partial relief underway for better quality offerings improving further through the rest of the month. Similarly, cherry tomatoes are tight, and fobs remain up/steady. As supply further continues to improve next week markets may show signs of easing off as the end of the month gets closer.

TOMATOES (WESTERN)

Supply from Mexico remains steady while operations transition south of our border and California prepares to break ground in the coming weeks. Sinaloa on the mainland is wrapping up their season while Baja undergoes a slow start helping to keep the market steady. Quotes are circulating with premiums above the price floor for better quality fruit between the two regions as Baja boasts excellent quality to start off the summer. Roma tomatoes are steady with excellent quality from all regions, but markets are getting pressure to move higher with eastern buyers strengthening demand. Grape tomatoes remain short. Fobs have surpassed the mid-twenties. Supplies are increasing out of Baja in tandem with new operations in the eastern U.S. helping to alleviate the climb in pricing that has occurred over the past two weeks. Similarly, cherry tomatoes are increasing out of Baja as mainland Mexico finishes up where quality has been par at best recently. Markets are stabilizing with relief just weeks away to start the month of July.



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Commodities at a Glance



Commodity / Region	Market	Quality
Apples		
Wenatchee/Yakima, WA and Hood River, OR	Steady/Higher	Excellent
Marlboro, NY	Steady	Good
Chile	Steady/Higher	Excellent
Asparagus		
Ica, Peru to Trujillo	Lower/Steady	Good
Central Mexico	Steady	Good
Gonzales, CA	Steady	Good
Michigan	Steady	Good
Avocado (California)		
Temecula/Escondido, CA	Steady	Excellent
Oxnard/Ventura, CA	Steady	Excellent
Avocado (Mexican)		
Michoacan, Mexico	Steady	Good
Bell Peppers (Eastern)		
Hillsborough / Western Collier County, FL	Lower	Fair
Lee / Grady County, GA	Lower/Steady	Good
Bell Peppers (Western)		
Southern Sonora, Mexico	Steady/Higher	Fair
Coachella Valley, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Berries (Blackberries)		
Salinas, CA	Higher	Good
Watsonville, CA	Higher	Good
Santa Maria, CA	Higher	Excellent
Berries (Blueberries)		
Central Valley, CA	Lower/Steady	Good
North Carolina	Steady	Good
Berries (Raspberries)		
Santa Maria, CA	Higher	Good
Salinas, CA	Higher	Good
Watsonville, CA	Higher	Good

Commodity / Region	Market	Quality
Berries (Strawberries)		
Salinas Valley, CA	Lower/Steady	Excellent
Watsonville, CA	Lower/Steady	Excellent
Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Good
Broccoli		
Salinas Valley, CA	Steady	Good
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Good
McAllen, TX	Steady	Good
Brussels Sprouts		
Northern Baja California Norte, Mexico	Higher	Fair
Carrots		
Bakersfield/Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Excellent
Cauliflower		
Salinas Valley, CA	Steady	Good
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Good
Celery		
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Salinas Valley, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Chili Peppers		
Central Sonora, Mexico	Steady	Fair
Coachella Valley, CA	Steady	Good
Northern Baja California Norte, Mexico	Steady	Good
Cilantro		
Salinas, CA	Steady	Good
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Good
Baja, MX	Steady	Good
Citrus (Lemons)		
Merced/Bakersfield, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Oxnard/Ventura, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Citrus (Limes)		
Veracruz, Mexico	Lower/Steady	Good



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Commodity / Region	Market	Quality
Citrus (Oranges)		
Merced to Bakersfield, CA	Steady	Good
Riverside, CA	Steady	Good
Cucumbers (Eastern)		
Lee / Grady County, GA	Lower/Steady	Fair
Henderson / Buncomb County, NC	Lower/Steady	Good
Duplin County, NC	Lower/Steady	Good
Cucumbers (Western)		
Central Sonora, Mexico	Lower/Steady	Fair
Northern Baja California Norte, Mexico	Steady/Higher	Good
Eggplant (Eastern)		
Lee / Grady County, GA	Steady	Good
Eggplant (Western)		
Coachella, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Grapes (Green)		
Hermosillo, Mexico	Higher	Fair
Grapes (Red)		
Hermosillo, Mexico	Higher	Fair
Coachella Valley, CA	Higher	Good
Green Onions		
Mexicali, Baja	Steady	Fair
Kale		
Salinas, CA	Steady	Excellent
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Excellent
Lettuce Iceberg		
Salinas Valley, CA	Higher	Good
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Higher	Good
Lettuce Leaf		
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Higher	Good
Salinas Valley, CA	Higher	Good

Commodity / Region	Market	Quality
Lettuce Tender Leaf		
Salinas Valley, CA	Steady	Good
Melon (Cantaloupe)		
Yuma, AZ	Steady	Good
Yuma, AZ	Steady	Good
Maricopa, AZ	Steady	Good
Melon (Honeydew)		
Maricopa, AZ	Steady/Higher	Good
Brawley, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Hermosillo, Mexico	Steady/Higher	Good
Melon (Watermelon)		
Central Sonora, Mexico	Steady/Higher	Fair
Coachella Valley	Steady/Higher	Good
Onions		
Huron/Metler, CA	Steady/Higher	Excellent
McAllen/Uvalde, TX	Steady	Good
Las Cruces, NM	Steady/Higher	Excellent
Pears		
Wenatchee/Yakima, WA and Hood River, OR	Steady/Higher	Good
Chile	Steady/Higher	Excellent
Pineapples		
Alajuela, Costa Rica	Steady	Good
Heredia, Costa Rica	Steady	Good
Limon, Costa Rica	Steady	Good
La Ceiba, Honduras	Steady	Good
Retalhuleu, Guatemala	Steady	Good
Peten, Guatemala	Steady	Good
Potatoes		
Hamer/Rupert, ID	Steady/Higher	Good
Quincy/Hermiston, WA	Steady/Higher	Good
Eastern Colorado	Steady/Higher	Good
Plover/Bancroft, WI	Steady/Higher	Good



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Potatoes (colored)		
Hastings/Bunnell/East Palatka, FL	Steady/Higher	Good
Bakersfield, CA	Steady/Higher	Excellent
Phoenix, AZ	Steady	Excellent
Red River Valley, ND	Steady	Good
Squash (Eastern)		
Lee/Grady/Echols County, GA	Steady/Higher	Good
Henderson / Bucomb County, NC	Steady/Higher	Good
Squash (Western)		
Northern Sonora, Mexico	Lower/Steady	Fair
Northern Baja California Norte, Mexico	Lower/Steady	Good
Santa Maria, CA	Lower/Steady	Good
Stone Fruit		
Madera south to Arvin, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Tomatoes (Eastern)		
Southern Florida	Steady	Fair
Northern Florida	Steady	Excellent
Tomatoes (Western)		
Southern Nayarit/Sinaloa, Mexico	Steady	Good
Northern Baja California Norte, Mexico	Steady	Good



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