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Market Alerts

BROCCOLI – Supplies of Crowns and Florets are slightly improved, but pricing may be higher than normal, with good to fair quality reported.

STRAWBERRIES – Poor growing conditions (cold and rain) in California continue to affect quality throughout the market. Pricing is fairly stable, but quality remains fair to poor. Short shelf life, white shoulders and decay are reported. **Blackberries, Blueberries** and **Raspberries** are all better quality options.

LETTUCE – Quality of **Iceberg, Romaine** and **Leaf Lettuce** remains a concern, with puffiness, ribbing and short shelf life all common issues. Pricing has eased but may be higher than normal. **Romaine Hearts** and **pre-cut product** are still the best values.

CELERY – Pricing remains very high on both bulk and pre-cut Celery, also due light supplies from the cold, wet conditions in Yuma. Quality is fair to good.

CAULIFLOWER – Supplies of Heads and Florets are slightly improved, but pricing may be higher than normal, with good to fair quality reported.

SOFT VEGETABLES: Bell Peppers and Cucumbers are in a growing gap in Florida and Mexico. Pricing is much higher than normal, and quality is fair. Choice Grade Green Bells and Select Grade Cucumbers are the best values.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Late Winter Greens – Endive, Chicory and Frisee are all available. All are great cold-weather menu favorites!

Swiss Chard – Great quality on Green, Red and Rainbow Chard out of California and Mexico.

Chili Peppers – Anaheim, Serrano and Pasilla Peppers are all very good quality.

Berries – Blackberries and Blueberries are very good quality and pricing.

Specialty Potatoes – Quality is great on all Colored, Fingerling and Yukon Potatoes.

Grapefruit – Texas and Florida are at peak harvest on Ruby Reds.

Weather Update

California: Dry conditions and warmer temperatures, with strong winds in the south.

Yuma, AZ: Windy conditions and gradually warming temperatures.

Mexico: Seasonal temperatures and precipitation.

Florida: Rainy conditions and cooler temperatures.



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Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality is good, 125 CT and smaller sizes will be less available through the summer	 CELERY	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair; pricing is higher
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good, with smaller sizes the best value	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 AVOCADO	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is fair; pricing is very high, particularly Red and Yellow	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 CUCUMBERS	Quality is fair; pricing is higher on Eastern product	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 EGGPLANT	Quality is fair; pricing is good	 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 GARLIC	Quality is fair; pricing is higher	 PEAR	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality is poor; pricing may be higher	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is fair; pricing is good	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair; pricing is higher	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on larger sizes
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair to poor; pricing is higher	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
 CARROTS	Quality and pricing are good	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good	 SQUASH	Quality is fair; pricing is good
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is fair; pricing is high, orders may be shorted	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is fair; pricing is slightly higher	 TOMATOES	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher

