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## Market Alerts

**Tomatoes** – As of May 7th, all tomatoes imported into the U.S. from Mexico will have a 17.56% duty applied by the Department of Commerce. This will affect the tomato market nationwide in the coming weeks, although the true impact is yet to be determined. Please read The Source Plus weekly for up-to-date information and recommendations.

**Celery** – The shortage of **bulk and pre-cut Celery** is at almost an unprecedented level. Pricing is extremely high, and quality is fair.

**Avocados** – Supplies have improved but not enough to meet demand, particularly on **60 CT and smaller fruit**. Pricing is higher than normal, and fully ripened fruit may be less available. **48 CT and larger sizes** are the best value.

**Broccoli** – Wet conditions in California's Salinas Valley are impacting **Crowns** and **Bunched** product. Pricing is higher than normal, with good quality. **Florets** may be a better option

**Cauliflower** – The Salinas Valley conditions are also affecting **Cauliflower**. Pricing is higher than normal, with fair quality reported. **Colored product** is very scarce and much more expensive than normal.

**Green Bell Peppers** – Field transition from South Florida into Georgia, and in Mexico, has caused a temporary supply gap. Quality is good, but pricing is higher than normal.

**Green Grapes** – Both Mexico and California's harvests are off to a slow start. Supplies are light, pricing is slightly higher than normal, and quality is good. Conditions are expected to return to normal by mid-May. **Red Grapes** are a much better cost and quality option until then.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Fiddlehead Ferns** – A delicate vegetable with a very short growing season, be sure to ask your distributor for availability in April and May.

**Ramps** – Like the ferns, this wild onion has a very short springtime season – ask your distributor for availability!

**Early Season Stone Fruit** – California White Peaches and Yellow Nectarines are **just becoming** available.

**Green Onions** – Mexico's harvest is yielding excellent quality and abundant supplies.

**Strawberries** – California berries are very nice quality.

**Grapes** – Quality is very nice on Red Grapes out of Chile.

**Potatoes** – Smaller-sized Idaho baking potatoes are less expensive than larger ones. 80 CT and smaller are the best values.

**Asparagus** – Be on the lookout for early spring local Asparagus in the Midwest, Northeast and Pacific Northwest.

## Weather Update

**California:** Intermittent rain and drizzle in most of the central growing regions, with seasonal temperatures..

**Mexico:** Seasonal temperatures and precipitation in the central regions, cooler to the north.s.

**Florida:** Scattered showers and seasonal temperatures in most of the state.



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# Commodities at a Glance

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|  APPLES                  | Quality is good, 125 CT and smaller sizes will be less available through the summer |  CELERY            | Quality is fair, pricing is very high, avoid use if possible |  LETTUCE LEAF         | Quality and pricing are good                       |
|  ASPARAGUS               | Quality is good, pricing is higher; Pencil and Standard are the best buys           |  CITRUS (LEMONS)   | Quality and pricing are good                                 |  LETTUCE TENDER LEAF  | Quality and pricing are good                       |
|  AVOCADO                 | Quality is fair, pricing is high, fully ripened product less available              |  CITRUS (LIMES)    | Quality is good, pricing is higher                           |  MELON (CANTALOUPE)   | Quality is good, pricing is higher                 |
|  BELL PEPPERS            | Quality is good, pricing is higher on Green Bells                                   |  CITRUS (ORANGES)  | Quality and pricing are good                                 |  MELON (HONEYDEW)     | Quality and pricing are good                       |
|  BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)  | Quality and pricing are good  |  CUCUMBERS         | Quality and pricing are good                                 |  MELON (WATERMELON)   | Quality and pricing are good                       |
|  BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)   | Quality and pricing are good  |  EGGPLANT          | Quality is good, pricing is higher on Western product        |  ONIONS               | Quality is fair, pricing is higher on Reds         |
|  BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)   | Quality and pricing are good  |  GARLIC            | Quality is fair, pricing is higher                           |  PEARS                | Quality and pricing are good                       |
|  BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES) | Quality and pricing are good  |  GRAPES (GREEN)    | Quality is fair, pricing is higher                           |  PINEAPPLES           | Quality and pricing are good                       |
|  BROCCOLI              | Quality is good, pricing is higher on bulk product                                  |  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 and pricing are good                       |
|  CAULIFLOWER           | Quality is fair, pricing is higher  |  LETTUCE ICEBERG | Quality and pricing are good                                 |  TOMATOES           | Quality and pricing are good                       |

