

## June 29, 2020 AGNE MARKET UPDATE

**Field Grown Vegetables:** With the July 4 holiday approaching, availability of product is tightening up causing a huge increase on most field grown commodities. The increase demand from Covid crisis coupled with the holiday demand is really going to put a big strain on the suppliers. Corn is the item effected the hardest and we will see pricing at unprecedented levels through the July 4 holiday. We are hoping to see some relief right after the holiday as the anticipated growing seasons begin in New Jersey and Michigan, as well as early Massachusetts crops start producing.

**West Coast Vegetables:** California is having some drastic weather related issues as well causing yield and quality issues. Availability will become limited as we work through this issue, which will increase pricing as well.

**Tomatoes:** Field grown pricing continues to fluctuate and remains higher than seasonal norms. Lower yields coupled with higher demand is the cause of these issues. Greenhouse pricing will continue to be elevated as well as Canada is seeing an increase of Covid-19 cases amongst their greenhouse workers. Mexico has implemented a border-crossing shutdown that will cause issues in production for these greenhouses. Effects of this shut down will be seen in weeks to come.

**Berries:** The hot weather California received last week has caused the pricing to increase a little due to a reduction in yield. Overnight temperatures have lowered a bit which will awaken the plants and increase production. New Jersey Blueberries are here and they have been phenominal. Expect a greta season on these.

**Grapes:** The early summer grape season is in full production right now with product coming from both Coachella and Mexico. Mexico is giving better pricing right now over the Coachella, USA growers. Both Regions will supply us with grapes through the July 4 holiday when we will transition to the Fresno growing area.

**Avocado:** We will see some relief in pricing for the remainder of June. Peru will start producing product starting in July that should bring pricing down.

**Asparagus:** Asparagus availability is easing a little as Washington State and Michigan harvests begin. Pricing out of both areas are still higher than that of the imported Peruvian product but quality is good from all areas. Expect pricing to come down as the domestic daily harvest increases.

**Watermelon:** We have started a new growing area for watermelon, which has provided better quantities. Pricing will come down as the harvest progresses but will remain higher than normal seasonal levels.

**Stone fruit:** Washington State cherries are here and quality and sizing is great. They have great flavor as well which should help in return sales. California Peaches and Nectarines are available in both yellow and white varieties. Apricots are in good supply. Plums are now available as well as Pluots. We will be transitioning to New Jersey peaches in the volume-filled box for our eastern peach offering next week as well.