

Top 5 Five

- 1. BANANAS** **ALERT!**
Supplies are lighter from all suppliers due to cooler weather.
- 2. BEANS-GREEN** **ALERT!**
Supplies are limited from both major growing areas.
- 3. BERRIES-RASPBERRY** **ALERT!**
Volume is limited from cooler temps and rain.
- 4. CORN** **ALERT!**
Supplies and quality are the biggest concern.
- 5. PEPPERS-CHILES** **ALERT!**
The market remains high due to supply challenges.



asparagus

Markets have declined even though the weather patterns in Mexico are keeping the supplies lower than anticipated. Next week's freezing forecast could slow production.



avocados

Mexican market remains stable with plentiful supplies. The size curve is shifting to smaller sizes and #2 fruit. Markets are softer on 60ct and smaller while 40ct and larger are gaining value.



beans—green **ALERT!**

Eastern supplies remain tight, quality is good, and the markets remain elevated as demand exceeds supplies. Western supplies are limited with moderate demand. Relief is expected in the next 7-10 days.



berries—blackberry, blueberry, & raspberry **ALERT!**

Raspberry volume is limited for the next few weeks as cooler weather and rain has taken its toll. Markets are steady at higher levels. Blackberry volume is very good from Mexico and

markets are steady. Blueberry volume is good and will remain steady over the next few weeks. Markets are steady.



berries—strawberry

Volume is steady but demand has decreased as we end the Valentine's Day pull. Mexico has a steady production. CA has lower production as the spring crop has not fully developed. FL has lighter volume from increased temps. Markets have decreased. Quality is good.



broccoli & cauliflower **ALERT!**

Broccoli has come off a little, but the recent cool temps could impact volume. Baby broccoli/broccolini continues with short supplies due to cold weather. Limited supplies of cauliflower are expected for a few more weeks. Supplies should begin to pick up in a couple of weeks if the weather improves.



celery

Demand is light with lower markets. Quality is good and only some shippers are still impacted by the recent weather in CA.

Outlook

WEST COAST

The Yuma growing region is expecting sunny and occasionally cloudy conditions, with lows in the 50s and highs in the 70s.

MEXICO

Expect partly cloudy and sunny conditions with some rain, and warmer weather later in the week. Temp lows in the 40s and highs in the 70s.

EAST COAST

Temps are expected above average with higher-than-normal precipitation expected for this time of year.

Reality Check



citrus—lemons, oranges, & limes **ALERT!**

All three lemon districts in CA are in production with supply in all grades and sizes and peaking on 95/115/140cts. Quality is good. The **lime** market has taken an unexpected upswing again with substantially diminished availability. Demand is strong. Growing regions have experienced cooler weather with rain that slowed down the harvest. The orange export has resumed and pack out has changed; 60% Fancy / 40% Choice. Quality is good.



melons—cantaloupe & honeydew

Cantaloupe demand for large sizes is strong. Sizing profile is smaller, with more 9/12cts available. This sizing trend is expected to continue for the next 3-4 weeks. Honeydew supplies remain limited. Limited supplies are expected for the next 4-5 weeks.



onions—yellow, white, & red

Demand is sluggish in the Northwest. Quality remains very good.



peppers—green, red & yellow

Markets have eased overall, with eastern yellow pepper supplies tight. Quality is good.



cucumbers

Eastern supplies have improved, demand is weaker, and the quality is good. Markets are trending down. Western supplies are limited with moderate demand. Baja will start in mid-March.



eggplant

Eastern supplies are fair. Quality varies this time of a year. Mexico markets are keeping FL lower, but the demand will strengthen for the Lenten season and markets will get stronger. Western demand is lower, and the markets are weak.



potatoes

Packers have cut production to pace the lighter storage volume through the season. Quality is good, but sizing is running small.



squash—yellow & zucchini

The eastern supplies are good. Quality varies in different growing areas. Demand is good. Western supplies are good with moderate demand and good quality.



grapes—green & red

Supplies are very good as arrivals from Chile increase. Peru volume is still below normal. Demand and quality are good. Markets are decreasing.



tomatoes

Round, grape, and cherry markets continue to improve due to increasing availability out West which continues to help drive down the overall market. Roma markets remain stable with good volume and normal demand. **Hothouse Campari Tomatoes** demand exceeds supply.



lettuce—iceberg, leaf, romaine

Good supplies and quality continue overall. See the [FreshPress+](#) for specifics.

	Supply				Price					
	HIGH	INCREASING	STEADY	DECREASING	ALERT	ALERT	INCREASING	STEADY	DECREASING	LOW
VEGETABLES										
Arugula										
Asparagus										
Beans - Green										
Broccoli										
Broccolini										
Brussels Sprouts										
Cabbage										
Carrots										
Cauliflower										
Celery										
Corn										
Cucumbers										
Eggplant										
Garlic										
Lettuce-Iceberg										
Lettuce-Leaf G/R										
Lettuce-Romaine										
Lettuce-Spring Mix										
Mushrooms										
Onions-Green										
Onions-Red										
Onions-Yellow										
Onions-White										
Peas-Snow/Snap										
Peppers-Chiles										
Peppers-Green										
Peppers-R/Y										
Potatoes-Russet										
Potatoes-R/W/Yuk										
Potatoes-Sweet										
Spinach										
Squash-Yellow										
Squash-Zucchini										
Tomatoes-Gr/Ch										
Tomatoes-Roma										
Tomatoes-Round										
FRUIT										
Apples										
Avocados										
Bananas										
Berries-Blackberry										
Berries-Blueberry										
Berries-Raspberry										
Berries-Strawberry										
Citrus-Lemons										
Citrus-Limes										
Citrus-Oranges										
Grapes-Green										
Grapes-Red										
Melons-Cantaloupe										
Melons-Honeydew										
Melons-Watermelon										
Pineapple										