


Produce Market Advisory


For the week of January 7, 2019


Market Alerts


Recommended Items to Avoid


Freeze Alert – Temperatures from Southern California to Central Mexico continue to be well below normal, particularly overnight temps, causing icing. Quality and availability of certain items are affected, particularly those listed below.


 **Lettuce** – Quality of Iceberg and Romaine is affected by overnight icing. Blister, peel, decay and short shelf life are all being observed. Pre-cut product is the best quality option.

 **Peppers** – Supplies of Bell Peppers are light, particularly Red and Yellow. Quality is good, but pricing is 15-20% higher than normal. Choice-grade Green Peppers are the best value. nYuma AZ, has cause prices to rise to 15%-20% higher than normal. Quality is good.

 **STRAWBERRIES** – Harvests continue to be light out of California, Mexico and Florida. Pricing may be higher in certain markets. Blueberries and Blackberries are a better cost and quality option.

 **TOMATOES** – Quality of Round and Grape Tomatoes remains fair, particularly in the Eastern half of the U.S., due to the cold and rain in central Florida. Roma supplies and quality are much improved. Pricing is still higher than normal in most markets for most varieties, with 6x6 Rounds and Romas being the best value.

 **MELONS**- Supplies of Cantaloupe and Honeydew are very light, due to limited harvests out of Mexico, and a slow start to the Central American season. Quality is good, but pricing may be higher in certain markets.

 **Asparagus** – Supplies are light on all sizes of Asparagus, and pricing has risen to 10-15% higher than normal in the Western half of the country, due to the extreme cold in Mexico, and extreme heat in Peru. Quality is good to fair.

MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIALTY POTATOES- Quality is very good on all Colored, Fingerling and Yukon Potato varieties.



KALE – Quality is excellent, with full bunches and dark green color.



CALIFORNIA NAVEL ORANGES- Quality is very nice and pricing is good on 88 CT and larger sizes of Fancy- and Choice-grade Navels.



AVOCADOS- Quality is excellent and pricing is lower than in recent months. Fully ripened product is plentiful. #2 Grade fruit is the best value, and is Compass' preferred spec



Eggplant – Supplies are extremely good, and pricing is low.



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● Good ● Fair ● Caution

Commodity	Quality	Market
Apples	●	●
Asparagus	●	●
Avocado	●	●
Bananas	●	●
Bell Peppers (Western)	●	●
Bell Peppers (Eastern)	●	●
Berries: Strawberries	●	●
Berries: Raspberries	●	●
Berries: Blackberries	●	●
Berries: Blueberries	●	●
Broccoli	●	●
Carrots	●	●
Cauliflower	●	●
Celery	●	●
Citrus: Lemons	●	●
Citrus: Limes	●	●
Citrus: Oranges	●	●
Cucumbers (Western)	●	●
Cucumbers (Eastern)	●	●
Eggplant (Western)	●	●
Eggplant (Eastern)	●	●
Garlic	●	●
Grapes, Green	●	●
Grapes, Red	●	●
Green Onions	●	●
Lettuce: Romaine / Leaf	●	●
Lettuce: Iceberg	●	●
Lettuce: Spring Mix/Spinach	●	●
Melons: Cantaloupe	●	●
Melons: Honeydew	●	●
Melons: Watermelon	●	●
Onions	●	●
Pears	●	●
Potatoes	●	●
Squash (Western)	●	●
Squash (Eastern)	●	●
Tomatoes (Western)	●	●
Tomatoes (Eastern)	●	●

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A Peek at Peak Seasons

Pears: Bartlett, Bosc and Anjou pears and excellent quality out of Washington and California. Bartlett, Bosc and Red Pears are approaching peak harvest out of Washington and California. Quality is excellent.

Potatoes: Idaho potatoes are at peak season from now through March. New crop Idaho potatoes are now in season. Quality and pricing are very good.

Cherries: Quality is excellent on imported Cherries.

Specialty Citrus: Winter Citrus is in season – Mandarins, Tangerines, Clementines, Blood Oranges and more are available. Ask your distributor for recommendations!



Weather Update

California: Extremely cold temperatures continue throughout all growing regions. Overnight temps will be below freezing.

Yuma, AZ: Extremely cold temperatures continue throughout all growing regions. Overnight temps will be below freezing.

Mexico: Temperatures will warm later in the week in the Central region, with colder temps to the north.

Florida: Warmer temperatures and light rain expected most of the week.

 Apples	Quality is good, 125 CT and smaller sizes are less available
 Asparagus	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 Avocado	Quality and pricing are good
 Bell Peppers	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Berries(Blackberries)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher
 Berries(Blueberries)	Quality and pricing are good
 Berries(Raspberries)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher
 Berries(Strawberries)	Quality is fair pricing may be higher
 Broccoli	Quality is good, pricing is fair
 Carrots	Quality and pricing are good
 Cauliflower	Quality and pricing are good
 Celery	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Citrus (Lemons)	Quality and pricing are good
 Citrus (Limes)	Quality and pricing are good
 Citrus (Oranges)	Quality and pricing are good
 Cucumbers	Quality and pricing are good

 Eggplant	Quality and pricing are good
 Garlic	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Grapes (Green)	Quality is fair, pricing is good
 Grapes (Red)	Quality is fair, pricing is good
 Green Onions	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Lettuce Iceberg	Quality is fair, pricing is good
 Lettuce Leaf	Quality is fair, Romaine pricing is good, Green/Red leaf is higher
 Melon(Cantaloupe)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Melon(Honeydew)	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Melon(Watermelon)	Quality and pricing are fair
 Onions	Quality and pricing are good
 Pears	Quality and pricing are good
 Potatoes	Quality and pricing are good
 Squash	Quality and pricing are good
 Tomatoes	Quality is fair, pricing is higher on Grapes and larger Rounds