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MARKET ALERT

SEPTEMBER 14TH - 20TH, 2020

APPLES - GOOD

High volume movement on apples.

ASPARAGUS - GOOD

Good supplies continue out of Mexico and Peru.

AVOCADOS - GOOD

Market is steady and may trend down post-holiday pull. Size 48's and larger remain in high demand. #2 fruit is very limited.

BELL PEPPERS - GOOD

Steady markets - still light supplies on #1 retail green bells and across board on red and yellow, but availability.

BERRIES

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STRAWBERRIES - EXTREME

Recent heat has caused quality and sizing to go on a decline. Harvest numbers are reduced as well.

BROCCOLI - ESCALATED

The recent round of record setting heat will continue to hamper the broccoli quality. Look for yields and quality to be affected as harvesters continue to identify and discard product showing signs of bad quality.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS - GOOD

Brussels Sprouts market continues to stay level with steady supplies

CARROTS - ESCALATED

Cello Carrots and Jumbos are still in short supply out west. Mexican jumbos are available along with Canadian and Colorado.

CELERY - GOOD

This market is steady, overall. Small sizing, 36's in particular continues to have the lightest availability. Aside from some slight bowing, the quality continues to be strong both in northern and southern California.

CITRUS

LEMONS - GOOD

Steady supplies out of the Coastal District. Markets are active and firm on fancy grade.

Choice market is still looking steady.

LIMES - ESCALATED

Markets 200's and smaller is leveling off. 175's and larger are still holding firm with light supplies. Quality is fair.

Please place orders with lead time.

ORANGES - ESCALATED

Valencia supplies on 88/113/138's are very limited. Better supplies on 72's and larger.

Markets are active on both grades and quality is fair.

CUCUMBERS - GOOD

Continued good supplies and quality.

EGGPLANT - GOOD

Good quality and firm but steady markets on eggplant.

GARLIC - GOOD

Steady supplies with California production continues.



GRAPES

GREEN SEEDLESS GRAPES - GOOD

Market is trending up post-holiday pull. Last week's heatwave will impact quality and shelf life. Good availability this week on all sizes.

RED SEEDLESS GRAPES - GOOD

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GREEN ONIONS - GOOD

Plenty of supplies coming out of Mexico is keeping the market steady.

KALE - ESCALATED

The recent round of heat has caused sun damage and lower shelf life.

LETTUCE

ICEBURG - ESCALATED

This market is stronger as yields have been lessened due to excessive temperatures in the growing regions. Common defects include puffiness and discoloration seen upon arrivals. Supplies look to be moderate at best for the entire week.

LEAF - EXTREME

Romaine as well as all leaf items are active in the marketplace. Romaine hearts continues to be in a demand exceeds supply situation. This will continue for the entire week. Expect to see fringe and tip burn on all leaf items as these are common defects being reported. Supplies will be moderate to light throughout the week.

TENDER LEAF - EXTREME

Markets have turned higher with the recent round of heat causing lower yields and sub-par quality.

MELONS

CANTALOUPE - GOOD

Market trending upward due to strong holiday retail ads and USDA program. Smaller sized fruit has tightened up. Overall quality is excellent with good brix levels.

HONEYDEW - ESCALATED

Heatwave over the weekend may impact sizing and quality.

WATERMELON - ESCALATED

Market is active on the west coast. Strong holiday pull has strengthened markets. Demand exceeds supply.

ONIONS - GOOD

Ample supplies of high quality storage onions are available from the northwest.

PINEAPPLES - ESCALATED

Crown fruit volume is down out of both coast with firm markets.

POTATOES - GOOD

Harvest of new crop Norkotahs is underway. Large bakers remain elevated but market is softening. Ample supplies of cartons.

SQUASH - GOOD

Some old zucchini out there as demand has not caught up with supplies due to local production but it is the exception not the rule. Overall good quality and condition.

STONE FRUIT - ESCALATED

Another week or two of production before we conclude the domestic season. Peach are pretty much done, nectarine tapering off quickly and plums will have another few weeks of production.

TOMATOES - ESCALATED

There are multiple growing regions for tomatoes spanning AL, TN, VA, MI, NC, CA, Mex, and Baja. Quality varies by region. Triple digit temps in the California Valley have affected harvest schedules and yields causing the round and roma markets to increase slightly this week. The most common quality issues are sun scald and puffiness. Similarly in the east, demand has been moderate and the market is adjusting upward in step with western offerings.

