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Market Alerts

HURRICANE IRMA Much of Florida experienced crop damage from Irma. Tomatoes, Squash, Strawberries and Cucumbers may be affected over the next few months. Be sure to read The Source Plus each week for up-to-date recommendations.

ASPARAGUS Weather-related import and harvest issues have reduced supplies even further. Pricing is much higher than normal, with good to fair quality.

CITRUS Supplies of **Valencia Oranges** and most **Lemons** are very light and are expected to continue through mid-October. Product may be substituted with a different size or grade. For optimal availability, consider using **88 CT** or larger **Oranges**, and **165 CT** or smaller **Lemons**.

BERRIES Strawberries and Raspberries are experiencing withering and short shelf life from the record heat in California.

AVOCADOS The supply situation remains critically tight, particularly with the Mexican harvest, which accounts for the majority of available product. Quality is good to fair, however pricing is at record highs.

GREEN ONIONS Extreme heat and heavy rains have drastically reduced supplies. Orders may be shorted or substituted, and quality is fair.

BROCCOLI California's extreme heat plus Tropical Storm Kita's heavy rains in Mexico tightened supplies severely. Pricing is higher than normal and quality is fair.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Melons: Quality and pricing is still very good on all melons.

Colored Potatoes: Red, Gold, White and other colors are at peak season out of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Apples: New crop apples are now available out of Washington, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania. Ask your distributor for recommendations.

Pears: Bartlett and Red Pears are at peak harvest out of Washington, along with in California and New York. It's the perfect time of year to use them for hand fruit and recipes.

Green Bell Peppers: Harvests in the Midwest, Northeast and California are all peaking. Great quality and pricing on all grades and sizes of Green Peppers.

Weather Update

California: Cooler temperatures and rain will come to most of California over the next week. The desert regions will also have strong winds.

Mexico: Seasonal temperatures and rain is expected in Central and Northern Mexico. A new tropical depression is to the west of Baja California and may affect most of the Southwestern growing regions.

Florida: Isolated thunderstorms and seasonal temperatures are expected as the Hurricane Irma cleanup continues.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	New crop product is beginning, with Gala being the most plentiful. Local product is available in Michigan and New York.
 ASPARAGUS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is much higher on all sizes.
 AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, with Green Peppers being the best buy.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is good.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality is poor, pricing is fair.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality is poor, pricing is fair.
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher than normal.
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is good, pricing is higher.

 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good.
 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.
 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.
 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.
 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher.
 EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are good.
 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.
 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.
 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.
 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good.

 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is suffering due to the heat and pricing is starting to rise.
 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.
 PEARS	New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.
 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 POTATOES	Pricing is higher on 80 CT and larger: 90 CT and smaller are the best buys.
 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 SQUASH	Pricing is higher on Yellow than Green. Quality is good.
 STONE FRUIT	The season is ending early. Quality is fair and pricing is higher.
 TOMATOES	Quality is good. 5x6 Rounds and Grapes are the best buys.

