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Market Alerts

ORANGES The severe shortage of **Oranges** has reached the point where certain sizes are largely unavailable. Orders for **113 CT, 138 CT and 163 CT** fruit are very likely to be shorted, or substituted with an **88 CT or larger size**. We recommend **88 CT, 72 CT or larger Oranges** be used through the end of the **Navel** season in early spring.

BANANAS Unseasonably cold weather in the Central American growing regions has tightened supplies. Quality is good, however orders may be shorted and fully ripened product may be less available.

CARROTS Field carrot harvests are running to smaller sizing, with jumbo product less available. Pricing is higher than normal.

LIMES Heavy rains in southern Mexico, and shipping issues, have caused prices to spike. Quality is good to fair.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Roma Tomatoes: Mexico's harvest of Romas is unusually strong for this time of year. Pricing is good and quality is excellent.

Herbs: Basil, Chives, Mint and Tarragon are all of great quality. Be sure to include as garnishes or ingredients.

Chili Peppers: Just in time for Lent, hot peppers are abundant with great quality. Jalapeno, Pablano, Anaheim and Serrano are all available.

Asparagus: All sizes of Asparagus are of great quality and pricing.

Mushrooms: Seasonal mushrooms such as Enoki, Hedgehog and Oyster are great winter menu additions. Ask your distributor for recommendations and availability.

Melons: Honduras is peaking on their Cantaloupe and Honeydew harvest. Great quality is reported.

Brussels Sprouts: Outstanding quality and very good pricing.

Weather Update




California Yuma, AZ: Cooler temperatures and strong winds move across most of the growing regions next week.

Mexico: Dry, warm conditions in the Northern and Central regions.

Florida: Above average temperatures and mostly dry conditions.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Quality and pricing are good	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality and pricing are good
 AVOCADO	Quality is good, pricing is fair	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, sizes are running large, pricing is higher	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are good	 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 PEARS	Quality and pricing are good
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality and pricing are good	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good
 BROCCOLI	Quality and pricing are good	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES	Quality is good, pricing is higher on medium sizes
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality and pricing are good	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is slightly higher	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good	 SQUASH	Quality is good, pricing is higher on yellow than green
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good	 TOMATOES	Quality and pricing are good

