

the Source+



Market Alerts

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE The fires in Southern California are impacting the processing and shipping of certain commodities. While no product in the fields has been affected, the smoke and firefighting efforts have caused road closures and heavy traffic. Some warehouse facilities have experienced temporary power loss, which has also slowed the shipping process. Shipments of **Strawberries, Celery, Green Onions, Cilantro and Parsley** are all impacted. Orders may be shorted or delayed due to this. The Source+ will keep you up-to-date on the situation as it progresses.

TOMATOES Supplies of **Round** and **Roma Tomatoes** have been drastically affected by the combination of Hurricane Irma's crop damage and very light harvests out of Mexico due to cool weather. Harvests are down 50% from normal. Fully ripened product is very scarce, and pricing on what little product is available may be over 100% higher than normal, with orders likely to be shorted. Limit use where possible, and try to use **5x5 or larger Rounds** if needed.

ORANGES The severe shortage of **Oranges** will now continue through the end of the **Navel** season in early spring. Sizing is running two sizes larger than normal. **113 CT** product in particular is almost nonexistent, with **88 CT** product and larger the most available. Pricing remains higher than normal, with good to fair quality reported.

BERRIES **Strawberry** quality is fair to poor, due to weather- and fire-related issues in California's Oxnard Valley, and is expected to continue for at least two weeks. Pricing may be higher than normal. **Blackberries, Raspberries** and **Blueberries** are all better quality options.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Brussels Sprouts: Quality is very nice, color is vibrant and pricing is good.

Colored Potatoes: Washington, Idaho, Wisconsin and North Dakota are all at peak season on Reds, White and Gold potatoes.

Tender Leaf Lettuce: Supplies are abundant on Baby Spinach, Arugula and Spring Mix. Quality is great.

Pears: Washington's winter season is producing great Bosc, Bartlett, D'Anjou and Red Pears.

Kale: Green, Tuscan and Flowering Kale are all great quality, good coloring and full bunches.

Leeks: This cold-weather root vegetable is a great fall menu and ingredient staple.

Weather Update





California: Fires near the growing regions in Southern California have disrupted shipping and packing. Santa Ana winds are gusting to 45 MPH and prolonging the fires. The desert growing regions are at seasonal temperatures and dry conditions.

Mexico / Yuma, AZ: Cooler weather and dry conditions will continue through most of the week.

Florida: A cold front will move across most of the state next week, with overnight temperatures into the 30s and wet conditions.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Pricing and quality 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	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, sizes are running large, pricing is higher.	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality is fair, pricing is 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 is poor, pricing is fair.	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BROCCOLI	Quality and pricing are good.	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 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 and pricing are good.	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.	 SQUASH	Quality and pricing are good.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good.	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good.	 TOMATOES	Quality is poor, ripened product very scarce, pricing is extremely high.

