

Record temperatures have persisted for several weeks in California's summertime lemon growing regions, including Fillmore, Ventura, and Santa Paula. This is resulting in a loss of Choice and Fancy grade Lemons, by almost half of the expected harvest.

This shortage of fresh lemons is expected to continue into September, when new growing regions begin their harvests. Until then, pricing is expected to be far higher than normal. Orders are likely to be substituted with a different size or grade of product, or shorted altogether. While internal quality is largely unaffected, the appearance of the fruit will be fair to poor, and the sizing may be random.

Be sure to read The Source for up-to-date information and product recommendations.

