

VEGETABLE

MARKET INFORMATION

Asparagus	Volume has increased from Peru while volume from Mexico is slightly lower. The western market is slightly higher but should steady next week. The eastern market is slightly lower.
Beans – Green	Eastern bean supply is light. Quality is fair, demand is good, and markets are increasing. Western markets are higher as volume declines in preparation for the transition. Quality is fair and demand is good.
Broccoli	The market is steady, and weather is slowing production.
Brussels Sprouts	Volume and availability have improved from last week and markets are trending down.
Cabbage	Supplies and quality are good. Markets are steady on both.
Carrots	Supplies on the West Coast are meeting demand, and the market is steady.
Cauliflower ALERT	Markets are higher as cooler weather limits growth, lowering yields. As a result, demand is beginning to exceed supplies.
Celery	Growers are meeting demand, but supplies are light, resulting in the market trending up.
Corn	Eastern corn supplies are light, demand and quality are good, and the market is stronger. Western supplies are moderate out of Imperial Valley; demand is good, and the market is steady.
Cucumber	Eastern supplies are adequate, the quality is good, and markets are steady. Western supplies are good on all sizes, and demand is moderate. The quality is expected to decrease due to weather and older fields.
Eggplant	Eastern supplies and quality are good, demand is weak, and the market is lower. Western volume is moderate, quality is good, and the market is expected to remain low.
Garlic	Supplies and quality are good, and the market remains steady.
Herbs – Cilantro & Italian Parsley ALERT	The Cilantro market is steady with moderate supplies. The market is steady on Curly parsley , but Italian (flat) parsley is active as supplies are tight. Expect demand to exceed supplies on it for the next couple of weeks.
Lettuce – Iceberg, Leaf, Romaine ALERT	The iceberg market has firmed up quickly as yields are down due to quality issues: smaller heads and lighter field weights. Leaf lettuce and Boston markets have pushed back as supplies tighten up and demand increases due to romaine and lettuce volume issues and high markets. The romaine market is high as quality issues continue to impact yields on both romaine and Hearts . The demand exceeds supply.
Lettuce – Spring Mix	Supplies and quality are good, and the market is steady.

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Mushrooms	The market is steady and showing good quality.
Onions – Green	The market is steady with good to moderate volume.
Onions – Yellow, White & Red ALERT	The availability continues to improve on Jumbo and Medium yellow onions ; however, larger sizes are limited. Rain in TX has slowed down the harvest. Red onion supply is limited from all areas and will remain so for 2 weeks. White onions are in good supply. Markets are lower on yellow and white , and higher on red .
Peas – Snow & Snaps	The market is firm on both snow and snap peas . Snap pea volume is down for the next two weeks in both the East and West as both regions are transitioning.
Peppers – Chiles ALERT	Eastern chile pepper is a tight item. Limited availability is creating a higher market. Western demand exceeds supply with no relief expected for 2-3 weeks; the most affected chiles are Serrano and Jalapeno.
Peppers – Green, Red, Yellow	Eastern green bell pepper supplies are strong, quality and demand are good, and moving well in current markets. Red and yellow bell peppers have good availability and quality, and the market has declined. The Western growing region shift is occurring this week. Quality is excellent with dark green color and thick walls. Red peppers have lighter supplies with some quality issues, and markets are higher.
Potatoes – Russet	Supplies are very light on 40-50cts, while 90-120cts are plentiful. Expect this trend to continue through the summer months. Supply is meeting demand and quality is good. Markets are steady on large and lower on smaller sizes.
Potatoes – Red, White & Yukon	Supplies are lighter for red potatoes and markets are increasing due to the storage volume winding down. FL supplies are still limited because of rain. Yellow potatoes have an average supply. Storage supplies are coming from ID, CO, WI, ND, and Canada. FL and CA are shipping new crops.
Potatoes – Sweet	Supplies, quality, and demand are all good, and markets are steady.
Squash – Yellow & Zucchini ALERT	Eastern yellow squash and zucchini are being harvested in GA. Volume is very heavy on zucchini and on the lighter side on yellow squash . Western supplies and demand are moderate. The market is slightly higher for zucchini , and lower on yellow squash .
Tender Greens – Spinach, Arugula, Radicchio ALERT	Arugula volume has improved. The spinach market is high due to cooler weather slowing growth. Radicchio supplies are very tight, and demand exceeds availability.
Tomatoes— Cherry, Grape, Roma, Round, Hothouse ALERT	Round tomatoes remain on alert status in both the East and West due to lack of availability. Roma markets are escalating due to a lack of availability in both the East and West. Grape & cherry markets are stable with normal demand. Hothouse Campari cocktail tomatoes are extremely tight, and demand exceeds supplies.

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FRUIT

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Apples & Pears ALERT	The industry is spacing out Gala packing in order to hold inventory through the beginning of summer; all sizing will be limited going forward. Red Delicious sizing is larger, and small packs are limited. Small pears remain extremely limited.
Avocados ALERT	Markets for large fruit continue to climb in anticipation of Cinco de Mayo. There are more small fruits available on trees and we will see large fruit continue to become more expensive and limited in the coming weeks. Small fruit (60cts and smaller) is expected to remain stable though early-May. Quality remains fair with very high dry matter due to high heat in Mexico.
Bananas	Supplies are light with no issues to report.
Berries – Blackberries, Blueberries & Raspberries	Blackberries and blueberries have good quality and supplies. The markets are steady on blackberries and decreasing on blueberries . Raspberry supplies are tight, quality is good, and the markets are steady.
Berries – Strawberry	Supplies are increasing in CA with production coming from the North and South. Cool weather has resulted in good quality fruit. The markets are decreasing.
Citrus – Lemons ALERT	There's a significant shortage of small-sized lemons, with crops mainly in sizes 75cts, through 115cts. Demand is increasing. Delays in Argentina have resulted in larger fruit sizes due to rain. Harvesting has begun in Chile, with imports expected to arrive by early to mid-June.
Citrus – Limes ALERT	The majority of volume from the new crop is in small sizes: 230/250cts. The heat and minimal rain are affecting the natural growth of the crop. The crop size coming in small without optimal growth and blanching due to high temperatures. Expect very limited volume on 110/150cts through May.
Citrus – Oranges ALERT	Navel orange supplies remain low, especially for small and medium sizes. The transition to Valencia oranges brings large-sized fruits from San Joaquin Valley and small and medium sizes from Riverside County. Markets will remain high for smaller fruit. Production on Valencia oranges is increasing, and with larger sizes. Suppliers are prorating 15 to 20%.
Grapes – Green & Red ALERT	There has been some relief in the market due to increased supply. Expect tiered markets based on quality.
Melons – Cantaloupe & Honeydew	Cantaloupe has excellent demand, larger sizes, and good quality. Honeydew supplies are larger with great quality and excellent flavor.
Melons – Watermelon	Watermelon supplies and quality are good.
Pineapples ALERT	The volume and markets will remain tight for 3 weeks on large sizes. The climate was not allowing for fruit to mature as soon as expected. No logistical delays are expected.