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Market Alerts

LIMES Hurricane Franklin's path through southern Mexico is expected to impact growing conditions and harvesting of Limes. Virtually all limes consumed in the U.S. are grown in Mexico, so pricing is expected to be higher than normal for the next few weeks, and quality issues may follow.

ASPARAGUS Pricing is better than the prior weeks on all sizes except **Extra Large** and **Jumbo**. **Pencil** and **Standard** are the best values. Some heat-related quality issues are reported on all sizes, including wind scarring and tip burn.

CILANTRO Quality is very poor, with spotting, yellow leaves and decay all reported. Pricing is higher than normal.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS Supplies are very limited, particularly on Jumbo sizes, and pricing is higher than normal. Quality is fair to good.

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 remains extremely high, and fully ripened fruit is scarce.

TOMATOES The excessive heat in California's growing areas, and the lingering effects of Mexico's monsoons, have impacted supplies of **Roma** and **Cherry Tomatoes** nationwide. Quality is good across all varieties and sizes, however **5x6 Round** and **Grape Tomatoes** are the best values.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Locally Grown Products: The local growing season is at its peak in most areas of the country! Be sure to ask your distributor for their full list of locally grown recommendations, and look for these farm-fresh products:

Melons: All melons are peaking in quality and availability. Cantaloupe, Honeydew, Watermelon and specialty melons like Crenshaw and Persian are all perfect summer menu features.

Cucumbers: Quality and pricing are excellent on all sizes and grades of field-grown Cucumbers, with locally grown product available in most regions.

Kale: Very good harvests of Green Kale are reported, with great quality and pricing.

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: Inland regions remain warmer than average, with the coastal regions cooling to below normal, with a heavy marine layer, early next week.

Mexico: Tropical Storm Franklin will reach hurricane strength before crossing Southern Mexico over the weekend, impacting the lime crops. Most of Mexico will feel the effects, with widespread showers.

Florida: Seasonal temperatures and precipitation all week.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Smaller sizes are becoming scarce over the summer as the storage crops finish up. Fujis and Galas are the best buys for 100 CT and smaller.	 CAULIFLOWER	Quality and pricing are good.	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are very good.
 ASPARAGUS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher than normal on larger sizes.	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good, locally grown product in most markets.	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	 ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good.	 PEARS	New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 EGGPLANT	Quality is good, pricing is higher than normal on Western product.	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality is good to fair, pricing is good.	 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.	 POTATOES	Pricing is higher on 80 CT and larger: 90 CT and smaller are the best buys.
 BROCCOLI	Pricing and quality are good.	 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher than normal.	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 SQUASH	Pricing is higher on Yellow than Green. Quality is good.
 CARROTS	Pricing and quality are good.	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.	 STONE FRUIT	Quality is good to fair, season is ending early. Larger sizes are the best buys.
		 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.	 TOMATOES	Quality is good. 5x6 Rounds and Grapes are the best buys.
		 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good.		

