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Market Alerts

LETTUCE LEAF Heat-related quality and supply issues persist with **Iceberg** and **Romaine**. Pricing is higher than normal on bulk product. For the best quality, consider using **Green or Red Leaf**.

MUSHROOMS Supplies and quality of most **Mushrooms** will be affected over the next few weeks. Hurricanes Harvey and Irma impacted several growing centers, particularly due to electrical failure, and damage to raw materials (compost etc). Minor quality issues and potential product shortages may be possible.

ORANGES Supplies of **Valencia Oranges** are extremely short, and pricing is far higher than normal on most **Choice** and **Fancy** grade product. The shortage is expected to continue well into autumn, until the **Navel** crop comes in. Please consider **Apples** or **Pears** as a hand fruit option.

TOMATOES Poor growing conditions in California and Mexico continue to mean fair quality and higher pricing on most grades and sizes of **Tomatoes**. **Grapes** are a better buy than **Cherries**, and **5x6** or **smaller** are the best **Round** to use.

BROCCOLI Supplies are improving, but still not quite enough to keep up with demand. Quality is also improved to good, and pricing continues to drop but is slightly higher than normal.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

SWEET POTATOES All sizes and grades of Sweet Potatoes/Yams are plentiful, with good quality and pricing just in time for fall menus.

Autumn Squash: With cooler weather approaching, it's the perfect time to highlight hard (autumn) Squash on your menus. Butternut, Delicata, Carnival, Acorn and Spaghetti are all great options.

Apples: It's peak Apple season, with all your favorite autumn varieties such as Honeycrisp, Lady, Jona Gold, Red Rome and more. Ask your distributor for recommendations!

Pears: Bartlett and Red Pears are at peak harvest out of Washington, along with in California and New York. It's the perfect time of year to use them for hand fruit and recipes.

Bell Peppers: Green, Red, Yellow and other colored Bell Peppers continue to be a very good buy, with great quality and pricing.

Melons: Quality and pricing is still very good on all melons.

Weather Update

California: Overall cooler temperatures and windy conditions throughout the week.

Mexico: Central regions will have seasonal temperatures and precipitation.

Florida: Seasonal temperatures throughout the state, with the southern half having showers and thunderstorms.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Peak season for fall varieties.	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good.	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.
 ASPARAGUS	Quality and pricing are good.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality is fair; pricing may be higher.
 AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, with Green Peppers being the best buy.	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, supplies are very limited, pricing is extremely high.	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are fair.	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are good.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 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 is good, pricing is fair.	 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BROCCOLI	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.	 POTATOES	Quality and pricing are good.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair; pricing is higher than normal.	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair; pricing is good.	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 CARROTS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.	 SQUASH	Quality and pricing are good.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is good, pricing higher.	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality is fair; pricing is higher.	 TOMATOES	Quality is fair to good, pricing is higher. Grapes and smaller Rounds are the best values.

