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Market Alerts

SEVERE WEATHER ALERT Hurricane Irma is expected to impact most of Florida over the weekend. Tropical Storm Kita is affecting Central and Northern Mexico at the same time. All imports through Miami are suspended due to the storm, and crop damage in major growing areas is expected. Our thoughts are with those being affected by these events.

ASPARAGUS Weather-related import restrictions and growing conditions have caused the market to deteriorate even further. Pricing is higher than normal, with good to fair quality. Consider substituting **Green Beans** for cost and quality.

CITRUS Supplies of **Valencia Oranges** and most **Lemons** are very light and are expected to continue through mid-October. Product may be substituted with a different size or grade. For optimal availability, consider using **88 CT** or larger **Oranges**, and **165 CT** or smaller **Lemons**.

BERRIES Strawberries and Raspberries are experiencing withering and short shelf life from the record heat in California last week. Blueberries and Blackberries will be better quality options for the next two weeks.

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 is at record highs.

GREEN ONIONS The recent rains in the growing region coupled with the extreme heat have drastically cut supplies. As a result we have an extremely active market. We will see this trend for the next 2 weeks.

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.

Colored Potatoes: Red, Gold, White and other colors are at peak season out of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Apples: Washington's new crop of Gala apples are now available, with more varieties soon to follow. Locally grown apples are also available in Michigan, Idaho and New York. Pennsylvania will start their season in the next 7–10 days. 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.

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: The extreme heat of the prior week will return to seasonal temperatures and precipitation. Overnight temperatures and humidity will remain well above normal.

Mexico: Tropical Storm Kita is expected to become a hurricane and make landfall over the weekend. Heavy rains are expected over much of the country.

Florida: Hurricane Irma, a Category 5 storm, will hit South Florida on Saturday and move north towards Georgia and South Carolina. Heavy rain and wind will impact most of the Southeast over the next several days.



Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	New crop product is beginning, with Gala being the most plentiful. Local product is available in Michigan and New York.
 ASPARAGUS	Quality is good to fair, pricing is higher on all sizes. Pencil and Standard are the best buys.
 AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality is good, with Green Peppers being the best buy.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality is fair, pricing is good.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are fair.
 BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)	Quality is poor, pricing is fair.
 BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)	Quality is poor, pricing is fair.
 BROCCOLI	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality is fair, pricing is higher than normal.
 CARROTS	Pricing and quality are good.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is good, pricing is higher.

 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good.
 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.
 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.
 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.
 CUCUMBERS	Quality is good, pricing is higher on Western product.
 EGGPLANT	Quality and pricing are good.
 GARLIC	Quality is fair, pricing is higher.
 GRAPES (GREEN)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.
 GRAPES (RED)	Quality is good, pricing is fair.
 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is fair and pricing are very high.
 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.
 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good.

 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality is suffering due to the heat and pricing is starting to rise.
 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality and pricing are very good.
 ONIONS	Quality and pricing are good.
 PEARS	New crop is being harvested, quality is good, pricing is stable.
 PINEAPPLES	Quality and pricing are good.
 POTATOES	Pricing is higher on 80 CT and larger: 90 CT and smaller are the best buys.
 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 SQUASH	Pricing is higher on Yellow than Green. Quality is good.
 STONE FRUIT	The season is ending early. Quality is fair and pricing is higher.
 TOMATOES	Quality is good. 5x6 Rounds and Grapes are the best buys.

