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## Market Alerts

**TOMATOES** Supplies of **Round** and **Roma Tomatoes** have been drastically affected by the combination of Hurricane Irma's crop damage and slow harvests out of Mexico due to cold weather. Supplies are down 50% from normal, fully ripened product is very scarce, and orders are likely to be shorted. Pricing is much higher than normal. The situation is expected to continue through early January. Please limit use where possible.

**ORANGES** The severe shortage of **Oranges** will now continue through the end of the **Navel** season in early spring. Sizing is running two sizes larger than normal. **113 CT** product in particular is almost nonexistent, with **88 CT** product and larger the most available. Pricing remains higher than normal, with good to fair quality reported.

**CAULIFLOWER** Supplies of **Whole** and **Floret Cauliflower** and **Broccoli** are very tight, due to a supply gap that is expected to last two weeks. **Cauliflower** quality is good to fair, and **Broccoli** quality is good. Pricing is higher than normal.

**GREEN ONIONS** Holiday-related labor shortages in Mexico have caused supplies to be short, with higher pricing than normal. Quality is good.

## A Peek at Peak Seasons

**Brussels Sprouts:** Quality is very nice, color is vibrant and pricing is good.

**Colored Potatoes:** Washington, Idaho, Wisconsin and North Dakota are all at peak season on Reds, White and Gold potatoes.

**Tender Leaf Lettuce:** Supplies are abundant on Baby Spinach, Arugula and Spring Mix. Quality is great.

**Pears:** Washington's winter season is producing great Bosc, Bartlett, D'Anjou and Red Pears.

**Kale:** Green, Tuscan and Flowering Kale are all great quality, good coloring and full bunches.

**Mushrooms:** Seasonal mushrooms such as Enoki, Hedgehog and Oyster are great winter menu additions. Ask your distributor for recommendations and availability.

**Winter Citrus:** The harvest of specialty citrus is right around the corner. Blood Oranges, Tangelos, Mandarins and Clementines will all be available very soon – be sure to ask your distributor for recommendations!

**Winter Squash:** Hard Squash varieties such as Kabocha, Butternut, Acorn and Spaghetti are in good supply.

## Weather Update






















**California:** Dry conditions with above average temperatures are expected throughout the week.

**Mexico / Yuma, AZ:** Cold overnight temperatures in Yuma will cause plant icing, affecting tender leaf lettuce quality. Central and Northern Mexico will have seasonal temperatures.

**Florida:** Colder temperatures and light to moderate rain throughout the week.



# Commodities at a Glance

 APPLES	Pricing and quality are good.	 CELERY	Quality and pricing are good.	 LETTUCE LEAF	Quality and pricing are good.
 ASPARAGUS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 CITRUS (LEMONS)	Quality is good, pricing may be higher on certain sizes.	 LETTUCE TENDER LEAF	Quality and pricing are good.
 AVOCADO	Pricing remains much higher than normal, quality is good to fair.	 CITRUS (LIMES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (CANTALOUPE)	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 BELL PEPPERS	Quality and pricing are good.	 CITRUS (ORANGES)	Quality is good, sizes are running large, pricing is higher.	 MELON (HONEYDEW)	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 CUCUMBERS	Quality and pricing are good.	 MELON (WATERMELON)	Quality is fair, pricing is good.
 BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)	Quality and pricing are good.	 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 is good, pricing is higher on medium sizes.
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS	Quality and pricing are good.	 GREEN ONIONS	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 POTATOES (COLORED)	Quality and pricing are good.
 CARROTS	Quality and pricing are good.	 KALE	Quality and pricing are good.	 SQUASH	Quality is good, pricing is higher.
 CAULIFLOWER	Quality is good, pricing is higher.	 LETTUCE ICEBERG	Quality and pricing are good.	 TOMATOES	Quality is poor; ripened product very scarce, pricing is extremely high.

