



Produce Market Report

What Chefs Want!™

December 16, 2022

Problems & Issues

Bell Peppers (Red, Yellow): Up \$3
Broccoli: Remains High
Cantaloupe: Up \$3
Cauliflower: Remains very high!
Celery: Up \$12 (again)
Corn: Remains High
Grapes: Up \$6
Herbs: Elevated
Lettuce: Trending Down
Potatoes (Larger sizes):
Remain High
Romaine: Elevated, trending down
Romaine Hearts: Elevated,
trending down
Strawberries: Elevated,
trending down

Warnings: Celery & Brussels Sprouts



Apples: Mixed Market

We may see prices on some varieties trending up next week. Something to keep an eye on - no more information at this time.



Asparagus: Steady

Supplies are looking good right now! Good quality and value.



Avocado: Steady

No changes in the avocado market. Supplies and prices are steady.



Bananas: Steady

Bananas continue to be steady.



Strawberries: Down \$5 Blue, rasp, black: Steady

Strawberry market is improving. Prices are still elevated but trending down. We are keeping an eye on the blueberry market.



Broccoli: Remain High Cauliflower: Very High

Harvest numbers are extremely low on broccoli and cauliflower due to a gap in the growing regions.



Celery: Up \$12 (again)

The celery market is suffering from the soil disease and cooler temps in California.



Corn: Remains High

Yellow corn is in limited supply and prices are elevated. Bi-color is more more available.



Citrus: Steady

Citrus season is in full swing. Prices are down and quality is up! The sugar content in citrus continues to improve each week.



Cucumbers: Steady

Cucumber market is steady for now. Domestic supplies are becoming limited, imports should be starting up soon.



Grapes: Up \$6

Domestic grape season is coming to an end, off-shore crop should be starting up soon. Prices are trending up due to this transition.



Melons: Cantaloupe up \$3

Melons are being grown offshores this times of year. Cantaloupe are elevated, honeydew is steady.



Green Onions: Elevated Onions: Steady

Onions continue to be steady. Green onion supplies continue to be tight and demand exceeds supply - causing prices to be on the rise.



Bell Peppers: Up \$3

Red, yellow, and orange bell Peppers are up this week.



Potatoes: Larger sizes remain higher

Supplies are looking good on potatoes. Processors are buying up the larger sizes and keeping that market elevated.



Iceberg, Romaine, Romaine Hearts: Easing just a bit...

We are seeing this market improve as crops take off in Yuma. The market is still unpredictable at this time.



Squash: Steady

Yellow squash is looking steady, possibly trending up.



Tomatoes: Trending down

We are seeing better harvest numbers coming out of FL. The market should continue to improve each week.

More important info...

The market on **leafy items** is unsteady right now - prices and supplies fluctuating rapidly. Quality (size, weight, appearance) is gradually improving each week. Supplies are tight on spring mixes and spinach -the colder temps take a toll on the more delicate crops. We will be keeping a close eye on this market.

Leeks, kale, and artichoke are in limited supply and prices are elevated. **Brussels Sprout** are elevated due to the holiday demand.

Celery prices have climbed again - market is extreme.

Peak season for **citrus** coming out of California! Great prices and taste!

Weather Outlook:

Cooler temps moving across the nation this week. We will be keeping an eye on our South Eastern growing region and the Yuma growing region.

