



# Produce Market Report

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## Warnings: Cucumbers & Strawberries

## Problems & Issues

Asparagus: Remains high

Avocado: Up \$2

Cauliflower: Up \$5

Corn: Remains High

Cucumbers: Remains high

Grapes: Still high

Parsley: Remains high

Limes: Remains high

Melons: Up \$2

Potatoes (Larger sizes):

Remains High

Strawberries: Remains elevated



### Apples: Steady

Overall, the apple market is steady.



### Asparagus: Remains high

Asparagus is up as we transition to a new growing region. This market should level out within the next couple of weeks.



### Avocado: Up \$2

Supplies are getting tighter on the smaller avocados. This, in addition to issues with trucks crossing the border, is driving prices up.



### Bananas: Steady

Bananas continue to be steady.



### Berries: Remain elevated

The **strawberry** market is still tough - seems to be a weather related challenge in each growing region.

**Bush berries** have transitioned to imports and supplies are starting to steady.



### Broccoli: Down \$2

### Cauliflower: Up \$5

Broccoli remains steady and prices continue to fall. Cauliflower prices are creeping back up again.



### Celery: Down \$10 again

Celery prices are down again! Harvest numbers coming out of Yuma are looking good. Florida celery has started up as well.



### Corn: Remains high

Yellow and bi-color corn are in limited supply and prices are elevated. Eastern veggies are still recovering from freezing temps.



### Citrus: Steady

### Limes: Remains high

Citrus coming out of Cali is looking good, the FL season is nearing its end. The **lime** market remains tight and prices are elevated.



### Cucumbers: Remain high

We are transitioning to all imported cucumbers this time of year. Due to this transition supplies are tighter and prices are elevated.



### Grapes: Still higher

Domestic grape season has come to an end and all supplies are being imported. Supplies are tight and prices are elevated until the harvest numbers improve.



### Melons: Up \$2

Melons are being grown offshores this time of year. Supplies coming in through California are limited, driving prices up.



### 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 elevated.



### Bell Peppers: Green higher, colored down \$3

**Green bells** are coming out of the southeast growing region- crops are still recovering from bad weather. The **colored bells** are all imports right now - supplies are good and prices are coming down.



### Potatoes: Larger sizes remain higher

Overall, the potato market is steady. Processors continue to buy up the larger potatoes, leading to shorter supplies and higher prices.



### Iceberg, Romaine, Romaine Hearts: Steady

The warmer weather continues and market conditions improve.

**Romaine Hearts** are a more fragile crop - this market is improving at a slower rate but almost to normal market levels.



### Squash: Trending up

Yellow squash is steady, zucchini is trending up.



### Tomatoes: Steady

A bit of a mixed market right now with product coming out of Texas and FL. Overall, the market is steady.

## More important info...

Cucumbers have transitioned to all imported crops. This transition has led to short supplies and higher prices. Once the new growing regions are more established we should see this market improve.

The strawberry market continues to be in disarray. Each growing region has been hit by bad weather - supplies coming out of Mexico, Cali, and FL are limited. Quality is touch-and-go and prices are elevated.

The excessive rain and flooding in Central to Northern Cali has caused delays in carrot production. It could take a couple more weeks for this market to stabilize.

Parsley, both flat-leaf and curly, remains challenging. Demand exceeds supply and prices are elevated. Leeks and Artichokes remain challenging as well.

## Weather Outlook:

Cold air moving across much of the country this week, including the south. We will be keeping an eye on how these unseasonably cooler temps impact our southern growing region.

