

WHAT CHEFS WANT PRODUCE MARKET REPORT

MAY 12TH, 2023

<u>Problems & Issues</u>

Asparagus: Larger sizes up

Celery: Up \$10

Grapes: Up \$10-15

Melons: Up \$3-4

Tomatoes: Up \$2

Warnings: Celery & Grapes



Apples continue to be steady.



Steady supplies and good quality product.



Asparagus prices are steady overall, but we are seeing the larger sizes trend up.



BANANAS: STEADY

Bananas continue to be steady.



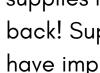
CELERY: UP \$10

Celery supplies are tight crop loss due to excessive water in the Oxnard growing region and several crops going straight to seeding.



BERRIES: EASING

Supplies have improved on blue and blackberries availability looking good headed into Mother's Day weekend. Rasp are still tight and prices elevated.



BROCC: DOWN CAULI: DOWN

Broccoli and cauliflower supplies have bounced back! Supplies and prices have improved.

Lime supplies have

improved and prices are

coming down. Valencia

and Navel oranges are

overlapping, lemons may



CUCUMBERS:

Cucumbers are steady, supplies are strong due to an overlap in growing regions.



CORN: STEADY

Corn supplies are steady. Prices are steady, but remain elevated.

There has been some crop

offshore growing season.

and elevated prices.

failure at the tail end of the

This has led to tight supplies



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Supplies have improved across the board and prices are down. Iceberg, Romaine, and Green/Red Leaf are all looking good!



MELONS: UP \$3-4

Supplies have tightened up between the end of the offshore deal and the start of the Arizona/SoCal growing region. Prices will trend up until we are out of this gap.



ONIONS: STEADY

GRAPES:

UP \$10-15

Green onion supplies are abundant, Vidalias have started coming out of Georgia - the onion market is steady.



PEPPERS: STEADY

Colored peppers are mostly imports right now due to the rain in FL - green could be trending up due to this as well. Jalapenos and Poblanos are tight due to a gap in growing regions.



TOMATOES: STEADY

Tomato supplies remain strong and prices are steady.



POTATOES:

The potato market is steady.



STRAWBERRIES: STEADY

Strawberry supplies are plentiful. Prices are yo-yoing slightly - but market is steady overall.



Zucchini and Yellow Squash are coming out of GA and supplies are better than expected. Good quality and prices.

MORE IMPORTANT INFO...

Iceberg, Romaine, Romaine Hearts, Green and Red Leaf supplies and prices have improved! We are seeing better harvest numbers and better pack weight. Great news!

Brussel's Sprouts are very tight as we are in a gap in growing regions - and prices are elevated. Both flat-leaf and curly parsley are in very short supply and prices are elevated. Leeks and fennel remain high and tight as well. Cilantro is steady but remains elevated.

The **grape** market remains tough. Crop failure at the tail end of the offshore growing season has led to short supplies. We should see this market improve once the Mexican growing regions start up. We are seeing the impact from the excessive rain and flooding hit the celery market - crop loss and seeding are leading to tight supplies.

Lots of exciting spring produce coming in season! Keep an eye out for English Peas, Purple Asparagus, Rhubarb, and more!