

WHAT CHEFS WANT PRODUCE MARKET REPORT

MAY 12TH, 2023

Warnings: Celery & Grapes



APPLES: STEADY

Apples continue to be steady.



ASPARAGUS: LARGER SIZES UP

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



AVOCADOS: STEADY

Steady supplies and good quality product.



BANANAS: STEADY

Bananas continue to be steady.



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.



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.



CORN: STEADY

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



CITRUS: STEADY

Lime supplies have improved and prices are coming down. Valencia and Navel oranges are overlapping, lemons may be pushing up.



CUCUMBERS: STEADY

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



GRAPES: UP \$10-15

There has been some crop failure at the tail end of the offshore growing season. This has led to tight supplies and elevated prices.



LETTUCES: DOWN

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

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.



POTATOES: STEADY

The potato market is steady.



STRAWBERRIES: STEADY

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



TOMATOES: STEADY

Tomato supplies remain strong and prices are steady.



ZUCCHINI & YELLOW SQUASH : STEADY

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!