MARKET ALERT: GRAPE TOMATOES & MELONS

APPLES	STEADY	Great quality and prices.
ASPARAGUS	DOWN \$2	Asparagus supplies have improved and prices are trending down.
AVOCADOS	STEADY	Steady supply of imports coming in leading to steady prices.
BANANAS	STEADY	Bananas continue to be steady.
BERRIES	TRENDING DOWN	Overall, the berry market is trending down. Blackberry quality is a a concern right now. Raspberry supplies are good, prices trending down.
BROCCOLI & CAULIFLOWER	BROCC :DOWN \$3 CAUL: TRENDING DOWN	The broccoli market has improved but remains elevated. Cauliflower production has improved and prices are trending down.
BRUSSLES SPROUTS	STEADY	The brussels sprout market has been steadily improving but this week we are seeing the best supplies and prices in a while!
CELERY	STEADY	Supplies are very good and prices are steady.
CORN	STEADY	We saw the corn market dip around Thanksgiving but looks to be pushing back up for the week ahead.
CITRUS	STEADY	Mixed market on citrus as it is coming from various regions right now - oranges are steady, lemons are steady, and limes are trending down.
CUCUMBERS	STEADY	Right now the cucumber market is steady. We may see prices start to push up as crops transition from South Georgia/North Florida into more southern regions in Florida.
GRAPES	REMAIN ELEVATED	Grapes supplies have improved slightly, but we are still paying a premium for larger varieties to ensure better quality.
LETTUCE	STEADY	Supplies and prices have steadied for iceberg, romaine, and romaine hearts.
MELONS	UP \$5-6	Cantaloupe and honeydew are all imported product this time of year. Supplies are limited while in transition driving prices up. Thankfully, we do not anticipate a gap in production.
	STEADY	Green onions are up a little from where they have been - but back to a market average. The white and yellow onion markets are steady.
	MIXED MARKET	Red and yellow bell peppers remain elevated and are up \$4-5. Green bells coming out of the south are steady. Specialty peppers (jalapenos, poblanos, etc.) are elevated due to rain impacting harvest numbers.
	STEADY	The potato market is steady.
	ELEVATED	This market remains elevated. Good, quality supplies coming out of Florida. Quality is spotty coming from all other growing regions.
	MIXED MARKET	Rounds are trending down and romas are steady. Grape tomatoes are extremely tight and elevated - colder weather in GA and rain in Mexico has severely impacted harvest numbers.

More important info...

STEADY

Western grown veggies are nearing the end of the transition to Yuma and SoCal. Supplies and quality have improved on iceberg, romaine, and romaine hearts. Cauliflower prices have fallen slightly, and broccoli is down \$3.

The market on yellow squash and zucchini is pushing up slightly while they transition from South Georgia/Northern to Southern Florida.

We will be keeping an eye on the impact the Christmas tree market will have on produce coming out of the Pacific Northwest. The demand for trucks typically leads to an elevated freight market.

Cabbage harvest numbers remain low resulting in tight supplies and elevated prices. Mixed market on tomatoes this week - rounds and roma markets are steady but the grape tomato market is extreme. The colder weather is Georgia and rain in Mexico has severely impacted harvest numbers.

We are heading into citrus season! Keep an eye out for fun varieties like Buddha Hand Citron, Satsuma Mandarins, and Pomelos! California grown specialty citrus is a little behind schedule this year - more varieties coming soon!