MARKET ALERT: TOMATOES & BELL PEPPERS

APPLES		
	STEADY	Great quality and prices.
ASPARAGUS		
	JUMBO UP \$10	Jumbo asparagus has jumped up this week while supplies are tight. Other sizes remain steady.
AVOCADOS		
	STEADY	Steady supply of imports coming in leading to steady prices.
BANANAS	STEADY	Bananas continue to be steady.
BERRIES	STEADY	Blackberry, raspberry, and blueberry markets are steady.
BROCCOLI & CAULIFLOWER	BROCC :DOWN \$3 CAUL: UP \$3	The broccoli market is trending down this week. Cauliflower supplies are tightening up and prices are up.
BRUSSLES SPROUTS	DOWN \$4	Brussels Sprouts are abundant and priced fairly!
CELERY	UP \$5	The holiday demand is driving this market up, prices are elevated.
CORN	UP \$6	Corn supplies are very tight and prices have pushed back up.
CITRUS	TRENDING DOWN	Lemons are down \$2, oranges are trending down, and limes are down slightly. Availability is consistent.
CUCUMBERS	STEADY	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	This is likely the last week of domestic product and we will begin transition to all imported product. Prices remain elevated for quality product during this transition.
LETTUCE	STEADY	Supplies and prices have steadied for iceberg, romaine, and romaine hearts. The new romaine heart crop is immature and lightweight.
MELONS	STEADY	The cantaloupe and honeydew markets are steady.
	UP \$1-2	Due to high export demand onion prices have pushed up.
	UP \$10-12	Colored bell pepper supplies are extremely limited and prices have jumped up. Green bell pepper market is trending down, mixed market on specialty peppers.
	STEADY	Larger potatoes are tightening up due to holiday demand and we may see prices creep up.
	UP SIGNIFICANTLY	This market is extremely tight and prices are elevated. Production is down in all growing regions and quality is spotty.
	UP \$5	The market is elevated on most varieties. Rounds remain tight, little to no romas, and grapes are extremely tight. Thankfully, the cherry tomato market remains stable with available supplies.

More important info...

STEADY

In the Southwestern Desert regions, the harvest of leafy greens like romaine, red leaf, and green leaf is going well. The weather, with warm days and cool nights, has been great for growing. However, there have been some temperature changes, causing romaine to have longer cores in some fields. Overall, the leafy green crops look good, with increasing sizes and weights.

This market is steady where it has been, but remains elevated during growing

region transition.

For tomatoes and other veggies like peppers, squash, eggplants, cucumbers, and beans, production has shifted to Florida and Northern Mexico for the winter. Both regions faced challenges from tropical storms during planting. Recent rains in Florida are affecting current production. In Mexico, there might be less production in the New Year due to a shortage of labor during the holiday season.

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!