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## Market Alerts

**Apples** – The USDA Box Program continues to absorb much of the smaller, low-grade fruit; keeping prices firm. **Galas** remain snug along with **Honeycrisp**.

**Avocados** – Markets are steady for both California and Mexican fruit. Demand remains strong and with good availability. Quality has been excellent. Heat Wave in Southern California this week. May be a setback in the near future.

**Bell Peppers** – Stronger markets with transitions to new growing regions, small gaps.

**Berries (Blueberries)** – Blueberries are in good supply on the West Coast, new crop Central Valley.

**Berries (Raspberries)** – Will be in short supplies for the next few weeks as Mexico ramps down and we wait for Central Coast CA, to increase.

**Berries (Strawberries)** – Hot weather has caused an increase in volume while post holiday demand wanes. Quality on the fruit will be adversely affected during this heat. Expect bruising, full red fruit, and limited shelf life.

**Carrots** – Snack pack demand has tapered off while cello carrots still remain in good demand.

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**Cherries** – CA Cherries are getting closer to end with smaller shippers wrapping up this week. WA Cherries will begin the first/second week of June with very light volume to start.

**Citrus (Lemons)** – Steady supplies on all sizes with good quality. Markets are starting to firm up.

**Citrus (Limes)** – Good supplies this week, quality looks great. Markets coming off, lots of opportunities to push limes out.

**Citrus (Oranges)** – Navel demand is very strong with supplies winding down. Opportunity buys on large sized fruit. **Valencia's** are also available but limited on small sizes.

**Eggplant** – Starting to see more larger sizes being picked and packed.

**Grapes (Red)** – Quality is nice out of Mexico. Price is slightly higher.

**Lettuce (Iceberg)** – Quality is fair. Pinking, discoloration and puffiness being reported. Light supplies all week. Market is active.

**Lettuce Leaf** – Multiple suppliers reporting good availability for romaine as well as all leaf items for the week.

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**Lettuce Tender Leaf** – Overall, good availability, industry wide.

**Melons (Cantalope)** – Market remains active and availability is very limited. Overall demand continues to increase. Mexico is winding down and the desert is just getting going. Unseasonably hot temps may setback the harvest this week. Excessive heat warning Wednesday through Friday in the Sonoran Desert.

**Melons (Honeydew)** – Market remains active and availability is very limited. Overall demand continues to increase. Mexico winding down and the desert is just getting going. Unseasonably hot temperatures may setback the harvest this week. Excessive heat warning Wednesday through Friday.

**Melons (Watermelon)** – Market remains active and supplies are limited due to strong holiday pull. Growers holding off on harvest to let the fruit size up. Quality has been great on Mexican and domestic fruit.

**Onions** – Washington will finish for the season this week. California desert is winding down with the valley region to start this week with light supplies. New Mexico is also up and running with a few supplies out of Uvalde, Texas.



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## Market Alerts Cont.

**Pears** – Washington Low-grade (**Fancy**) Anjous are scarce; most shippers are only quoting US#1. The USDA Box Program is impacting inventory. CA **Bartletts** should be available in July.

**Pineapples** – Steady supplies on crown fruit. Crownless supplies are improving, should be in better shape by June. Good supplies on organics.

**Potatoes** – Markets continue to rise on larger size 40ct-70ct. Consumer bags are in high demand and pushing prices higher along with smaller 100ct. Pricing will remain active.

**Squash** – Good availability and good condition overall.

**Stone Fruit** – Plenty of supplies. Warm weather this week has increased yields. Prices are coming down.

**Tomatoes** – Florida production is winding down and the size profile is scaling down. Roma volume is increasing out of Mexico growing regions. Grape tomatoes will be tight through the first week of June.

## Weather Updates

**California** – Currently experiencing very hot temps in the Salinas Valley for this time of year.

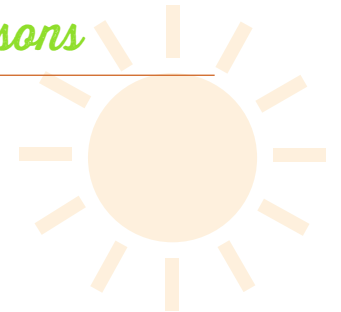
**Mexico** – Persistently warm through the end of the week with max temps ranging from 99 to 109 for all inland fields and into the 90s closer to the coast.

**Florida** – Expecting scattered light to moderate showers today through tomorrow. Then dry for the weekend with near normal temperatures.

## Peak Seasons

**Avocados**

**Strawberries**







































## Freight Update

Truck availability remain steady in California, Idaho, and Washington. The National average remained steady at 2.390.



# Commodities at a Glance

 Apples	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Celery	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Lettuce Leaf	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 Asparagus	Quality is good, pricing is lower	 Citrus (Lemons)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Lettuce tender leaf	Quality is fair, pricing is steady
 Avocado	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Citrus (Limes)	Quality is good, pricing is lower	 Melon (cantaloupe)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 Bell Peppers	Quality is good pricing is higher	 Citrus (Oranges)	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 Melon (honeydew)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 Berries (blackberries)	Quality is fair, pricing is steady	 Cucumbers	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Melon (watermelon)	Quality is fair, pricing is higher
 Berries (blueberries)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Eggplant	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Onions	Quality is good, pricing is higher
 Berries (raspberries)	Quality is fair pricing is higher	 Garlic	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Pears	Quality is fair, pricing is steady
 Berries (strawberries)	Quality is fair, pricing is lower	 Grapes (Green)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Pineapples	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 Broccoli	Quality is good, pricing is higher	 Grapes (Red)	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Potatoes	Quality is good, pricing higher
 Brussels Sprouts	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Green Onions	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Squash	Quality is good, pricing is steady
 Carrots	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Kale	Quality is good, pricing is steady	 Stone Fruit	Quality is good, pricing is lower
 Cauliflower	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 Lettuce Iceberg	Quality is fair, pricing is higher	 Tomatoes	Quality is good, pricing is steady

