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Weather Update

A strong high-pressure ridge forms out west with above-average temperatures throughout the entire region with inland valleys reaching triple-digit temperatures into the weekend. This fairly brief heat wave will begin a slow cooling trend late this weekend into next week. Central Mexico will continue with scattered showers and thunderstorms each day becoming more isolated into next week. Areas to the north will be under the high-pressure ridge with warm temperatures this week moderating to seasonal norms into next week. A tropical system possibly forming off the Central American coast looks to drift out to sea away for mainland Mexico. Florida will see a typical isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms into mid next week.



Market Alerts

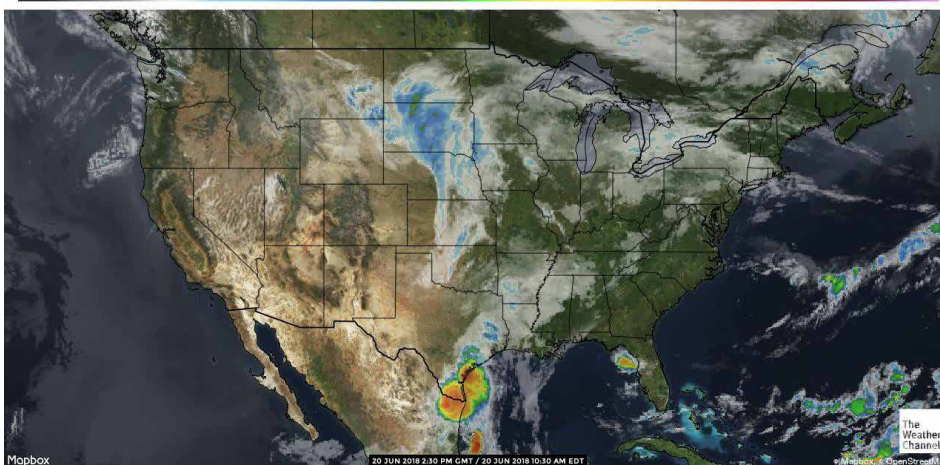
- Apples:** Transportation limited
- Avocado (Mexican):** Rains this week Mexico's growing area will drastically lessen fruit supplies beginning this weekend and next week.
- Bell Peppers (Eastern):** Less #1 pepper. More suntan pepper
- Bell Peppers (Western):** Colored pepper markets are stronger, especially yellow bell peppers. Prices increasing sharply. Green pepper market also remains active.
- Berries (Blackberries):** Supplies continue to be very limited this week. Some reports of wet berries and red cell. Market prices are firm.
- Berries (Strawberries):** Warmer weather this week may impact quality as we get into the weekend and early next week.
- Brussels Sprouts:** The quality and supplies from Mexico have caused the market to react much higher than normal levels.
- Citrus (Lemons):** Demand exceeds supplies on 140s/165s/200s.
- Citrus (Limes):** Rain in Mexico may impact supplies and delay arrivals.
- Cucumbers (Eastern):** Supplies are spread out from Georgia north to New Jersey.
- Eggplant (Western):** Light supplies / high demand. Pricing is higher.
- Melon (Watermelon):** The market remains strong. Light supplies on larger, retail sizes.
- Onions:** Transportation is very limited.
- Potatoes:** Transportation very limited
- Squash (Eastern):** Squash is spread out across the eastern half of the country.

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Transitions & Temperatures

Bell Peppers (Eastern): Transitioning to North Carolina

Bell Peppers (Western): Green Bell Peppers now available in Bakersfield and Oxnard as well as Gilroy. Colored bells will be available from Bakersfield and Gilroy in the next 7-10 days.

Berries (Blueberries): New Jersey is starting harvest this week with light volume and will increase over the next two weeks. Pacific Northwest harvest will start in the next 2-3 weeks.

Chili Peppers: Supplies now available in Los Angeles, from Baja and also in Coachella, CA. Nogales spring season is winding down.

Cucumbers (Eastern): Cucumbers are transitioning to the Mid-Atlantic and Michigan will start this weekend.

Cucumbers (Western): Cucumbers available to load in San Diego, from Baja California.

Melon (Cantaloupe): We will be transitioning from Arizona to California starting the week of July 4th.

Melon (Honeydew): We are in the last weeks of the Arizona season. Transitioning from Arizona to California come the 4th of July. California crops are looking up to par according to shippers.

Potatoes (colored): East Coast supplies transitioning north. California will transition to Stockton the front part of July.

Squash (Eastern): Squash is in transition to the Northeast and Midwest.

Squash (Western): Light supplies now available in Fresno.



Truckin' Along

California trucks remain extremely tight. Look for capacity to remain tight until after the 4th of July holiday. CA freight rates continue to increase. Washington apple truck supply is steady. Idaho potato trucks remain steady as well. The national average on diesel remained steady this week and is currently at 3.244 per gallon. An increase of .755 from this time last year. California prices remained steady as well and are now at 3.976 per gallon. Crude oil remained steady at 66.34 per barrel.

A Peek at Peak Seasons

Bell Peppers (Eastern): Bell Pepper is in peak season.

Eggplant (Eastern): Eggplant is in Peak Season.

Squash (Eastern): Squash is in peak availability.

U.S. On-Highway Diesel Fuel Prices* (dollars per gallon) [full history](#)

				Change from	
	06/04/18	06/11/18	06/18/18	week ago	year ago
U.S.	3.285	3.266	3.244	↓ -0.022	↑ 0.755
East Coast (PADD1)	3.282	3.264	3.240	↓ -0.024	↑ 0.701
New England (PADD1A)	3.302	3.292	3.290	↓ -0.002	↑ 0.700
Central Atlantic (PADD1B)	3.442	3.420	3.397	↓ -0.023	↑ 0.714
Lower Atlantic (PADD1C)	3.166	3.148	3.121	↓ -0.027	↑ 0.694
Midwest (PADD2)	3.224	3.199	3.173	↓ -0.026	↑ 0.762
Gulf Coast (PADD3)	3.055	3.037	3.016	↓ -0.021	↑ 0.687
Rocky Mountain (PADD4)	3.359	3.344	3.339	↓ -0.005	↑ 0.714
West Coast (PADD5)	3.784	3.769	3.753	↓ -0.016	↑ 0.971
West Coast less California	3.508	3.489	3.473	↓ -0.016	↑ 0.818
California	4.003	3.990	3.976	↓ -0.014	↑ 1.092

Commodity Updates



APPLES

Washington late C.A. storage Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Pink Lady's, Gala's and Fuji's will be slowly winding down over the next two months. Pack-outs are heavy to WAXF #1's and Premiums. Sizing overall are peaking on 88/100/113/125. Red Delicious has gone from an enormous crop to a "demand exceeds supply" situation. This has been brought on by a smaller storage crop from the last few years and high export demand that started about a month and a half ago. Domestic demand has lightened slightly due to school being out for summer. Look for supplies of reds to get very limited as we get into late August. Just in time for schools to start back up. Golden Delicious have good supplies and demand. Pricing will be steady at higher levels. Granny Smiths are in a "supply exceeds demand" situation keeping this market low. This is a drastic change from last year's record high pricing. Galas and Fujis are in good shape with moderate demand and steady market. Quality has been very good with very few reports of issue.

ASPARAGUS

Central Mexico is still experiencing rain and is expected to see rain for the next seven days. Production has slowed down due to the weather. Volume in Gonzales, CA continues to decrease due to seasonality, production in this region should be wrapped up in the next two weeks. Michigan is starting to wind down due to seasonality. Weather in both regions in Peru (Trujillo/ICA) is starting to become cooler due to winter starting in the region. Volume has decreased due to the cooler weather. Markets on both coasts are up due to the weather in Central Mexico, Peru, and California production winding down.

AVOCADO (CALIFORNIA)

California continues to harvest at a good rate. Size peaking on 48s/60s. Market pricing has been very stable, but with Mexico's volume declining, prices are beginning to strengthen on the 60s and 70s. Export demand remains strong. Fruit is ripening well and has good flavor.

AVOCADO (MEXICAN)

Mexico's harvest volumes are rapidly declining and they near the seasonal end of their normal crop. We are still waiting for the Flor Loca crop to gain maturity. This summer crop is difficult to predict, but light volumes are expected. Demand remains good, and we are still seeing tighter supply situation on 48s and very limited supplies on 60s and 70s# one fruit. To add to this, we have rains this week in the growing area, and very little fruit is being harvested. This will bring a very short supply situation beginning this weekend and through next week.

BELL PEPPERS (EASTERN)

North Carolina has started harvesting bell pepper, and there are still good supplies in Georgia. The Georgia crop is changing quickly from very good number one quality to a lot of choice and suntan pepper. Quality reports from North and South Carolina are good, but growers are packing a high percentage of choice. Weather in the southeast has been hot and humid, rain showers have been spotty but consistent causing some quality issues in green pepper.



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BELL PEPPERS (WESTERN)

Green Bell Peppers – The season for Nogales, from Mexico, has finished. Production in Coachella is very low due to extremely high heat for the last couple of weeks. The heat has shortened the season in the Coachella Valley, with most supplies are coming from the Arvin / Bakersfield area. Volume has continued to increase throughout June. Pricing is lower on jumbo-sized fruit coming from newer fields. The market remains stronger on retail packs, as most growers expect an increase in demand for Fourth of July promotions. Shipping areas will include Fresno, Gilroy, and Oxnard, as well as Bakersfield.

Red Bell Peppers – Coachella has lower volume of red bells to offer, due to extremely high temperatures recently. The quality of the fruit is fair in Coachella, and the heat has also affected sizing. Smaller sizes may be available at a discount, Lighter supplies also available to load out of San Diego, with hothouse peppers being grown in Baja California. There will be additional supply in the next week, while most growers are scheduled to begin harvesting in early July from Bakersfield. The market is strong; pricing may continue to rise. Shipping areas are San Diego, Fresno, Oxnard, Gilroy, and Bakersfield.

Yellow Bell Peppers – Coachella still has a very limited supply of yellow bell pepper to offer. This trend is expected to continue until Bakersfield begins to harvest next week. This will not affect the market, as most growers are scheduled to begin to harvest in early July. Very light supplies of hothouse peppers are also available to load in San Diego, from Baja California. Quality from Baja has been fair. The market is very strong. Pricing may continue to rise on the west coast, with additional demand expected for Fourth of July promotions.

BERRIES (BLACKBERRIES)

Blackberry supplies continue to be light. Availability on the west coast is very limited as California harvest slowly ramps up. Mexico has finished, and demand continues to exceed supplies. Quality has been good, but I am seeing some reports of soft and wet berries with occasional red cell. Market prices have been higher and firm. On the east coast, Georgia is producing light but consistent volume. Quality has been good, and prices remain firm. We expect the supply shortage to slowly improve over the next two weeks.

BERRIES (BLUEBERRIES)

Blueberry supplies have been good on both coasts, but quality may become an issue. California's central valley production continues to be consistent. Overall the quality has been good, but with the hot weather expected to continue all this week, we may begin to see some soft fruit. Ride temperatures are vital to the longevity of the product. Market prices have been steady, but we may see a small incline if the weather slows harvest. North Carolina and Georgia continue with consistent harvest, but again, I have seen reports of inconsistent sizing and soft berries. Market prices are lower on the east coast with aggressive deals available on volume orders. New Jersey has started to scratch the surface this week with light harvest. Quality is good, and prices are higher. We expect supplies to improve out of New Jersey over the next two weeks. Pacific Northwest harvest is expected to start in the next two weeks. Overall we anticipate consistent supplies and improved quality moving forward.

BERRIES (RASPBERRIES)

Raspberry supplies are getting better. As mentioned last week, we expect to see improvements week over week as Salinas and Watsonville areas increase production. This week, we will see better availability and coverage. Market prices have been steady but will decline as supplies open up. Quality is being reported as very good. Although we do not foresee a drastic shift in production this week, I do believe availability will change rapidly and really ramp up next week. Barring any major weather event, we should see consistent supplies moving forward for the summer season.

BERRIES (STRAWBERRIES)

Strawberry supplies have not changed. Fruit is readily available industry-wide. The majority of the fruit is being harvested in Salinas and Watsonville with a few shippers continuing production in Santa Maria. Quality has been good, but with the weather warming up this week, we may encounter some quality issues. We may see some softer berries with occasional discoloration and bruising as we get toward the weekend. Market prices have been steady and low. Volume spot buy opportunities are available. Looking at the upcoming weather and how much fruit is in the ground, I anticipate the same availability and low market prices for the next 3-4 weeks.



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BROCCOLI

We continue to see good supplies of broccoli. The market is steady at the current market levels. There have been some deals for volume. The quality has been really nice with minimal yellowing, little dehydration, and no decay.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

The brussels sprout market is still active. The limited supplies from Mexico and Oxnard have caused the market to trend much higher. The quality is fair at best with insect presence and damage from the insects as well. We are also seeing the black spotting/decay of the brussels sprouts.

CARROTS

California carrot supplies are good on value-added packs, medium, and jumbo size carrots.

CAULIFLOWER

Cauliflower supplies are plentiful. But look for that to change in about two weeks as we go through the typical up and down planting cycle. The market is steady at aggressive prices. Quality is really nice with minimal brown spotting/bruising, and weights in the 27 to 30-pound level.

CELERY

Large sizing continues to be the theme with most shippers. This pack is where you see suppliers flexing the most. Small sizing, thirty-six counts, in particular, are demanding a higher price. The availability will be limited on small sizing for the week. Oxnard is still scheduled to be finished in harvesting product by mid-July. Production in Salinas and Santa Maria will be available thru August at a minimum. Please keep in mind on Oxnard transfers. If the value-added product is being produced in Oxnard, shippers will load in Salinas, but an additional fee will be incurred for the transportation costs of the product.

CHILI PEPPERS

Jalapeño – Supplies are very few in Nogales. Quality is fair, and shelf life on the fruit is short. The market remains strong. The Jalapeños being harvested in Baja is mostly going directly to the LA market. Production will be lighter, last week's storm will affect quality and volume for the next two weeks. Supplies in Coachella are being affected by high heat. Santa Maria is scheduled to start in late in the next ten days, some growers to begin in early July.

Pasilla – Very few supplies available in Nogales. Quality is fair, sizing remains smaller, and the fruit has a short shelf life. Light supplies also available in Coachella, with most of the Pasilla coming from the Baja growing area. There is good demand and pricing continues to increase. Quality from Baja and Coachella has been good. However, production and/or quality will be affected by the tropical storm last weekend. No long-term damage is expected.

Anaheim – Anaheim peppers are being produced in Baja, where the quality of the fruit has been good. Production in Baja is expected to slow, with last week's storm affecting volume and quality. Lighter supplies available in Coachella, extremely high heat has slowed production in the desert. Additional supply will be available in early July from Santa Maria. The market is strong; pricing may continue to increase.

Tomatillo – Better supplies available on both husked and peeled tomatillos. The market remains higher on the peeled pack. Most Baja fruit will be going directly to the LA market. Production is expected to slow down for the next few weeks due to last week's storm; quality will also be affected. Pricing is steady but may increase with fewer supplies to offer.

Serrano – Light supplies are still available to load in Nogales. The market remains strong, the quality in Nogales is just fair. Additional supply from Baja will be available in the next 10-14 days, as last week's storm has pushed back the start date.



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CILANTRO

Cilantro supplies from all growing regions are steady. The market remains competitive as well. Full bunches, minimal yellow to brown leaves, and minimal dehydration is the current quality from all suppliers.

CITRUS (LEMONS)

The Central Valley crop has finished. The Ventura/Oxnard is now the growing area to get through the summer and early fall and is 80% completed on harvest and peaking on larger sizes choice and standard grade. Demand is strong, especially on the medium and smaller sizes of 140s/162s/200s and we are now seeing the demand exceed the supplies for these sizes. Some small relief will come as we see Chilean lemons enter the market over the next few weeks.

CITRUS (LIMES)

Lime supplies continue to be steady on smaller sizes. Larger sizes have been lighter in supplies. Mexico has received some rain over the last several days and we may see some delayed arrivals of fruit later this week because of the weather. Quality has been good, with occasional reports of discoloration and inconsistent sizing. Market prices have remained fairly consistent on the smaller fruit, and we have seen a bit of an incline on the larger sizes. Shippers expect better sizes and availability as we look toward July.

CITRUS (ORANGES)

California Valencia harvest is moving at a steady pace. Fruit quality and color are good, with size currently peaking 88s/72s/113s. Demand remains strong. Small size fruit 113s/138s will be limited through to entire Valencia season.

CUCUMBERS (EASTERN)

There are adequate supplies of cucumbers in Georgia with fair quality. The season is transitioning to the mid-Atlantic with more supply in North Carolina and Virginia. Light supplies have started in New Jersey, and Michigan will start this weekend. With the weather in the southeast, quality has only been fair, the Mid - Atlantic has good quality but is packing a high percentage of off-grade product causing a wide range of pricing between supers and selects.

CUCUMBERS (WESTERN)

Cucumber supplies are almost finished in Nogales. Quality continues to be mostly fair. Higher quality cucumbers are available to load in San Diego or Los Angeles. Pricing is lower in Nogales. The San Diego (Baja California) crop will produce through the summer. High volume is expected out of Baja. However, supplies are currently down, and demand has remained consistent. Pricing remains higher for retail packs loading in California, as Fourth of July promotions will increase demand. There was no long-term damage to the crop from last week's storm, but production will slow down for a week or two.

EGGPLANT (EASTERN)

Hot, humid weather is just what eggplants like, so it is no surprise supplies are up substantially up over last week. There are still one or two shippers in Florida harvesting eggplant with fair quality, the vast majority of the supply is coming from Georgia with good quality for the most part. South Carolina and North Carolina will start this weekend with light production. The market is very reasonable, and eggplants are promotable.

EGGPLANT (WESTERN)

Eggplant supply in Coachella remains light. There is good demand for the eggplant; the market is steady. Quality in Coachella remains mostly good, high heat in the area recently, is beginning to affect production. Light supplies are now available in Fresno; more fruit is expected next week from the Arvin / Bakersfield district.



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GRAPES (GREEN)

Green grapes remain fairly tight out of both Coachella and Mexico. Quality is reported as excellent, and prices should come off in the following week as more California growing regions begin. The Arvin region will be starting in the next few days and should help out until the full California crop kicks in after the 4th of July.



GRAPES (RED)

Red grape prices have come off slightly as the expected storm in the Caborca region did not cause the damage that was initially expected. Heat in the area is causing some discoloration but has not affected the quality or taste profile. Prices will continue to fall as Arvin starts up over the weekend, and will take us into the California season for the remainder of the year starting after the 4th of July. This year's California crop is being reported as one of the strongest in recent years.



GREEN ONIONS

We continue to see plenty of supplies crossing from Mexico. We have seen some quality issues with thrip damage which will show white discoloration on the green tops of the green onions. The market is still competitive on both iced and iceless.



KALE

Kale supplies are plentiful. The acreage has increased over the years due to the trend in salad blends from processors. The market remains competitive. Quality is excellent with dark green color, minimal yellowing, and little dehydration.



LETTUCE ICEBERG

This market is active with all suppliers. A few shippers started the week sold out and only interested in covering contract business. The gap in production of this commodity will continue throughout this. Look for pricing to be active throughout the week in both northern and southern California. The weights are reported on palletized to be 42-47 pounds. Good overall quality continues with slight mechanical and misshapen heads.



LETTUCE LEAF

A few suppliers have attempted to raise the market, but that is only because of slight gapping in production on their part. Overall this market is steady. Multiple suppliers continue to seek orders on romaine, and sharp pricing continues to be available. Red and green leaf, as well as butter, is steady as well in the marketplace. The lack of school business has made these commodities readily available. Good supplies on romaine hearts will continue for the week.



LETTUCE TENDER LEAF

Supplies of tender leaf items are plentiful. The markets are also steady. Baby spinach, spring mix, arugula, and cello spinach quality has been really nice overall. But we have seen an occasional arrival of some bruising, wetness, and yellowing in the arugula.



MELON (CANTALOUPE)

July 4th we will be transitioning from Arizona to California. As far as Arizona fruit there is a steady supply of 6 count and 9 count cantaloupes. Smaller fruit has been harder to find. There are very few 12 count melons out there. On the 15 count and 18 count, they are pretty much nonexistent. Quality remains good with Brix/sugar levels at 12-14.



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MELON (HONEYDEW)

Honeydews remain tight this week due to transition being right around the corner. We are in the last few weeks of Arizona harvest before transitioning to California on July 4th. Very few 8 and 9 count melons available. There are 5 count and 6 count melons out there. Shippers are still having to sub on sizing to cover orders due to availability.



MELON (WATERMELON)

Seedless watermelon production from Mexico is still mostly from the northern state of Sonora. In Nogales, mostly smaller sized fruit being produced, and volume is very low. Light supplies will be available in Nogales through June, as some Shippers will bring watermelons from growing areas in Central Mexico. Coachella has had lower volume than originally projected, and high heat has also affected production. Demand continues to be high, and light supplies are expected through June. Pricing is higher. Bakersfield is scheduled to begin watermelon production in the next two weeks, with increased production in mid-July throughout the San Joaquin Valley.



ONIONS

Yellow, Red, and White onions are currently shipping out of Central California and New Mexico. Uvalde Texas is down to the last of their Yellow onions. They are done with their Reds and Whites. Yellow supplies are still in a "supply exceeds demand" situation keeping this market low on all sizes and packs out of all shipping points. Reds are in a slight supply gap which looks to be fairly short-lived as supplies should improve by next week. The market is firm on both mediums and Jumbos. White onions have good demand with limited supplies. The market is firm. Quality is good out of all areas. Transportation is very limited and not helping the markets.



PEARS

Supplies of Washington storage D'anjou, Chile Packams, and Bosc pears will be winding down just in time for the California Bartlett & Crimson (red) pears season to start the front part of July. Markets are steady at high levels. Quality is still good with very few reports of issues.



PINEAPPLES

Pineapple volume coming from the tropics remains good, but we are beginning to see a small seasonal decline for the summer and fall. This is planned production drop as summer time a period of good availability of other fruit types which compete with pineapples. Size peaking on 6s/7s.



POTATOES

Potato market is steady but firm on most of the larger size cartons with a little weaker undertone on the smaller cartons and consumer bags. The remaining storage crop is looking like a mixed bag of sizes. Some cellars have larger size profile, but a lot of them are being reported to be peaking on the smaller sizes. Look for the markets to stay fairly steady at current levels. Quality of this year storage crop has been very good with very few problems being reported. Trucks are very limited so stay ahead on your orders.



POTATOES (COLORED)

Red market is steady with moderate demand and good supplies. White and Gold markets are good with lighter supplies mainly coming off the west coast. Florida supplies are winding down quickly with only reds available. Missouri should start in a light way beginning of next week with reds followed by North Carolina with red, whites and golds. California has good supplies of Reds, Golds, and Whites. Supplies will transition north to Stockton the first or second week of July.



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SQUASH (EASTERN)

Squash supplies are spread out across the eastern U.S. with supplies coming from Georgia to New England and west to Michigan. Quality varies from place to place; most supplies are of good quality. Demand has been good and steady movement has kept the market healthy, yellow squash supply has been tighter than Zucchini. We expect good supplies through the end of the month.



SQUASH (WESTERN)

Zucchini and Yellow S/N - Good supplies are available from Santa Maria, CA. Quality is mostly fair. Production in Santa Maria is expected to remain consistent. There is also squash available from Fresno. The squash market remains steady. Holiday promotions expected to increase demand in the coming weeks.



STONE FRUIT

Stonefruit has continued to be a slow starter this year, and spotty weather with cooler temperatures are causing issues on certain days for harvesting teams. A heat wave late this week is going to be great for both sizing and case quantities. Quality is being reported as good and will improve as we get into later varieties. Smaller fruit is becoming more scarce as fruit begins to start sizing up. Look for prices to drop off slightly after this weekend when crews will be able to pick more consistent quantities.



TOMATOES (EASTERN)

Demand for round tomatoes exceeds the current supply in the East pressing prices upward this week. South Carolina and North Florida recently received consecutive days of rain shortening the harvests for the week while much of the east waited for these growing areas to produce following the close of the Central Florida growing season. There is a mix of quotes circulating with the better-valued offerings being quoted from Quincy Florida where they have just about finished for the season. South Carolina will increase in production as harvesting resumes normal picking schedules to help meet demand. Local tomato programs are getting started in multiple regions including Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana,

and Georgia to name a few. Since California doesn't have anything to send to the East coast quite yet, prices are up to capture the current demand before the West is capable of saturating the market. As a result, round tomatoes this week have a \$3 to \$5 uptick in price but will more than likely come down in price as sharply as they have increased since Northern California has begun harvesting green tomatoes for ripening this week. Similarly, Romas are steady with limited availability. However, Alabama and Arkansas are starting small operations to help fill local markets. Cherry tomatoes are steady, and prices are just about even between the East and West. Grape tomatoes have shown improvement this week with more availability from Florida and South Carolina helping to ease pricing buy a couple of dollars. With all the growing regions that will be in production next week, grape tomatoes are expected to continue a downward trend to finish the month of June. All things to consider, there is a possibility of a spike in price the first week of July as fields gap between South Carolina and Virginia that will probably not last more than a week or so.



TOMATOES (WESTERN)

Supply from Mexico remains steady while operations transition south of our border and California breaks ground this week. Since California won't have anything ripe until next week, imports have come off the price floor by a couple of dollars while the east also experiences less supply through transition. Although western farms in the California valley have begun picking this week, we are still a couple of weeks away from experiencing typical summer prices below USDA anti-dumping minimums. Sinaloa on the mainland is wrapping up their season while Baja undergoes a slow start helping to keep the market firm. Roma tomatoes are steady with excellent quality from all regions, but markets are getting pressure to move higher with eastern buyers strengthening demand. Grape tomatoes are easing off in price as supplies continue to increase out of Baja in tandem with new operations in the eastern U.S. helping to alleviate the climb in pricing that has occurred over the past two weeks. Similarly, cherry tomatoes are steady out of Baja as mainland Mexico finishes up where quality has been par at best recently. Markets are stabilizing with relief just weeks away to start the month of July.



Commodities at a Glance



Commodity / Region	Market	Quality
Apples		
Wenatchee/Yakima, WA and Hood River, OR	Steady/Higher	Excellent
Hudson/Pleasant Valley/Red Hook, NY	Steady/Higher	Good
Coopersville/Belding/Sparta, MI	Steady	Poor
Chile	Steady/Higher	Good
Asparagus		
Ica, Peru to Trujillo	Steady/Higher	Good
Gonzales, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Central Mexico	Steady	Good
Michigan	Steady/Higher	Good
Avocado (California)		
Oxnard/Ventura, CA	Steady/Higher	Excellent
Temecula/Escondido, CA	Steady/Higher	Excellent
Avocado (Mexican)		
Michoacan, Mexico	Steady/Higher	Good
Bell Peppers (Eastern)		
Lee / Grady County, GA	Steady	Fair
Henderson / Buncomb County, NC	Steady	Good
Bell Peppers (Western)		
Coachella Valley, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Southern San Joaquin Valley, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Northern Baja California Norte, Mexico	Steady/Higher	Good
Oxnard, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Berries (Blackberries)		
Santa Maria, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Salinas, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Watsonville, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Alma, GA	Steady/Higher	Good
Berries (Blueberries)		
Central Valley, CA	Steady/Higher	Fair
Georgia	Lower	Fair
North Carolina	Lower	Fair
New Jersey	Higher	Good

Commodity / Region	Market	Quality
Berries (Raspberries)		
Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Good
Salinas, CA	Steady	Good
Watsonville, CA	Steady	Good
Berries (Strawberries)		
Salinas Valley, CA	Lower/Steady	Good
Watsonville, CA	Lower/Steady	Good
Santa Maria, CA	Lower/Steady	Good
Broccoli		
Salinas Valley, CA	Steady	Good
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Good
McAllen, TX	Steady	Good
Brussels Sprouts		
Northern Baja California Norte, Mexico	Higher	Fair
Oxnard, CA	Higher	Fair
Carrots		
Bakersfield/Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Excellent
Cauliflower		
Salinas Valley, CA	Steady	Good
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Good
Celery		
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Salinas Valley, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Chili Peppers		
Central Sonora, Mexico	Steady	Fair
Coachella Valley, CA	Steady	Good
Northern Baja California Norte, Mexico	Steady	Good
Cilantro		
Salinas, CA	Steady	Good
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Good
Baja, MX	Steady	Good
Citrus (Lemons)		
Oxnard/Ventura, CA	Steady/Higher	Good



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Commodity / Region	Market	Quality
Citrus (Limes)		
Veracruz, Mexico	Steady/Higher	Good
Citrus (Oranges)		
Riverside, CA	Steady	Good
Merced to Bakersfield, CA	Steady	Good
Cucumbers (Eastern)		
Lee / Grady County, GA	Steady	Good
Henderson / Buncomb County, NC	Steady	Good
Duplin County, NC	Steady	Good
Cucumbers (Western)		
Central Sonora, Mexico	Lower/Steady	Fair
Northern Baja California Norte, Mexico	Steady/Higher	Good
Eggplant (Eastern)		
Hillsborough / Western Collier County, FL	Lower/Steady	Fair
Lee / Grady County, GA	Lower/Steady	Good
Eggplant (Western)		
Coachella, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Grapes (Green)		
Hermosillo, Mexico	Steady/Higher	Excellent
Coachella Valley, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Grapes (Red)		
Hermosillo, Mexico	Steady/Higher	Good
Coachella Valley, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Green Onions		
Mexicali, Baja	Steady	Good
Kale		
Salinas, CA	Steady	Excellent
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Excellent

Commodity / Region	Market	Quality
Lettuce Iceberg		
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Higher	Good
Salinas Valley, CA	Higher	Good
Lettuce Leaf		
Oxnard/Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Good
Salinas Valley, CA	Steady	Good
Lettuce Tender Leaf		
Salinas Valley, CA	Steady	Good
Melon (Cantaloupe)		
Maricopa, AZ	Steady	Good
Yuma, AZ	Steady	Good
Melon (Honeydew)		
Maricopa, AZ	Steady/Higher	Good
Yuma, AZ	Steady/Higher	Good
Brawley, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Melon (Watermelon)		
Central Sonora, Mexico	Steady/Higher	Fair
Coachella Valley	Steady/Higher	Good
Onions		
Huron/Metler, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Las Cruces, NM	Steady/Higher	Good
McAllen/Uvalde, TX	Steady	Good
Pears		
Wenatchee/Yakima, WA and Hood River, OR	Steady/Higher	Good
Chile	Steady/Higher	Excellent
Pineapples		
Alajuela, Costa Rica	Steady	Good
Heredia, Costa Rica	Steady	Good
Limon, Costa Rica	Steady	Good
La Ceiba, Honduras	Steady	Good
Retalhuleu, Guatemala	Steady	Good



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Commodity / Region	Market	Quality
Potatoes		
Hamer/Rupert, ID	Steady/Higher	Good
Quincy/Hermiston, WA	Steady/Higher	Good
Eastern Colorado	Steady/Higher	Good
Plover/Bancroft, WI	Steady	Good
Potatoes (colored)		
Bakersfield, CA	Steady/Higher	Excellent
Hastings/Bunnell/East Palatka, FL	Steady	Fair
Red River Valley, ND	Steady	Good
Phoenix, AZ	Steady	Excellent
Squash (Eastern)		
Lee/Grady/Echols County, GA	Steady	Fair
Henderson / Bucomb County, NC	Steady	Good
Ottawa / Kent / Berrien County, MI	Steady	Good
Seneca / Summit County, OH	Steady	Good
Squash (Western)		
Northern Baja California Norte, Mexico	Steady	Good
Santa Maria, CA	Steady	Good
Southern San Joaquin Valley, CA	Steady	Good
Stone Fruit		
Madera south to Arvin, CA	Steady/Higher	Good
Tomatoes (Eastern)		
Northern Florida	Lower/Steady	Good
Charleston, SC	Steady	Good
Tomatoes (Western)		
Northern San Joaquin Valley, CA	Steady	Good
Southern Nayarit/Sinaloa, Mexico	Steady	Good
Northern Baja California Norte, Mexico	Steady	Good

