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## Top 5 Five



asparagus

### 1. BROCCOLINI, **ALERT!** BROCCOLI, CAULIFLOWER

Demand exceeds supply due to freezing temps.

### 2. BANANAS **ALERT!**

Markets are expected to remain active for the next few weeks with low availability.

### 3. CITRUS—LIMES **ALERT!**

The market is active; weather is affecting quality, and small sizes are tight.

### 4. LETTUCE **ALERT!** AND CILANTRO

Freezing temps have affected leafy items, yield, and harvesting.

### 5. SQUASH **ALERT!**

Demand exceeds supply due to freezing temps; the transition will be rough.

## Outlook

### WEST COAST

Cold conditions remain and we are expecting significant rain in CA and a warming trend in the desert late next week.

### MEXICO

We are expecting very cold temps at higher elevations with minor storms and rain in Baja California North.

### EAST COAST

South FL will be warming up, the forecast is calling for daytime temps in the mid-to-high 80s and high 60s at night. These are ideal growing conditions; expect FL production to increase with improved quality in the next 7 to 10 days.

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Mexico is the main source and supplies have decreased due to the recent cold temps. Quality remains good and demand steady.

### berries—strawberry

While FL remains warm, CA has cooled down drastically, reducing harvests there; expect to see more white shoulders and smaller sizing.

### broccoli & **ALERT!** cauliflower

Supplies are down as the cold and freezing weather has halted availability; the market is entering into demand exceeds supply. Expect to see order changes and substitution on sizes for the next 3–4 weeks. **Broccoli ALERT:** Quality is fair to good. **Brocolini ALERT:** Demand exceeds supply for the next couple of weeks due to strong winds and nighttime freezing temps. **Cauliflower ALERT:** Quality is good with occasional bruising, riciness, and oversizing.

### avocados

The market is steady. The outlook for the next six months looks good, and Mexico supplies are ripening evenly with very good quality. CA has started with light volume and is expecting a larger crop this year over last.

### beans—green

Supplies are steady, but light, due to cold temps in growing areas.

### berries—black, blue, & raspberry

**Blueberries:** Supplies are mostly South American; expect occasional break down and desiccation. **Blackberries & Raspberries:** No major change in Mexico; occasional winter weather is affecting supply.

### celery

Quality is fair to good; the market is mostly steady with occasional discoloration.

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## **citrus** **ALERT!**

**Lemons:** Lemons continue to be harvested in District 1 (Central Valley of CA) with very nice quality; District 3 (southern CA/desert region) is almost completely done. **Limes ALERT:** The lime market is extremely active and supplies are limited. Heavy rain, wind, and colder temps affected the bloom and small fruit on trees in December and January, and that is now affecting supplies. The crop is producing mostly 110's and 150's, with small sizes limited. We are also seeing some skin and stylar-end break down (the opposite end of the stem). This situation is expected to have lasting effects on the supply. **Oranges:** The Navel orange crop is still fine in spite of colder weather this season; thick rind from cold early temps protects the orange with a little bit tighter skin.

## **cucumbers**

Imports from Honduras are starting to wind down, but quality remains good; minimal scarring and misshapen cucumbers are being reported. FL is expected to start in a light way in the next 2-3 weeks.

## **eggplant**

Demand remains strong due to Lent; supply is somewhat limited with fair to good quality being reported. We are seeing more scarring due to previous windy conditions; fewer Fancy and more Choice.

## **grapes**

Supplies continue to arrive from South America with varied sizing between lots. Look for split fruit, ambers, and mold—typically associated from long transit.



## **lettuce** **ALERT!**

Overall, the market is very active with demand outpacing supply due to heavy wind followed by freezing temps, affecting yields and harvesting. The market will be unsettled for the next 3-4 weeks. Various quality issues.



## **melons**

Cantaloupe melon quality is very good; honeydew quality remains mixed.



## **onions**

The market is steady to lower with good supplies. Quality is good on all colors.



## **peppers**

Pepper supplies continue to be steady from FL, with all sizes and grades available and good quality being reported.



## **potatoes**

An increase of supplies on the market is due to poor demand, driving prices downward. Quality remains good.



## **squash** **ALERT!**

Demand exceeds supply for at least the next couple of weeks. A mix of rain and cold temps in the Mexican growing regions have affected supplies; the transition will be rough.



## **tomatoes—all varieties**

Markets are beginning to elevate slightly due to lighter availability in the Immokalee and Homestead growing regions, coupled with bloom drop from FL's January freezes.

## Reality Check

VEGETABLES	Supply				Price					
	HIGH	INCREASING	AVG	DECREASING	LOW	HIGH	INCREASING	AVG	DECREASING	LOW
Asparagus										
Beans - Green										
Broccoli										
Cabbage										
Carrots										
Cauliflower										
Celery										
Corn										
Cucumbers										
Eggplant										
Herbs - Cilantro										
Lettuce - Iceberg										
Lettuce - Leaf G/R										
Lettuce - Romaine										
Lettuce - Spring Mix										
Mushrooms										
Onions - Green										
Onions - Red										
Onions - Yellow										
Peas - Snow/Snap										
Peppers - Chiles										
Peppers - Green (e)										
Peppers - Green (w)										
Peppers - R/Y (e)										
Peppers - R/Y (w)										
Potatoes - Russet										
Potatoes - R/W/Yuk										
Potatoes - Yams										
Spinach										
Squash - Yellow (w)										
Squash - Zucchini (w)										
Squash - Yellow (e)										
Squash - Zucchini (e)										
Tomatoes - Gr/Ch										
Tomatoes - Roma										
Tomatoes - Round										
<b>FRUITS</b>										
Apples										
Avocados										
Bananas										
Berries - Blackberry										
Berries - Blueberry										
Berries - Raspberry										
Berries - Strawberry										
Citrus - Grapefruit										
Citrus - Lemons										
Citrus - Limes										
Citrus - Oranges										
Grapes - Green										
Grapes - Red										
Kiwifruit										
Melons - C/H										
Melons - Watermelon										
Pears										
Pineapple										

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## Please Distribute to:

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