# keany PRODUCE & GOURMET marketnotes

Produce Market Report March 12, 2018

# **GOOD BUYS FOR THE WEEK**



Cantaloupes & Honeydews: Very good fruit still arriving from Guatemala, Costa Rica and Honduras at bargain prices.

Blueberries: Blueberries are plentiful now and considered a good buy. This is one of those weeks with great quality out of both Chile and Mexico. Everybody has noticed the large, plump berries with a gorgeous pale "bloom."

Strawberries: The berries are beginning to wind down now in Florida and we are transitioning to California strawberry production. The quality and pricing is starting out very competitively from the coast. Both areas still producing well. **Grapes:** Continued excellent quality and great prices to be had on Chilean red and green grapes.

Cara Cara & Blood Oranges: These California citrus specialties are selling well and it's no surprise. They eat deliciously and look awesome!

Mangos: It's the perfect time to order silky smooth fleshed mangos. Flavor is awesome and prices are very good.

Bushel Beans: Florida weather has been beautiful perfect for green bean production!

Snow Peas & Sugar Snaps: Guatemala continues the rare good news with an amazing crop of sugar snaps and snow peas.

Green Onions, Leeks, Parsley & Cilantro: Perfect growing conditions prevail for wet veggies!

#### Don't Forget the March Fruit of the Month:

#### **Lemon Plums**

They are as sweet and tasty as they are beautiful! The appealing lemon shape and yellow blush makes this a stand out! Order today.



### Happy St. Patrick's Day from Everyone at

#### Keany Produce!

Our Irish roots run deep and we help everyone celebrate St. Paddy's Day with the freshest and best tasting fruits and vegetables in the area. Nothing goes better with corned beef than dense heads of sweet green cabbage, beautiful green beans, celery (at bargain prices right now) and tasty Idaho potatoes. Get creative and add some green grapes to a green leaf lettuce and pistachio salad! Wear Green!



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### **KEEP IN MIND**

Avocados Blackberries Grapefruit Tangerines Satsuma Mandarins Apples & Pears Idaho Potatoes

Onions

WATCH

Limes Cherry, Grapes & Pear tomatoes Asparagus Iceberg, Romaine, Romaine Hearts Aspiration/Broccolini Broccoli, Cauliflower Cabbage, Cucumbers & Squash

# **KEEP IN MIND**

**Avocados:** Prices are still somewhat elevated with continued cool nights and rain in Mexico.

Blackberries: The same cooler weather in Mexico has stalled the growth of blackberries and prices are up.

**Grapefruit:** Florida is finished but Texas now has outstanding quality.

Tangerines: Winding down rapidly in Florida. The season was seriously truncated due to the hurricane damage.

**Satsuma Mandarins:** We still have nice fruit in stock but there's only about 1 week left.



Apples & Pears: No change in availability and steady prices.

Idaho Potatoes: Good availability and steady pricing in time for St. Paddy's Day.

Onions: Also steady pricing.

Red & Yellow Peppers: Rain and cool temperatures are driving prices higher.

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## WATCH



Limes: Market remains high and we do not expect any changes in the coming weeks.

Grape, Cherry & Pear Yellow Tomatoes: We continue to have significant problems sourcing small yellow tomatoes from both Mexico and California.

**Asparagus:** All sizes are tight and market is very active. Cold in Mexico curtailed growth and Peru can't keep up.

Iceberg, Romaine, Romaine Hearts: Very active markets for these; green and red leaf not as tight.

### Broccoli, Broccoli Crowns & Cauliflower & Florets:

Prices continue very high due to colder weather and now we are having serious problems with florets.

Aspiration/Broccolini: Supplies are extremely tight.

Cabbage, Zucchini, Yellow Squash & Cucumbers: Mexico is behind and Florida cannot keep up.



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