

Produce Market Report April 23, 2018

### GOOD BUYS FOR THE WEEK

**Mangos:** Still a good buy although prices are up slightly on excellent fruit from. The Kent and Keets varieties are the highest quality and best eating of all the mangos and those are the ones we specialize in.



**Clementines:** Beautiful fruit now coming from California. Note the brand: Halos, our favorite for sweet eating and easy peeling. Prices are still very reasonable on this domestic citrus favorite.

**Grapes:** Red seedless grapes are plentiful and gorgeous now in transition from South America to Mexico. Greens are another story entirely.

**Cucumbers:** Now from domestic sources, high quality cucumbers are continuing to ramp up from Florida pushing prices down.



**Tomatoes:** The Palmetto/Ruskin crop is still flowing in from Florida. The quality is outstanding with firm texture and great "summertime" taste. Prices are very good.

**Asparagus:** Beautiful quality on all sizes. No issues at all with availability now. This springtime favorite is on sale!

**Green Onions, Cilantro, Curly & Italian Parsleys:** With the exception of leeks, these delicate, flavorful veggies are abundant and priced right!

#### New Arrivals & Local News



Local strawberries from North Carolina have just arrived!

Local asparagus is flying off shelves.

Vidalia onions from Georgia are due to arrive this week. Local Beefsteak tomatoes, round tomatoes and mixed cherry tomatoes from Maryland are here and very popular.

#### Keany Romaine 100% from Salinas & Northern California

In light of the recent warning about Yuma, Arizona romaine, Keany Produce ceased distribution of all types of romaine including salad mixes containing any romaine lettuce from sources in Yuma.

To further ensure the safety of our product, we have exclusively ordered romaine from growers in Salinas and Northern California.



#### GOOD BUYS

Mangos
Clementines
Grapes
Grapefruit
Cucumbers
Tomatoes
Asparagus
Green Onions, Cilantro & Parsley

#### KEEP IN MIND

Strawberries
Blueberries
Watermelons
Broccoli & Broccoli Crowns
Cauliflower
Artichokes
Iceberg, Green & Red Leaf
Celery

#### WATCH

Oranges
Limes
Raspberries & Blackberries
Romaine, Romaine Hearts
English Peas

#### KEEP IN MIND

**Strawberries:** If you want the sweetest berry on the market, we have them now from California. Quality is excellent and prices are down a bit. The first of the **long-stemmed strawberries** are now back in stock too.



**Blueberries:** Domestic blues now coming in from Florida and Georgia. The fruit is really nice too with large, plump berries and great taste!

**Watermelons:** All domestic now from Florida; quality nice but prices slightly higher.

**Broccoli & Broccoli Crowns:** Good time to buy as prices and availability are good.

**Cauliflower:** Prices are coming down nicely.

**Artichokes:** Prices are steady on good availability for all sizes.

**Iceberg, Green & Red Leaf:** Much better availability than romaine.

**Celery:** Good availability and steady prices continue.

#### WATCH



**Navel Oranges:** We just have a few more weeks of navels and prices are elevated with sporadic pro-rating.

**Limes:** Softening somewhat.

**Raspberries:** Some shortages continue and prices are up.

**Blackberries:** Still a little tight from Mexico now.

**Green Grapes:** Good quality green grapes are at a premium as there are issues with amber color on some (not from us!)

**Romaine Lettuce, Romaine Hearts:** These leafy greens remain very active. (Note: all romaine from Keany sourced from California, not Yuma.)

**Zucchini & Yellow Squash:** Florida production tight with elevated prices.

**English Peas:** Extremely hard to source; prices high.

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