

Produce Market Report April 9, 2018

GOOD BUYS FOR THE WEEK



Clementines: The citrus groves in Spain and Morocco are still producing tasty, easy-to-peel clementines and shipping them to us in large quantities. Good prices prevail.

Grapes: Red seedless grapes are still priced right but there is a cautionary note on green grapes this week. They are available from other vendors for lower prices but if you want high quality green grapes with no tell-tale amber color and brittle stems, you will pay a slight premium.

Honeydew Melons: Continuing from Central America at good prices.

Mangos: It's the perfect time to order succulent-fleshed mangos. Now from Mexico and Peru, the quality is outstanding on large pieces of beautiful Kents or Keets (the best quality varieties!)

Asparagus: Beautiful quality on all sizes. No issues at all with availability now.



Green Beans: Perfect growing conditions continue from Florida. Bushel beans are coming in with absolute excellent quality at good prices.

Green Onions, Leeks, Cilantro, Curly & Italian Parsley: It is a great time to order lots of these kitchen necessities! All wet vegetables are in excellent supply with good prices.

New Arrivals & Local News



Rhubarb shipments have started!

Vidalia bulbs and ramps— these delicate early bloomin' onions are one of the first signs of spring!

Local Beefsteak Large and XL tomatoes along with mixed cherry tomatoes are here from Hummingbird farms!

April Fruit of the Month: Ojai Pixie Tangerines

Fresh from the foothills around Santa Paula and Santa Barbara come these delightfully sweet little pixie tangerines. You will not believe how easy they peel and how mouth-wateringly sweet they are! We are proud to feature the Pixie Tangerine as our April Fruit of the Month. Don't delay in placing your order. The Pixie season is only 4-6 weeks long!



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Cauliflower

Iceberg, Green & Red Leaf

Celery

Idaho Potatoes

WATCH

Limes

Strawberries

Raspberries

Figs

Romaine, Romaine Hearts

Broccolini/Aspiration

Anise/Fennel

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Watermelons: Awesome quality on red seedless watermelons from Florida.

Cantaloupes: Slightly tighter than last week with higher prices than honeydews.

Grapefruit: Winding down in Texas and moving next to Arizona and California.



Tomatoes: The Palmetto/Ruskin crop out of Florida this time every spring signals a good quality buying opportunity!

Cauliflower: Prices are down slightly with good quality.

Iceberg, Green & Red Leaf: Better weather in California has meant more availability for these leafy greens.

Potatoes: Good growing conditions out of Idaho lead to steady prices.

Spanish Onions: Time to load up on these kitchen staples! Good prices and quality.

WATCH

Limes: Mexico is still experiencing severe shortages on limes this season.

Strawberries: The market continues to be very active out of California although quality does not appear to be impacted. We are just not able to get the volumes we need for spring events and overall demand.

Raspberries: Elevated pricing situation on shortages caused by strawberry substitutions.

Figs: We have very nice Black Mission Figs but they are extremely pricey.



Romaine Lettuce & Romaine Hearts: Extremely active markets due to cool, wet weather in California a few weeks ago. Romaine is very difficult to source.

Broccolini/Aspiration: Still somewhat tight but not the extreme shortages we have experienced in recent weeks.

Anise/Fennel: Extremely active with shortages wide spread.

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