

Produce Market Report September 18, 2018

GOOD BUYS FOR THE WEEK



Grapes: Continued abundant shipments out of California for all varieties of beautiful quality grapes. Besides **Red Seedless, White, Black Globes; We also have Lunch Bunch and Champagne Grapes** to grace your table.

Peaches, Nectarines & Red & Black Plums: There has been no change in the quality or availability of the California stone fruit. We still have lots of sweet peaches, nectarines and red and black plums. Over the next few weeks, expect these to wind down as we transition to apple and pear season.

Local Yellow & White

Peaches: Local peaches are still coming in from Crown Orchards and other orchardists in VA and WV.

Gala & Jonathan Apples:

Due in from Crown Orchards in Charlottesville at the end of this week.



Avocados: Excellent fruit from Mexico with good prices.

Cucumbers: This is about the only local veg that is still producing well.

Red & Yellow Peppers: Perfect now from California with reasonable prices.

Local Corner

Pennsylvania

Cucumbers

Zucchini & Yellow Squash

Beefsteak Tomatoes

Mixed Cherry Tomatoes

Coming This Week:

Spaghetti Squash

Acorn Squash

Pumpkins

Maryland

Mixed Cherry Tomatoes

Bi-Color & White Corn

Note: Local crops especially from Va. and NC are finished due to rain. Typically, we would move to Georgia next but Florence has caused issues.

Virginia

Yellow & White Peaches

It's Pear Season!

Now is the time to start featuring delectable, delicious and beautiful pears! Try them poached in a luscious port or marinated in a citrusy vinaigrette. Both boscs and yellow and red bartletts are down in price but don't forget those small gems like forelle, seckle and comice pears which are here with good volumes.



GOOD BUYS

Grapes

Peaches, Nectarines and Plums

Avocados

Cucumbers

Red and Yellow Peppers

KEEP IN MIND

Pears

Strawberries

Raspberries

Black Mission and Kadota Figs

Asparagus

Green Leaf, Red Leaf and Romaine

Green Onions, Leeks and Cilantro

WATCH

Local Veg

Small Size Oranges

Blackberries

European Cucumbers

Broccoli and Broccoli Crowns

Zucchini and Yellow Squash

Corn

Kale, Collard & Mustard Greens

KEEP IN MIND

Strawberries : Typically of the fall season, supplies of berries out of California tighten up. Both Driscolls and consumer brands are up.

Blueberries: All blues are coming from Peru now, as these shippers have the best quality on the market. In 6 oz. containers.

Raspberries: Steady pricing with excellent quality.

Cantaloupes & Honeydews: Slowing down from the west side but still outstanding sugar.



Black Mission & Kadota

Figs: These are as good as they get now from Maywood Farms.

Asparagus: Pricing on most sizes has leveled out from Peru but jumbo size is still high.

Green Leaf, Red Leaf, Iceberg, Romaine & Romaine Hearts: Prices are steady on these leafy greens.

WATCH

Hurricane Florence North Carolina Impact: Early reports from Eastern N.C. are that crops have been mostly destroyed by wind and unrelenting rain. The slow movement over western N.C, where the bulk of agriculture takes place in the state will affect availability of squash, green peppers, corn, and beans as most farmers expect a total loss from this harvest season.

Small Size Oranges: School demand is still outstripping supplies of small sizes including 88's 113's and 138's.

European Cucumbers: Lack of consistent sun has caused gapping and sizes are small with high prices.

Zucchini & Yellow Squash: Continued shortages of local squash supplies are the result of rain repeatedly washing out young, new plants in the early growing cycles.

Kale, Collard & Mustard Greens: Rain in Virginia caused thousands of acres to suffer root damage.

Broccoli: Much more active.

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