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## **MARKETNOTES**

#### PRODUCE MARKET REPORT

JUNE 21, 2021

## FREIGHT ISSUES

SHIPPING RATES ARE DRIVING PRICES UP

Freight rates are resulting from increases on cost of truck loads, the extended mileage from Yuma to Salinas with the transition, increase in fuel prices in addition to labor with shortage of drivers and warehouse pickers. National fuel prices have increased by 20% since January 4th.



### ZUCCHINI & YELLOW SQUASH The local season has kicked off with

excellent quality.

#### **GREENS**

Excellent quality local greens from White Marsh, MD - kale, collards, and mustard greens.

#### **AVOCADOS**

Beautiful quality on all sizes from Mexico.

#### **ARTICHOKES**

Excellent quality and great volume to include on your summer menus.

#### BERRIES

California strawberry volume is plentiful with good quality. Tail-end of the Georgia blackberry crop. Blueberries are in full pints with excellent quality. Raspberries with good availability.

#### **PEPPERS**

Volume and quality is excellent on all peppers.

#### **LEAFY GREENS**

All baby lettuces (arugula, baby spinach) and spring mix are new crop with excellent quality. B&W Wild Arugula is a great item with a peppery-kick.

#### **MANGO**

All Tommy Atkins variety with excellent quality.

#### **CORN**

Excellent quality on both yellow and white. The crop is quickly moving up the coast and will be local product very soon.

#### **BROCCOLI & CAULIFLOWER**

Both commodities are great quality, just dealing with some freight rates.



## >> PEAK SEASON

#### STONE FRUIT

Delicious yellow peaches, apricots, nectarines, and red + black plums are in stock. Cherries are new crop from Washington and Virginia.

#### **BEANS**

Recent hot weather has slowed down harvest, but quality remains great.

#### **CUCUMBERS**

Good volume continues from Georgia.

#### **CITRUS**

Plenty of availability on limes. Lemons are tight with high demands for summer. Florida juicing oranges have excellent flavor and sugar right now. Grapefruit is steady from California. Blood oranges and clementines are still available.

#### **GRAPES**

Crop has fully transitioned to Mexico and California with volume picking up and excellent quality. Cotton-candy available with notice.

#### **WET VEG**

Cilantro is slightly active due to the heat in the west, All other commodities (green onions, leeks, parsley) are steady.

#### **LETTUCE**

Heat in the growing areas is jumping up the market on romaine and iceberg. Red and green leaf remain steady.

#### **MELONS**

Due to excessive heat, there's slow harvest for both cantaloupes and honeydews so markets are tight. Watermelon is excellent from Florida.

#### **CELERY**

Excellent supplies with high freight rates.

#### **POTATOES & ONIONS**

Excellent quality on all new crop onions, good potato volume; high freight rate on both items

# LOCAL CORNER

#### MARYLAND

Squash Blossom | Baywater Farms Tomatoes | Hummingbird Farms Salad Mix, Hydro Lettuce | District Farms

Sugar Snap Peas + Rainbow Swiss Chard | Shlagel Farms

Kale, Collards, Mustard Greens, Spinach | Richardsons Farms

#### VIRGINIA

Zucchini | Lois's Produce
Cherries + Peaches | Crown Orchards

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Garlic Scapes | Hess Farms
Hydro Specialty Lettuces | Lakeville
Specialty

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Sweet Potatoes | Wood Packing House

# ALERT (())

#### **BRUSSELS SPROUTS**

Market is active due to heat and harvest.

#### **ASPARAGUS**

New crop from Mexico is two weeks behind harvest schedule, so supplies are tight.

#### TOMATOES

All tomatoes are in transition, with grapes, cherries, and romas in very tight supplies with some gapping possible. Demand exceeds supplies.

#### PEELED SHALLOTS

There is a shortage in France until the new crop starts in July. Pricing will continue up.

#### **BANANAS**

We anticipate the hot market to ease







