# RODUCE & GOURMET

# **GOOD BUYS**

The local season has kicked off with excellent quality.

#### BEANS

All local crop with beautiful quality.

#### **STONE FRUIT**

Delicious yellow peaches, apricots, nectarines, and red + black plums are in stock. Pluots are available with notice. It's peak season for cherries, so be sure to order before it's over! Local yellow and donut peaches are in.

#### MANGO

Tommy Atkins and Kent variety with great quality

#### GREENS

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

#### GRAPES

Excellent quality from California and Mexico. Champagne grapes are available with notice.

## MARKETNOTES

#### **PRODUCE MARKET REPORT** JULY 26, 2021

### >> PEAK SEASON

CELERY

Great supplies, but high freight.

#### LEAFY GREENS

All baby lettuces (arugula, baby kale, baby spinach) and spring mix are steady markets.

#### BROCCOLI & CAULIFLOWER

Markets are steady with good quality crop.

#### BERRIES

California strawberry and raspberry volume is plentiful with good quality. Local blueberries and blackberries are finishing this week, with new crop coming in with great quality.

#### PEPPERS

Market is steady on all colored peppers. Jalapenos, poblanos, and specialty peppers have an active market due to weather.

#### CITRUS

Lime market is steady. Lemons are tight with high demands for summer. We are into the new Valencia crop of oranges. Grapefruit, blood oranges, and clementines are still available.

#### WET VEG

Cilantro and green onions are active due to the heat in the west. Parsley and leeks are steady.

#### LETTUCE

Some relief on iceberg and romaine markets. Boston, and red and green leaf remain steady.

#### TOMATOES

Market is extremely hot on all commodities, we suggest switching to our local codes for now - Hanover beefsteaks and Godfrey grapes.

#### ASPARAGUS

Jumbo remains active, but overall market is steady from Mexico and Peru.

#### PEARS

New crop California Bartletts are in.

# LOCAL CORNER

#### MARYLAND Salad Mix | District Farms|

Kale, Collards, Mustard Greens| Richardsons Farms Corn, Tomatoes, Cantaloupe | Godfrey Farms Cantaloupe | Shlagel Farms

#### VIRGINIA

Peaches | Crown Orchards Green Peppers, Jalapenos, Tomatoes | Newmarket Farms

Bushel Beans | C+E Farms Corn | Parker Farms

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Squash Blueberries | Hess Farms Cauliflower, Squash, Rhubarb, Tomatoes | Sunny Harvest

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Sweet Potatoes | Wood Packing House

### ALERT 🛒

**PINEAPPLES** Extremely tight with shortages possible.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Market is tight due to low harvest volume.

#### AVOCADOS

Market has jumped way up due to crop rotations and harvest delays.

#### POTATOES

Idaho storage crop is finishing; red As + Bs are active due to summer challenges; Yukons are high due to freight rates.

#### SHALLOTS & ONIONS

Still waiting for more volume on new crop peeled shallots. Market is strong for red onions. Spanish onions are volatile until the new crop starts.



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#### ARTICHOKES

Excellent quality on 24 CT, 18 CT, and baby artichokes from Castroville.

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.

#### MELONS

New crop from the West Side has arrived with excellent sugar content. Seedless and yellow watermelon available from the Carolinas.

#### CORN

Yellow, white, and bi-color are all new, local crop with excellent quality.

#### CABBAGE

New York season has started, crop is great.