# RODUCE & GOURMET

# **GOOD BUYS**

#### Plentiful supplies on Central CA red and yellow (15 and 11 pound) peppers. Green peppers are from the east coast with good volume.

#### **GRAPES**

Excellent quality from California. Concord grapes are available, too.

#### **STONE FRUIT**

Nectarines will start to wind down, while we still have a while to go on delicious peaches and plums.

#### MANGO

Winding down out of Mexico, but excellent flavor!

#### **BABY LETTUCES**

Arugula, baby kale, baby spinach and spring mix are steady.

#### ARTICHOKES

Excellent quality on 24 and 18 CT from Castroville.

#### **POMEGRANATES**

Volume and quality continues to be excellent from California.

### MARKETNOT<u>ES</u>

#### **PRODUCE MARKET REPORT** SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

SUPPLY CHAIN

**ISSUES** 

RANSPORTATION.

WEATHER, AND LABOR

Freight rates continue to impact due to increases on the cost of truck loads, the ongoing upsurge in fuel prices, and labor shortage of drivers and

warehouse pickers. There are major heat waves out west and heavy rainfalls in the east causing crop damage in the fields. Additionally, labor shortages are affecting all markets but

California Bartletts, Boscs, and red pears

Summer crop will transition soon. Winter

squash is coming in from local growers.

Excellent quality and supplies from NY.

are in; Seckle and Forelle to come this

week. Local Asian pears are available.

especially on mushrooms.

CAULIFLOWER

PEARS

SQUASH

CORN

CABBAGE

CELERY

delivering on every detail

Excellent quality and volume.

All new crop from New York.

Great supplies and availability.

### >> PEAK SEASON

#### FIGS

Fig quality is excellent, but supplies are gapping due to high demand. **POTATOES** 

New crop Norkotah variety Idahos have started with excellent quality. A + B reds are excellent from the north-West.

#### CITRUS

Lemon and lime markets are steady. Smaller size oranges remain tight due to school demand. New crop blood oranges from South Africa. Clementines will transition to Morocco.

New crop is starting with good quality; firm markets on colossals and jumbo whites.

#### APPLES

More availability on all commodities. Local has started on some varieties. Slices are pro-rated. BERRIES

Raspberries are steady. Blackberries are holding steady from Mexico. Blueberries and strawberries remain active due to market transitions. Cranberries will start next week.

#### LETTUCE

Still an active market on romaine; iceberg has more availability this week. Red and green leaf, and Boston are all steady.

#### BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Harvest volumes are starting to improve, but market remains firm with high demand.

#### WET VEG

Parsley, cilantro, and leeks are steady. Green onions are returning to normal supply levels. **AVOCADOS** 

Market is improving but prices are holding for now since the crop is slow to ripen. There are no supply issues anymore.

#### GREENS

Our local grower is gapping on mustard and collard greens due to the recent rain.

## LOCAL CORNER

#### MARYLAND

Kale, Collards + Mustard Greens | Richardsons Farms Corn, Melon | Godfrey Farms Squash, Tomatoes | Shlagel Farms

#### VIRGINIA

Bushel Beans | C+E Farms Apples | Parker Farms Apples | Bowman Fruit Tomatoes, Yellow Watermelon | Lois's Produce

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Squash, Tomatoes | Hess Farms Eggplant, Melon, Squash| Sunny Harvest

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Sweet Potatoes | Wood Packing House

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Market is very tight with prorates on florets ASPARAGUS

Supplies remain tight with shipping delays from Peru. Very tight market on jumbos.

#### TOMATOES

Local tomatoes will wind down soon. Overall sourcing is difficult; Tennessee crop has excessive rain damage, and there's heat out west. Rounds, romas, and yellows are tight. **BEANS** 

Market is very active due to rain damage. Also low supplies on French beans.

#### MELONS

Active markets due to low supplies with high demands. Market will transition soon.

**PEELED GARLIC + SHALLOTS** Markets are extremely active.



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