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MARKET NEWS

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Tomato Price Alert

Tomato supplies on all varieties and all sizes continue to be very short. This is part of the aftermath from the Tropical Storms and Hurricanes earlier this year. Supplies out of Mexico are tightening as the pull from back east has greatly increased to fill the gap from the Florida shortfall. Because the California season has already ended every buyer is drawing on the same short stocks. Markets will remain extremely tight through December and into January.

Market News

Blueberries supplies continue to be moving but remains limited. Imports are gradually trending down. Chilean is slow and limited amounts are arriving. Demand has been strong. Market have remained steady. Quality is good.

Raspberries Supplies have become slightly limited. Salinas, Watsonville & Santa Maria harvest has ended. Markets to firm up and availability will become limited and snug. Demand and quality has been good.

Strawberries Supplies are improving. Shippers are expecting increased yield & volume. Market prices have been firm. Demand is strong. However as more volume comes, expect prices to drop quicker than expected. Quality has been fair but improving.

Artichokes Steady markets with higher prices. Good quality.

Asparagus Central Mexico production is at its peak. Overall markets are lower and movements are slow. Quality is good.

Brussel Sprouts market has leveled off after the holiday pull. Demand is steady which has kept the market at current levels. Quality is really nice with all size profiles available.

Gooseberries are available with very good quality.

Lemon Market is very active. Desert crop are lighter in volume, production is starting to fall off. Demand remains very good and is exceeding supplies.

Valencia Texas crop are readily available, with good demand! The fruit looks and tastes great. Quality is very nice. Prices high.

Satsumas Eating quality is great. We will have this treat through-out December.

Grapes: Greens has no major changes on the market. Quality remains very good. Supplies should carry well into December. Imports should start arriving later in December.

Reds are still hand in hand with green grapes as far as markets and quality. Supplies should also carry well into December.

Pomegranate very good quality with steady pricing.

Persimmons Fuyu and Hachiya varieties are available. Very good quality.

Corn: sweet corn supplies are improving as new crop production begins.

Bells: *Green Bells* volume is past peak volume in Coachella. Supplies are beginning to increase but still with smaller sizes. Market remains strong until volume increases. *Yellow, Orange and Red Bells* supply remains very light.

Coachella has low production with some growers expecting higher volume in couple of weeks. Market should remain very strong until Coachella reaches its peak.

Green Beans: Improving supplies and markets are dropping as production ramps up.

Squash: High volume available on all summer squash. Zucchini supplies should remain steady. Quality is mostly good.

Watermelon: Seedless production from Mexico is down with the cooler overnight low temperatures affecting the fall crop. Quality is mostly good. Supplies are winding down. Market is very strong on bigger sizes.

Carrots: continue on at a steady pace since the new crop has arrived. Normal supplies and good quality going forward for the next several weeks.

Limes are stable. Supplies have improved. Demand has been steady. Quality has being report-ed as strong. Market prices have slightly come down.

Tomatillo Good supply and quality on both peeled and husked. Currently producing higher volume than other chili varieties.



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