



This Week's Specials

Ruby Grapefruit
48ct /Florida

Cucumbers
36ct

Rainbow Carrots
24# sk

Yukon Creamers
50 # cs

\$13.80 / cs

\$9.80 / cs

\$8.80 / sk

\$38.50 / cs

Stemmeries will be very limited due to the recent rains. Please keep this in mind as we get closer to Valentines Day. Pre-orders would be greatly appreciated.

MARKET NOTES

Weather :

Things have quieted down since the end of last week. There may be more moisture coming our way but for now things are dry. We are waiting to hear from growers in the affected regions as to what the expected recovery period will be since crop assessments will be an ongoing process. Hopefully Mother Nature gives us some time to dry out. Only thing we know currently is that products from the affected areas will definitely have quality issues and shorter shelf life.

Limited

Broccoli Romanesque
Easter Egg Radishes
Micro Rainbow Mix
Rainbow Chard
Chives

Tarragon
Bloomsdale Spinach
Chervil

Down Market

Artichokes
Snap Peas
Broccoli
Cauliflower
Celery

Best Buys

Eggplant
Medium Zucchini
Extra Fancy Zucchini
Roma Tomatoes
Red Leaf Lettuce

Up Market

Bluelake Beans
Sack Gold Beets
Brussel Sprouts
Kale

New

Cocktail Grapefruit
Florida Honey Tangerines
Minneola Tangelos
Organic Green Garlic

Pickled Peri Peri Peppers
California Asparagus
California Avocado
Hot House Rhubarb

Upcoming

Bergamot Orange
California Cherimoya
Cape Gooseberries
Chilean Red Currants
Palestinian Sweet Limes

Finishing / Done

Delicata Squash
Honeycrisp Apples
Lady Apples
Crab Apples
Pomegranates & Quince
Satsuma Mandarins
Sugar Pies Pumpkins

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Market-at-a-Glance

LETTUCES

Quality will continue to be problematic due to the recent rains. Some of the leaf lettuces coming out of the desert may be a little tattered. Everyone is hoping that there is enough of a dry spell for the fields to shape up.

ONIONS | POTATOES

MARKET IS GOOD AND STEADY. ONIONS ARE COMING IN VERY FIRM AND WITH GOOD WEIGHT. ON THE SPUD SIDE, NOTHING MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST WEEK EXCEPT FOR "NEW CROP" PURPLE FINGERLINGS.

TOMATOES

Cherry Tomatoes are coming in slightly on the pinkish side so a little time is needed for them to color up. Roma tomatoes are your best bet at this time. Slicing tomatoes are available but not at full color. Red Clusters' have been very consistent.

MISC. VEGGIES

Supplies of Zucchini has improved and quality is very good. Yellow squash is still very short.

Green Onions - No significant issues has arisen. Quality is good with most packing thin size bunches

Peppers - Quality on both Red and Yellow Bells continue to be very good both in color and firmness. Green Bells may be a little tight until next week.

Artichokes - Bad news on all fronts. Baby loose is almost non-existent and larger sizes are extremely limited. Harvesting is behind schedule. However, prices are starting to come down.

Broccoli - Both quality and availability is good. Prices will start to creep up due to the weather.

Cauliflower - Spotting and discoloration continues to be sporadic, but supplies are good. Same boat as Broccoli where price is concerned.

Celery - Demand is still high but prices coming off with both coasts pulling from Oxnard. Almost nothing coming out of Florida due to the freeze. Most consistent size is 24 count.

APPLES | PEARS

Apples coming out of Washington are out of storage. The best of the apple bunch has been the Fuji. On the pear front: Seckles, French Butter and Forelles are winding down. Current choices would be Comice, Red & Green D'anjou, Bosc, Bartlett and Asian pears. New crop Chilean Bartletts are available but price is high.

AVOCADOS

California fruit is here !! Oil content is good but expected to get better. Supply is good so far but we'll see if there are any weather related issues in the weeks to come. Don't forget this weekend is da BIG GAME !!

ASPARAGUS

Large size spears have been very consistent on both quality and supply. Jumbo and Pencil remain light. Flavor and color are very good. California grass out of Brawley starts this week.

BERRIES

*** The AFTERMATH : As growers wait for fields to dry up.

Strawberries - Oxnard, Irvine and Oceanside all received over 2 inches of rain this past week. Problems will be **white shoulders, mold, water damage and bruising**. The Valentines' Day pull will start next week but promises to be very challenging,

Raspberries - Quality and supply good. Driscoll has been steady with decent size berries.

Blackberries - Supplies are limited and quality is just fair. Shelf life is very short.

Blueberries - This is the best of the bunch. Both quality and flavor is very good.

GRAPES

Quality is good on both Red and Green from Chile. Price is starting to come down. Black grapes will be limited but quality is good.

MELONS

Cantaloupes - Small size fruit is very limited. Product out of Honduras is limited by the containers arriving on our shores. Costa Rica will be starting within a week or so but supplies will be light. Overall quality is good.

Honeydews - Good supply of 5 and 6 count fruit coming in at a steady pace. Very limited on small sizes. Quality is good. Pink flesh Honeydew also available.

We still have tasty Organic Crenshaws and imported Galias on hand.

Watermelon - price on an upward trend.