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## Top 5 Five

### 1. ROMAINE HEARTS **ALERT!**

Demand exceeds supply, product gapping due to rain in March during planting.

### 3. AVOCADO **ALERT!**

Strong demand continues.

### 2. GARLIC **ALERT!**

Demand exceeds supply until we are into the new harvest.

### 4. BELL PEPPERS

Demand exceeds supply due to high heat in growing regions.

### 5. GREEN BEANS

Product is in a gap due to weather issues in growing regions.

## New! Outlook

### WEST COAST

CA is bracing for another warm week, particularly in the South Desert and Central Valley. Salinas has not seen much marine layer, causing nights to remain warm.

### MEXICO

We are seeing varying warm and wet weather in the Central and Southern states of Mexico.

### EAST COAST

We are into our typical summer pattern with high heat, scattered to heavy rains, and humidity.



### asparagus

The majority of production is coming from Central Mexico with very good quality; spears are firm with compact tips and color. Expect domestic supplies to start winding down, quality remains fair to good. Supplies from Peru are very limited this week due to cool temps.



### avocados **ALERT!**

Mexican fruit is mostly done until mid- to late-July. CA avocado are at peak and well into demand exceeds supply.



### beans, green

Product is in a gap due to weather issues in growing regions and the market is higher. Quality is improved post transition. The light water spotting reported should dry out and provide improved shelf life.



### berries—black, blue, & raspberry

**Blueberries:** Expect occasional textural issues as CA's Central Valley is amidst another heat wave.

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### berries—strawberry

Mostly good quality, texture is the concern during this heat wave.



### broccoli & cauliflower

**Broccoli:** Quality is fair to good, with issues such as hollow core, knuckling, and yellowing. Mexican quality is fair to mostly good, with hollow core, yellowing, occasional pin rot, and knuckling. **Cauliflower:** Availability and quality are good, with increasing pressure due to elevated heat in growing regions.



### celery

The new Salinas crop continues to look very good, with no major defects.

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## citrus

**Lemons:** Lemons are coming from District 2 with good quality. **Limes:** Increased rainfall in production areas will slow harvest; quality is fair to good. **Oranges:** We are transitioning from branded Navels to Packer Valencia fruit. Quality is good despite 100+ temps.

## cucumbers

Cukes will be limited this week, as elevated temps are causing sunken ends, pale color, and a shortened shelf life. Supplies and quality will not improve until the MI growing season is in full production in a week or two.

## eggplant

Supplies are steady with good quality being reported in GA. Both Choice and Fancy are available.

## grapes

Quality is good on the new North American crops; we may see occasional variation in sizing lot to lot. High heat may reduce availability out of Mexico.

## lettuce ALERT!

**Iceberg:** Quality and availability are good. **Leaf:** Fair to good quality, some internal burn, fringe burn, and mildew. **Romaine:** Quality is fair to good, with occasional burn, mildew, under-sizing, and insect damage. **Romaine Hearts:** Demand exceeds supply due to a gap from rain in March's planting month.

## melons

Cantaloupes are starting from the Westside next week; quality is good so far. Honeydews are coming from several places including Nogales, the desert, and Bakersfield. Quality is good.

## onions

Light mechanical damage, neck cuts, and occasional surface mold—store at 40–45° F to inhibit sprouting, and ensure ample airflow.

## peppers

Demand exceeds supply due to high heat in growing regions. GA is waning; size is rapidly falling off. New fields in NC have started this week with good sizing and quality. CA has a shortage due to high temps out West, which will cause a higher eastern demand. Expect light supplies until NC starts producing steady supplies.

## potatoes

Some pressure bruising, healed cuts, and light internal damage reported.

## squash

Squash supplies are tight and quality is fair at best. GA zucchini is waning and yellow squash is scarce with some scuffing and scarring issues. Supplies and quality will improve as TN starts next week, followed by MI and NJ.

## tomatoes—cherry & grape

Plentiful volume, small summer crops are popping up all around the U.S. Quality is good; expect relatively low markets for the coming weeks.

## tomatoes—roma & round

Warm temps in the East and West have brought fruit on quickly. Markets have dipped due to increased supply and multiple overlapping regions. Quality is improving as crops dry out from recent heavy rains in the East. VA/MD start large volume next week.

## Reality Check

VEGETABLES	Supply			Price				
	HIGH	INCREASING	DECREASING	LOW	HIGH	INCREASING	DECREASING	LOW
Asparagus		•				•		
Green Beans			•			•		
Broccoli		•				•		
Cabbage								•
Carrots		•				•		
Cauliflower		•				•		
Celery	•							•
Corn		•				•		
Cucumbers		•				•		
Eggplant		•				•		
Herbs		•				•		
Lettuce – Iceberg		•				•		
Lettuce – Leaf (G/R)		•				•		
Lettuce – Romaine				•	•			
Lettuce – Spring Mi*		•				•		
Mushrooms		•				•		
Onions – Yellow	•							•
Onions – Red	•							•
Onions – Green		•				•		
Peas – Snow/Snap		•				•		
Peppers – Chiles						•		
Peppers – G,R,Y		•				•		
Potatoes – Russet	•							•
Potatoes – R/W/Yuk		•				•		
Potatoes – Yams		•				•		
Spinach		•				•		
Squash – Yellow		•				•		
Squash – Zucchini		•				•		
Tomatoes – Round	•					•		
Tomatoes – Roma		•				•		
Tomatoes – Grape/Cherry		•				•		
<b>FRUIT</b>								
Apples		•				•		
Avocados				•	•			
Bananas – CR/HN			•			•		
Bananas – GU			•			•		
Berries – Blackberries		•				•		
Berries – Blueberries		•				•		
Berries – Raspberries		•				•		
Berries – Strawberries	•					•		
Citrus – Grapefruit		•				•		
Citrus – Lemons		•				•		
Citrus – Limes	•							•
Citrus – Oranges		•				•		
Grapes			•			•		
Kiwifruit		•				•		
Melons – (C/H)		•				•		
Melons – Watermelon		•				•		
Pears								
Pineapple			•			•		

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