

Notes from the Greengrocer

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Locally Grown

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Organic Apricots
Item #4630
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In Season Right Now

Rainer Cherries	Morel Mushroom
White Peaches	Casaba Melon
Rambutan	Black Plums
Apricots	Red Plums
Passion Fruit	Galia Melon
Dragon Fruit	Persian Melon

Tomato Report: Prices continue to rise for round slicing, roma, cherry, and grape tomatoes. The excessive rain and hail in Florida have continued to drive tomatoe prices higher. Tomato production has finished in Mexico, leaving Baja California as the primary harvest area for both the West and East coast.

Lettuce Report: Iceberg prices and supply are steady this week. Romaine and leaf lettuces are in great supply. Some quality issues are being reported for iceberg, romaine, and leaf lettuces such as burn inside the product.

Berry News: Strawberries are large and flavorful. Quality is excellent and supplies are steady. Stem Berries are also available. Raspberries are in good supply with great quality. Blackberries are being harvested out of Watsonville-Salinas area. Blueberries continue to be harvested out of San Joaquin Valley.

Fruit Report: Valencia oranges are in great supply on the smaller sizes (88, 113, & 138) Lemon prices continue to rise with the approach of the Summer Season. Chilean imported lemons are expected to arrive by July and provide some relief to the higher than usual prices. Small sized limes from Mexico (175, 200, and 230) are in oversupply right now and prices are very competitive. Pineapple from Central America is in good supply. Cantaloupe melons are in tight supply resulting in high prices. Honeydew melons are in good supply, and prices are beginning to trend lower. Gala apples have now finished for the season. Apricots are limited in supply, but supply is increasing for black and red plums. Early season yellow peaches and nectarines are in good supply. Bing Cherries are expected to come in toward the later part of June.

Vegetable Report: Due to the horrible rain conditions in Florida expect higher prices on squash, corn, and beans. Prices remain firm for bunched broccoli, broccoli crowns, and cauliflower. The asparagus season is winding down in Salinas. Red and Gold peppers are in good supply and coming out of Coachella and Nogales. Availability remains very tight for green bell peppers. Supplies are for eggplant are in good supply. Large size potatoes have finally firmed up on price. Onion market is starting to become active due to wet weather, gaps in productions, and smaller sizes have led to demand exceeding supplies.