

From Jun:

APPLES: All Apple harvest is done and in controlled atmosphere storage from now on. We have Organic Gold, Fuji and Granny Smith on hand. Crab Apple is done for the season. Lady Apple should run through January and Honey Crisp is expected to run for another 10/14 days.

ASPARAGUS: Supply has loosened up this week. Demand for Mexican Asparagus slowed down and production from Northern Mexico has picked up. Expect Prices should come down this week. California is expected to start in February. Peruvian White asparagus is available year round.

ARTICHOKES: Supply will be tight through the winter season. Ocean Mist will continue shipping the Mistee label Frost Kiss Artichokes; they also reported that they will not harvest this weekend due to frost in the Castroville area. We will continue to source different labels and varieties to cover demand.

AVOCADOS: There's good supply for Mexican fruit this week; price is slowly creeping up as Super Bowl weekend approaches. We will transition back to California around Mid March. Avocado Pulp is available year round from Mexico.

BERRIES:

- Blackberries: Price is up this week due to limited supply and heavy demand for Mexican fruit. Chile and Guatemala are expected to start the last week of January and CA around March.
- Blueberries: Plenty of Chilean fruit around but quality is starting to show some breakdown; price has gone up this week. California is available but limited and expensive.
- Raspberries: Supply and price is steady coming from Oxnard.
- Strawberries: Supply remains very tight due to cold weather in the growing area. Quality remains the same coming in with more white shoulders than normal. Stem Berries are available by 2 day pre order.
- Huckleberries: Fresh Coastal Huckleberries are still available from Oregon; first heavy wind storm will end their season. We have plenty of frozen Coastal variety berries on hand.

BEANS: Supply for French has improved with more growing areas starting up in Mexico; quality remains inconsistent right now. Wax beans remain tight also due to poor quality. Iacopi has good supply of dried Italian Butter Beans and limited Dried Gigante available year round (Louie Iacopi is on vacation till January 25th; Mike will take over sales and delivery for now). Cultivated Sea Beans are coming in from Mexico - available by 2 day pre order.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS: Production remains steady coming in from Half Moon Bay and heavy in Salinas area; price has come off. Mexico has started but with slow production.

CARROTS: Production has slowed down in Bakersfield due to cold weather this week; price is up starting this week. AZ has started up to cover demand. Rainbow Carrots are available grown in AZ from now on.

CHILES: All varieties are grown in Mexico with good supply. Tomatillos supply is tight and expensive; growers in Mexico reported heavy damage from cold weather. Jicama is also from Mexico.

CITRUS: Lemon supply is steady coming from the Riverside area - volume is heavier on larger sizes. Grapefruit supply is coming from Texas using the Rio Red variety; season will run through April then moves back to California. Navel Orange supply is excellent with more labels available this week. Blood Oranges are available with better quality coming in every week; Cara Cara is available coming in from the San Joaquin Valley. Meyer Lemons are available from California with good supply. Blue Jay label Satsuma Mandarins are available this week from the Fresno area. Page Mandarins have started, grown in San Joaquin and available till mid/end of February.

CUCUMBERS: English Cucumber supply has tightened up; Canada has started using Mexican Cucumbers this week. Wilgenburg Farms will start back sometime in March. Pickling Cucumbers are coming from Mexico packed in 50 lb boxes. Japanese Cucumbers are available coming from the Salinas area.

ENDIVE: Supply is pretty much back on line for all colors this week.

GARLIC: New Crop Organic Garlic is available from Southern California. Monviso variety Colossal Garlic and Whole Peeled Garlic are grown in California, available from Christopher Ranch. Peeled Chopped Ginger is available coming from Hawaii. Black Garlic is also available from Korea. Whole Peeled Pearl Onions are coming in from Idaho and available from Christopher Ranch packed in a 4x5 lb case. Fresh Shallots are available from Washington.

GRAPES: Chilean Red Flames supply limited this week; boat arrivals are coming in only twice a week. Green Grapes are also coming in from Chile; expect prices to be very expensive especially for larger size grapes.

HERBS: Basil supply has improved this week coming from Mexico; quality remains inconsistent. Chives are also limited, also coming from Mexico. Our local Mint grower is done and expected to come back in March; we are subbing Organic when available. Chervil will continue to come from California almost year round.

MACHE: Epic Roots reported that they will not harvest Mache for the entire week due to frost damage on the plants; they reported black spotting on the leaves which will quickly cause breakdown. Hydro Mache and Upland Cress are back with good supply; production has picked up and airline space has loosened up.

MUSHROOMS: Chanterelle supply is almost nonexistent; Oregon season is done and California is hurting from dry weather. Hedgehogs are available from Oregon and expected to run til April. Organic Hen of the Woods is available from California almost year round.

MUSHROOMS, Continued: Shimeji are available from China and Enoki are available from Korea. Oyster Mushrooms are available from China and California. Shiitakes Mushrooms are available mainly from China. Supply on Portobello and Portobellini has improved from both California and Pennsylvania. White Mushroom supply is tight including Jumbo coming from California and Canada; Brown Mushrooms are also very tight coming from California and Canada. Alba, Brown Clamshell, Toy Box, Trumpet Royale, Nebrodini and Chef's Sampler Mix are all Organic available local year round.

ONIONS: Jumbo White Onions are in from Nevada; season is expected to run through January. Cippolini Onions are coming from Idaho and Washington available almost year round. Pearl Onions are coming from Idaho also available year round. Green Onion is coming from Mexico; supply will remain steady this week.

PEARS: All varieties are coming in from Washington with Bartlett Pears expected to end first; we will have a gap until Argentina and Chile start in March. Organic Bartlett is done and Organic D'Anjou is still available from Washington. California Shinko Asian Pears are expected to end next week; we will gap until Chilean starts the last week of February.

POTATOES: Banana Fingerlings, French Fingerling, Purple Peruvian and Ruby Crescent are available from Oregon and Bakersfield. Kennebec Potatoes are coming in from the Oregon/Washington area with good supply and quality. Yukon Gold from Washington is expected to run through February; Bakers are very limited. California has started but limited in all sizes. Washington Red should run until March; California should be ready with good quality by then. Castle Rock Potatoes are available from Oregon. Winnemuccas are coming in from Nevada. New crop Garnet, Sweet, Jewel and Japanese Sweet are coming in from the San Joaquin area.

SQUASH: Acorn, Butternut, Kabocha and Spaghetti are all coming from Mexico. Baby Squashes are coming from Mexico, available by 2 day pre order.

TOMATOES: Good supply on all sizes and varieties; prices have come off but color remains the main issue the last two weeks. Grape and Cherry Tomatoes are coming in from Baja Mexico and limited from Florida.

TROPICALS: Kent variety Mangos are coming in from Peru; season is expected to run until April but we normally switch to Mexico around the end of February. Pineapples are coming from Costa Rica and Ecuador, plus limited from Hawaii. Kiwis are new crop in from CA.

From Gary:

New items this week:

- County Line Farm (South); Organic Tat Soi and Rocolla - 3 lb packs.
- Coke Farm: Organic Meyer Lemons -10 lb pack
- Kajiko Nursery: Conventional Watercress - 12 ct pack
- Knoll Farm: Organic Cardoon Stalks. Sold by the pound.
- Sweet Harvest: Organic Cara Cara Oranges - 18lb pack
- T&D Willey Farm: Organic Baby Red and Yukon Potatoes - 25 lb pack

Items that are gapping or limited this week:

- Cantaloupe and Honeydew Melons are very limited and the most expensive they have been in years! Supply from both Guatemala and Mexico will not improve for several weeks. Demand is still high despite the cost.
- Zucchini supplies are still very limited to start the week and prices are steady. We may see some relief this week.
- Organic and conventional Escarole have been gapping for a week.

We have been subbing Escarole Hearts and will continue to sub early this week as available with all the rain.

- Organic Cilantro and Italian Parsley supplies are hit or miss because of the cool, rainy weather.
- Faurot Ranch is still gapping on Baby Carrots for the next few weeks. We are filling in with Underwood Ranch product.
- Baby Chiogga Beets are gapping from all sources this week. We are filling in with a clip topped Baby Chiogga from Coke Farms. 10lb pack or by the pound. Baby Gold/Red Beet supplies okay for now.
- Cheddar, Green and Purple Cauliflower are gapping due to spotting and overall poor quality. We have discontinued them for the short term until new crops in Arizona are ready.
- All local Flower Blossoms are very limited due to cool and rainy weather. We may see limited amounts later in the week as the weather is expected to warm up.
- Yah Whooo Farm's Micro Greens have been gapping since late last week due to freezing temperatures. We will hopefully have their Micros back Monday night.
- Green Leaf Lettuce supplies are limited and more expensive than all other leaf items. Supply should improve this week or next with warmer weather down South.
- T&D Willey Farms Nantes Carrots are gapping. We are filling in with Capay Nantes Carrots for now.

Notes:

- Seedless Watermelon supply is good and prices are falling on the new Jalisco crop in Mexico.
- Mexican grown White and Yellow Corn supplies are good and prices steady.
- Green Bell Pepper supplies are improving and the prices are dropping this week. Red and Yellow Bell prices and supplies steady.
- Yellow Squash supplies have improved this week after a two week gap. Prices are still high.
- Blue Lake Beans, Cucumbers and Eggplant supplies and prices are steady this week.
- Mexican grown Limes are steady in price to start the week but are expected to rise later this week or next. The limes have greener skin but are starting to have less juice.
- Texas grown Juice Oranges are starting to transition from the Hamlin and Mars varieties to Valencia in a week or two. We will stay with the old crop for a few more weeks as the Brix is higher.
- Russet Potatoes and Onions supplies are steady this week. Transportation has been an issue with the heavy snow and rain in the Northwest but should improve this week.
- Broccoli, Broccoli Crowns, Broccoli Rapini and Cauliflower, Cilantro, Fennel, Leek, Italian Parsley supplies and prices steady this week.
- Green, Napa and Red Cabbage and Celery prices are up with strong demand.
- Butter, Red Leaf, Iceberg and Romaine Lettuce along with Romaine Hearts are in good supply with steady pricing this week. Spring Mix, Wild Arugula, Baby Spinach supplies steady this week.

Additional Notes:

- Calamansi are in from California Specialty Citrus. Next harvest is on Thursday and they will be limited availability for 3-4 weeks.
- No Epic Roots Mache available due to heavy frosts.
- Chanterelles are done for now. Some will be available mid February.
- Will be hearing Finger Lime info soon.