



Newsletter

Melons Cantaloupe supplies are steady with a good run of sizes, however larger sizes are starting to get a little tighter here on the West Coast. Quality is also still very good. Honeydew supplies are still very short here on the West Coast, and only limited supplies coming out of Mexico / Nogales. Quality on honeydews are mixed.

Watermelons Good supplies of large and much better quality fruit continue to flow from Southern Mexico. Smaller sized fruit (60ct Bins, 5ct Ctns) remain on the short side and continue to pull a premium FOB. Mini Seedless are demand exceeds with most of Mexico gapping and offshore supplies brought to the states for program business.

Grapes We are currently waiting for Peruvian / Chilean grapes to arrive. All grapes are in a demand exceeds situation and I feel that we will be facing this situation until mid-February. Vessel delays / unloading are compounding the situation.

Citrus navels – Demand has increased as exports are continuing to come in. The market is advancing also. Smaller fruit is demand exceeds, quality is very good. No rain in the forecast for the next 10 days. Lemon demand is picking up here also (exports), Dist. III is finishing up and Dist. I is in full swing. Fruit quality is very nice. Mandarins we will start new varieties in the next few weeks. This crop is very light on the trees. Grapefruit, we have good supplies here. Varietals are available Cara, bloods, minneolas, few sevellies.

Vegetables – Happy New Year! Eat more veggies!

Pineapple All sizes available, prices are steady.

Pears & Apples

Both Pears and Apples available out of northwest good supply.

Berries

Blueberries- Supplies remain tight as we finish up Peruvian fruit and are waiting for Chilean fruit to start arriving. Some Argentinian fruit is showing up. Expect the market to stay very tight for another week to 10 days.

Strawberries- CA finishing up, MX and FL trying to get started, market remains very tight

Blackberries- Tighter supplies this week

Raspberries – Tighter supplies this week.

Kiwi Chilean,

California Kiwi continues to be available. California crop is peaking on size 36, prices steady. Kiwi is firm with occasional soft and has a nice round shape.

Tree Fruit

Chilean cherries and nectarines available on both coasts. Chilean peaches will start January 17th. Plums expected to arrive late January early February.

Onions Lancaster, Ca is the last shipping point out of California. All eyes will be focused on the northwest for onion needs. The northwest is seeing mostly medium sized onions with few jumbos and larger. Markets are strong across the board.

Potatoes White potatoes are in short supply. Few shippers will start digging in Bakersfield for their winter crop in a few weeks. This is generally a short season. Fob's will remain strong on whites for the time being. Red and yellows will see no change.