



Newsletter

Melons Both cantaloupes and honeydew volume will be much lighter this week here on the West Coast as more is staying East Coast as cargo/freight cost are much higher coming West. Smaller size loupes (12 & 15) and dews (6 & 8) will be very limited, however Custom should have good supplies midweek. Quality on both loupes and des is good to excellent.

Watermelons Supplies of MX fruit have fallen off as several shippers wind down southern fields and prepare to migrate north. This week will be the shortest supply wise and the upswing in FOB's is a direct reflection. Quality has fallen off with a few shippers but this is a limited situation that will correct itself with new acreage coming into play. Offshore supplies are available on both coasts, heavier to the East as weather has taken its toll on movement. Mini seedless continue to be in short supply.

Grapes Grapes are in a demand exceeds situation on both coasts. We might see some availability next week.

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. I is in full swing. Fruit quality is very nice. Mandarins we will start new varieties in the next week. This crop is very light on the trees. Grapefruit, we have good supplies here. Varietals are available Cara, bloods, minneolas, few sevellies.

Vegetables Green bell pepper market should be stable this week as supply and demand are evenly matched up. Red and gold bell pepper will be short this week as volume has dipped due to cooler western weather. Cucumber volume is steady with decent demand from West Coast. East Coast demand will be slightly off due to colder weather. Zucchini and yellow squash still light this week due to cold weather on the West Coast, but should see more volume by late next week.

Pineapple All sizes available, prices are steady.

Pears & Apples

Both Pears and Apples available out of northwest good supply.

Berries

Blueberries-More fruit is becoming available off both the West and East coast, Chilean fruit. There are more crossing of Mexican blues into Texas. Both conventional and organic blueberries available.

Strawberries-Fruit remains very tight, as cooler weather in CA and in MX has hampered production. Let's see what next week brings. Weather looks to be warming in CA next week.

Blackberries- Production is beginning to increase out of Mexico, with fruit available out of TX and CA.

Raspberries- Production is beginning to increase out of Mexico, with fruit available out of TX and CA.

Kiwi

California kiwi sizes mostly 36 and smaller, larger sizes are limited. Fruit is firm with occasional softness with a nice, round shape. Greek and Italian kiwi available.

Tree Fruit

Peach and nectarine available on both coasts. Vessel arrivals continue to make it a little difficult to know what volume will be. Best to pre-book. Plums will start arriving in the middle of February.

Onions Lancaster, Ca is the 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 are digging in Bakersfield for their winter crop. This is generally a short season.

Fob's will remain strong on whites for the time being. Red and yellows will see no change.