

# The Source

Commodity of the Month -  
Grapes / Melons / Pineapple

## MARKET ALERTS

**Asparagus:** Asparagus remains tight but improving as Mexico, Peru, and U.S. domestic regions ramp up into mid-to-late May.

**Carrots:** Imperial Valley leads production; supply should improve in 3–4 weeks as Bakersfield returns, with slowed harvests helping sizing and availability.

**Citrus (Lemons):** District 2 is the main lemon region supported by District 1; mostly choice fruit, with peak sizing at 115/95/140ct and tight supply on 165ct and smaller.

**Citrus (Oranges):** Navels are mostly large sizes (56/72ct) with small fruit tight through season; flexibility needed, with 88/72ct encouraged for programs.

**Onions:** PNW onions are ending early, Texas is limited from rain, and California is the main supply source.

**Pineapple:** Pineapple market is steady but tight; supply improving in larger crown sizes, while smaller and organic remain limited.

**Tomatoes:** Tomato prices are declining as supply improves and demand softens. Roma leads the drop, rounds are easing, and grapes are steady.

**MAY 6, 2026**

## CROP UPDATES

Markets are easing after Mother's Day, but supplies remain tight in row crops due to weather and disease in Salinas. Iceberg, broccoli, cauliflower, and romaine are still below normal, though iceberg is improving slightly. Tomatoes are declining as Florida, Baja, and Mexico ramp up, with grapes and cherries most stable. Strawberries are stabilizing as weather improves and demand softens.

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## WEATHER

**California:** High pressure brings warming through the weekend, with lows in the 40s–50s and highs rising from 60s–80s Wednesday to near 100 inland by Sunday.

**Mexico:** Warm temps with light showers through Thursday, becoming scattered Friday and easing Saturday; most rain light with isolated heavier thunderstorms possible.

**Florida:** Dry through Thursday, then brief light showers in North Florida Friday–weekend; temps warm, dip slightly Fri/Sat, then rebound Sunday.

**Arizona:** Low deserts warm sharply under strong high pressure, with highs rising from 80s–90s Wednesday to 100+ by Sunday; lows also trend warmer with light southwest winds.

## FREIGHT

Freight this week continues to see shipper delays due to slower harvest times, and leftover effect of rain from last week. We are still expecting the freight market to be affected by these delays and will likely continue into May



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# Commodity Updates



## Apples

The market remains steady with minimal overall movement. Supplies are declining seasonally and are expected to stay aligned with softer demand in May. As schools break for summer, pricing should hold close to current levels. Retail bag programs continue to absorb a significant share of smaller fruit, prompting foodservice buyers to adjust with alternative sizes. Availability of 100-count and smaller fruit remains limited across Cosmic Crisp, Honeycrisp, Pink Lady, and Gala, and this pattern is likely to continue through the end of the season until the new crop arrives.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Hudson, New York (September - June)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



## Asparagus



U.S. asparagus supply remains tight following the end of Sonora production and limited Baja volume, though availability should improve by mid-to-late May as Mexico ramps up. Peruvian supply is constrained by high freight demand but is expected to ease, with quality gradually improving. Domestic production is increasing, led by strong progress in Michigan and steady output from other regions, helping to relieve market pressure.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Caborca (Year Round)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair
Peru (Year Round)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair
Mexico (November - May)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair



## Avocados

Markets remain steady at lower levels with ample fruit on the trees and consistent demand. Peak sizing is 48ct, and dry matter/oil content in the low 30s is delivering excellent eating quality. I'll keep everyone updated with any changes on the avocado front.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
California (April - July)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



## Bell Peppers

Peppers are moving through seasonal transitions, with Nogales and Florida winding down quickly. California production has begun with good quality and is peaking on XL sizes, and Georgia is just around the corner. The green pepper market is expected to remain fairly steady in the coming weeks. Red bells remain limited as Nogales finishes up, with the first California desert harvest starting late this week. The red market is expected to stay tight until California volumes increase.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (May - October)	Steady	\$\$\$	Excellent
Florida (November - May)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Mexico (November - May)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair

Price Key: \$\$\$ -Low, \$\$\$ -Steady, \$\$\$ -High

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# Commodity Updates



## Berries (Blackberries)

California is starting to reach peak volumes. CEMEX continues to move strong shipments into the U.S., and Georgia is expected to begin in about two weeks.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



## Berries (Blueberries)

CMEX, California, Georgia, and Florida are all in production, helping ease pricing across all pack styles. The PNW is expected to begin in the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Dover, Florida (Year Round)		\$\$\$	Good
McAllen, Texas (Year Round)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



## Berries (Raspberries)

California production is underway, and availability continues to improve. We are still seeing some CMEX product being transferred into the U.S.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
McAllen (October - May)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



## Berries (Strawberries)

The Mother's Day pull is subsiding, and demand is beginning to ease, though market conditions remain tight. Production is expected to improve in Santa Maria, Salinas, and Watsonville, with the market likely to soften next week.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Fair

Price Key: \$\$\$ -Low, \$\$ -Steady, \$ -High

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# Commodity Updates



## Broccoli

Broccoli supplies remain limited, but the market is expected to ease slightly next week as weather improves and the Mother's Day pull subsides.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Santa Maria, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Fair
Salinas, California (May- October)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair



## Brussel Sprouts

Brussels sprout supplies are fair but slightly tight, with the market expected to remain steady heading into the weekend.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (December-August)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair
Oxnard / Salinas, CA (May - July) (July-Dec)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair



## Carrots



The Imperial Valley is currently the main production region. Availability should improve in the next 3-4 weeks as Bakersfield ramps back up, weather permitting. Early harvesting in Imperial Valley, driven by limited Bakersfield supply, resulted in smaller sizing, prompting growers to slow harvests to allow for proper sizing. While the market has been under pressure, this pause should support better sizing and stronger availability in the coming weeks.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Imperial Valley (February - May)	High	\$\$\$	Excellent
Kern County (October - Feb)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
Various Northwest Regions (July - October)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



## Cauliflower

Cauliflower supplies remain limited with reduced yields heading into the weekend. However, conditions are beginning to improve as the Mother's Day peak has passed, and the market is expected to edge slightly lower next week.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Fair
Santa Maria, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Salinas, California (May - October)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



## Celery

Santa Maria and the Oxnard region continue to see moderate to light supplies, with demand still exceeding availability, keeping the market tight throughout the week. Overall quality remains good with only light seeder reported. Value-added items are expected to remain elevated for at least the next few weeks.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Oxnard, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good

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## Citrus (Grapefruit)

Star Ruby grapefruit are available, peaking on 48ct, and are being shipped out of Riverside and the San Joaquin Valley.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Texas (October - April)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



## Citrus (Lemons)

**ALERT**

District 1 (San Joaquin Valley) is currently supporting District 2 (Oxnard/Ventura County), which is the primary growing region. About 70% of the crop is choice and 30% fancy, influenced by coastal growing conditions. Sizing is peaking in 115/95/140ct, while markets remain extremely tight on 165ct and smaller lemons.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
CA Desert/Yuma (October - February)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Oxnard/Ventura (February - September)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair
San Joaquin Valley (October - May)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



## Citrus (Limes)

The lime market is easing after a period of high pricing, with further stabilization expected in the coming weeks and a sharper decline after Cinco de Mayo. Quality is strong with new crop supplies coming online. Small sizes (230s/200s) are most available and offer the best value, while larger sizes (110s/150s) remain tight into early summer. Colombia and Peru are expected to exit by late May due to market conditions.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Veracruz (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



## Citrus (Oranges)

**ALERT**

The California Navel crop is heavily skewed to larger sizes, with 56ct and 72ct peaking. Small sizes (113ct and 138ct) are very limited and expected to stay tight through the rest of the season and into the Valencia transition, which may begin in the coming weeks. Flexibility on size will be needed, with substitutions into larger fruit likely as supplies tighten. Please communicate these constraints to schools and DOD programs and encourage acceptance of 88ct or 72ct.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
San Joaquin Valley (Year Round)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair



## Cucumber

Cooler weather and seasonal transitions have tightened the cucumber market, with light supplies out of Nogales as Baja begins to ramp up.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Florida (November - May)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Mexico (November - May)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
Baja California (May - October)	Light	\$\$\$	Good

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# Commodity Updates



## Eggplant

California is showing strong supply with excellent quality and sizing. In the East, supplies are adequate with good overall quality.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (November - May)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
Florida (November - May)	High	\$\$\$	Good



## Garlic

The California garlic crop is progressing with good quality, supported by ongoing Mexican supplies that continue to complement the California harvest.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
East Coast (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Bakersfield, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Gilroy, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



## Grapes

Grapes are currently available from three countries across two continents. Chile is nearing the end of its season, with green grapes almost finished and reds expected for another two weeks as shippers look to exit. Mexico is crossing both colors through Nogales, with pricing expected to become more competitive soon. Coachella remains the highest-priced option, having started reds this week and expected to begin greens next week.

### Grapes (Green)

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
	Steady	\$\$\$	Good

### Grapes (Red)

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (May - June)	High	\$\$\$	Good



## Green Onions

Green onion supplies remain strong overall and are expected to stay steady into next week, weather permitting.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



## Kale

Kale supplies and quality remain generally good, with similar conditions expected to continue into next week.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Oxnard, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Salinas, California (May - October)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good

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# Commodity Updates



## Lettuce Iceberg

**ALERT**

Overall, with Mother's Day approaching, supplies have begun to loosen. Value-added item escalation will continue through the week, though it is expected to ease by mid-next week or sooner. Common defects include outer leaf discoloration and misshapen heads. Production is currently coming from both Northern and Southern California, with weights averaging 36-40 lbs.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Santa Maria, California (March-December)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair
Salinas, California (May - October)	Light	\$\$\$	Fair



## Lettuce Leaf

**ALERT**

Romaine along with green and red leaf supplies are tight industry-wide, with escalated pricing now in effect across all value-added leaf items. Availability is expected to remain limited over the next few weeks. Romaine hearts are also scarce across all shippers, with lighter weights and smaller bunch sizing expected to persist. Light fringe burn has also been reported.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Salinas, California (May - October)	Steady	\$\$\$	Fair



## Lettuce Tender Leaf

Tender leaf items such as spinach, cilantro, and arugula remain in good supply. Baby kale is tighter due to lower-than-expected yields and slower crop growth.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Oxnard, California (Year Round)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Yuma, Arizona (November - May)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



## Melon (Cantaloupe)

Offshore cantaloupes are currently available in California, Texas, Florida, and the Northeast. Pricing has stabilized as retail promotions wind down. Mexican cantaloupes are also available, with domestic production expected to begin in May.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Central America (December - May)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good

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## Melon (Honeydew)

Offshore and Mexican honeydews are available with strong quality.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Arizona (June-July) (October-November)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



## Melon (Watermelon)

Supply from Mexico has improved and pricing has normalized, with deals expected as domestic watermelons come into production.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Arizona (June-July) (October-November)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



## Mushroom

Supplies and availability are currently excellent.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Nationwide	High	\$\$\$	Excellent



## Onions



PNW onions are nearly finished, with quality issues from a warm winter bringing the season to an early close. Texas onions are limited due to recent heavy rains over the past two weeks. California is now the primary source, focusing on contract supply while inventory builds.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Eastern Orgeon/Parma, ID (August - April)	High	\$\$\$	Excellent
San Joaquin Valley (May - August)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
Tri-Cities, Washington (July - April)	High	\$\$\$	Good



## Pears

The pear market is gradually trending higher, with Anjou supplies slowly tightening. Red pears remain adequately supplied, while Bosc are becoming scarce. New crop California Bartletts are projected to start 2-3 weeks early, with potential availability in June.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
	Steady	\$\$\$	Good

Price Key: \$\$\$ -Low, \$\$\$ -Steady, \$\$\$ -High

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# Commodity Updates



## Pineapples

**ALERT**

The pineapple market remains steady but tight due to earlier rains and planting gaps, with conditions expected to persist into Mother's Day as demand increases. Contract orders continue to be prioritized. Larger sizes (6 and 7 count with crowns) are becoming more available, while 8 count crowned supplies remain steady. Crownless 8 and 10 count fruit is still tight, and organic pineapples remain limited.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Costa Rica (Year round)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



## Potatoes

Supply and demand are balanced, with deals on 40s, 50s, and #2s, while smaller counts are tight. Burbank are now available with Norkotah as the main variety. Washington potatoes show strong quality, peaking on mid sizes, with large and small counts snug. Florida colored potatoes are limited due to freeze impacts, and trucking costs are rising with higher fuel prices. Yellow potatoes are tight, reds are better supplied, and North Carolina sweet potatoes remain limited until new crop.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Idaho Falls, Idaho (August-July)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
Pasco, Washington (August-July)	Steady	\$\$\$	Excellent



## Squash

Mexico supply has dropped sharply, creating very tight availability, especially in the West. Florida has adequate production, but prices remain elevated due to strong demand and reduced Mexican supply. Georgia is ramping up quickly, with stronger volumes expected to ease the market soon. In California, zucchini has begun light production out of Santa Maria, with 2-3 weeks until increased volume, including yellow squash.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (June - September)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
Florida (November - May)	Steady	\$\$\$	Good
California (May - October)	Light	\$\$\$	Good



## Stone Fruit

Domestic peach and nectarine harvests are increasing in volume. A limited supply of red plums is available, with black plums expected to start next week. Cherries and apricots are also currently available.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
San Joaquin Valley	Steady	\$\$\$	Good



## Tomatoes

**ALERT**

The market is beginning to decline, with prices adjusting quickly after an extended period at elevated levels. Roma tomatoes have seen the most significant corrections, while rounds remain higher but are also trending downward. Grape tomatoes are relatively steady at lower price points. Increased production from Florida, Central Mexico, and the start of the Baja season is improving availability, with post-Mother's Day demand also softening and encouraging more aggressive movement from suppliers.

Commodity/Region	Supply	Price	Quality
Mexico (Year Round)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
Florida (November - May)	Light	\$\$\$	Good
Baja California (Spring/Summer - November)	Light	\$\$\$	Good

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# Weather Updates



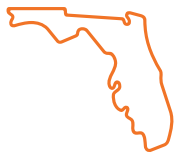
## CALIFORNIA

High pressure returns Wednesday, bringing clearing skies and a warming trend through the weekend. Morning lows will range from the low 40s to mid-50s. Daytime highs Wednesday will reach the mid-60s to mid-80s, then climb to heatwave levels over the weekend, with upper 60s to low 80s along the coast and mid-80s to near 100 inland.



## MEXICO

Warm temperatures will continue with isolated showers through Thursday. On Friday, activity will become more scattered, then taper to more isolated showers by Saturday afternoon. Precipitation totals are expected to remain light, generally under 0.10" with most showers Wednesday. Thursday into Friday will bring 0.05" to 0.30" in most areas, followed by less than 0.10" on Saturday. However, locally higher amounts are possible in thunderstorms, mainly during Thursday and Friday afternoons.



## FLORIDA

Mostly dry weather is expected through Thursday, with shower chances increasing over Northern Florida on Friday and a slight uptick in light showers or sprinkles over the weekend. Temperatures remain warm through Thursday, then ease slightly Friday into Saturday before warming again on Sunday. Highs over Northern Florida will be in the low to mid-90s through Thursday, the low to upper 80s Friday and Saturday, and back to the low 90s on Sunday. Overnight lows will hold in the low to mid-60s through Thursday, rising to the mid-60s to near 70 from Friday through Sunday.



## ARIZONA

High temperatures across the low deserts will warm about 20 degrees from Wednesday through Sunday as strong high pressure builds and stalls over the Southwest. Expect mid-80s to mid-90s across most valleys on Wednesday, rising to the low to upper 100s by Sunday afternoon. Morning lows will increase from the 50s to low 60s Wednesday to the mid 60s to low 70s by Saturday. Winds will remain mostly light and out of the southwest through the period.

For more information: <https://www.ventusky.com/?p=31.4;-89.7;3&l=rain-3h>

# Freight Updates



Freight this week continues to see shipper delays due to slower harvest times, and leftover effect of rain from last week. We are still expecting the freight market to be affected by these delays and will likely continue into May



## U.S. On-Highway Diesel Fuel Prices\*(dollars per gallon)

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	04/20/26	04/27/26	05/04/26	Change from		
				2 year ago	year ago	week ago
U.S.	5.403	5.351	5.640	↑ 1.746	↑ 2.143	↑ 0.289
East Coast (PADD1)	5.494	5.425	5.504	↑ 1.538	↑ 1.937	↑ 0.079
New England (PADD1A)	5.862	5.834	5.863	↑ 1.586	↑ 1.968	↑ 0.029
Central Atlantic (PADD1B)	5.924	5.843	5.873	↑ 1.665	↑ 2.077	↑ 0.030
Lower Atlantic (PADD1C)	5.297	5.229	5.331	↑ 1.485	↑ 1.883	↑ 0.102
Midwest (PADD2)	5.165	5.131	5.742	↑ 1.928	↑ 2.310	↑ 0.611
Gulf Coast (PADD3)	5.069	5.012	5.178	↑ 1.561	↑ 2.004	↑ 0.166
Rocky Mountain (PADD4)	5.213	5.270	5.517	↑ 1.732	↑ 2.057	↑ 0.247
West Coast (PADD5)	6.620	6.530	6.631	↑ 2.051	↑ 2.427	↑ 0.101
West Coast less California	6.010	5.926	6.000	↑ 1.921	↑ 2.250	↑ 0.074
California	7.325	7.228	7.360	↑ 2.205	↑ 2.632	↑ 0.132

\*prices include all taxes

For more information: <https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/>



# Crop Updates



## Markets Begin to Ease, but Availability Remain Tight

First off, Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. As we move past one of the biggest holiday pulls of the spring season, we're finally starting to see a little pressure come off parts of the market, though row crops are still feeling tight.

Romaine, iceberg, broccoli, and cauliflower continue to deal with the effects of recent weather, transition gaps, and disease pressure in Salinas. Quality ranges from fair to good depending on the field, while weights and densities continue to vary significantly. Internal burn, fringe burn, INSV, and Sclerotinia are all reducing yields and keeping supplies tighter than normal.

Iceberg has been one of the more volatile items over the past several weeks, though we're finally starting to see some slight improvement in production. Broccoli and cauliflower are stabilizing slowly as weather improves, but supplies are still well below normal and markets remain elevated.

Romaine remains snug as well, with limited yields out of Salinas and only temporary relief coming from Mexican crossings through South Texas as that season winds down.

Tomatoes, on the other hand, are finally starting to move in a better direction.



# Crop Updates



After several weeks at elevated levels, markets have corrected quickly, especially on romas. Rounds are still higher but are beginning to ease as Florida, Baja, and Jalisco all ramp up production.

Florida volume and quality continue to improve week over week, while new production out of Mexico is helping fill gaps left behind by Sinaloa as that season wraps up.

Grape and cherry tomatoes remain the steadiest category and should continue to soften gradually into late May as additional supply comes online.

Strawberries are also beginning to stabilize as we move past the Mother's Day pull.

Availability is still somewhat light due to recent cooler weather and overcast conditions, but warmer temperatures and softer post-holiday demand should help improve production heading into the weekend. Santa Maria and Watsonville are both expected to see better numbers over the next several days.

Markets are expected to soften next week, though open market availability remains lighter than normal.

Overall, the market still feels tight in spots, but we're finally starting to see some pressure come off compared to where we were in recent weeks.

